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GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING LAB

Course Learning Objectives:

The objective of this course is:

- To impart knowledge of determination of index properties required for classification of soils.
- To teach how to determine compaction characteristics and consolidation behavior from relevant lab tests; to determine permeability of soils.
- To teach how to determine shear parameters of soil through different laboratory tests.

Course Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this course, student will be able to

- Determine index properties of soil and classify them.
- Determine permeability of soils.
- Determine Compaction, Consolidation and shear strength characteristics.

SYLLABUS:

LIST OF EXPERIMENTS

- 1. Specific gravity, G
- 2. Atterberg's Limits.
- 3. Field density-Core cutter and Sand replacement methods
- 4. Grain size analysis by sieving
- 5. Hydrometer Analysis Test
- 6. Permeability of soil Constant and Variable head tests
- 7. Compaction test
- 8. Consolidation test (to be demonstrated)
- 9. Direct Shear test
- 10. Triaxial Compression test (UU Test)
- 11. Unconfined Compression test
- 12. Vane Shear test
- 13. Differential free swell (DFS)
- 14. CBR Test

At least **Ten** experiments shall be conducted.

LIST OF EQUIPMENT:

- 1. Casagrande's liquid limit apparatus.
- 2. Apparatus for plastic and shrinkage limits
- 3. Field density apparatus for
 - a) Core cutter method
 - b) Sand replacement method
- 4. Set of sieves: 4.75mm, 2mm, 1mm, 0.6mm, 0.42mm, 0.3mm, 0.15mm, and 0.075mm.
- 5. Hydrometer
- 6. Permeability apparatus for
 - a) Constant head test
 - b) Variable head test
- 7. Universal auto compactor for I.S light and heavy compaction tests.
- 8. Shaking table, funnel for sand raining technique.
- 9. Apparatus for CBR test
- 10. 10 tons loading frame with proving rings of 0.5 tons and 5 tons capacity
- 11. One dimensional consolation test apparatus with all accessories.
- 12. Triaxial cell with provision for accommodating 38 mm dia specimens.
- 13. Box shear test apparatus
- 14. Laboratory vane shear apparatus.
- 15. Hot air ovens (range of temperature 50° 150° C

Reference:

- 1. Determination of Soil Properties, J. E. Bowles.
- 2. IS Code 2720 relevant parts.