

A Report on

SECOND ROUND TABLE MEET OF

NATIONAL PROFICIENCY EVALUATION TEST (NPET)

17th November, 2009, NSIC Grounds, New Delhi

On September 19, 2009, Central Examination Testing Board (CETB) had conducted the first National Proficiency Evaluation Test at various centers across the nation. Through the test, proficiencies of 57 engineering professionals were evaluated and graded. To sensitize the stakeholders and generate employment offers for the evaluated candidates, a Round Table Meet was organized on 17th November, 2009 during the No Dig India Show 2009. During the event, placement activities for the evaluated candidates were successfully conducted. The placement activities concluded with 56 candidates having multiple employment offers from different employer organizations. The following report details the proceedings of the Meeting.

The meeting was chaired by Dr. S. A. Reddi, Chairman NPET and graced by Shri Chander Verma, Chairman, Construction Industry Development Council (CIDC) and Dr. P.R Swarup, Director General CIDC. Dr. Swarup delivered the key-note address highlighting the need of NPET which would be beneficial to both the employers and employees. He expressed his concern over the current scenario in which academic achievements and name of the Institute is given much importance and in many situations the employer is unable to get an objective view of candidate's academic prowess and suitability to join the Construction Industry. He stated that NPET is designed to cater to the need of the industry and CIDC shall be happy to carry forward this initiative. Further NPET is designed for a wide spectrum of professionals and hence will be able to provide one stop solution to the Construction Industry for a range of professional as per exigent requirements.



Dr. S. A. Reddi, Chairman, NPET expressed his concern over the high level of job attrition that is prevalent in the Construction Industry. He expressed that through NPET, an era of proper harmonization of employment with respect to employability can be ushered and it is a step taken in the right direction that would benefit both the Industry and the Students.

Mr. Anil Chadha, Dy. Director, CIDC made a presentation on NPET to the gathering. The presentation elaborated the salient points of NPET, its benefits and other related issues. Upon conclusion of the presentation, the topper of the first batch Mr. Suvransu Sasmal was felicitated by Shri Chander Verma, Chairman, CIDC. In addition the coordinating organizations Samrat Ashok Technological Institute Engineering College, Vidisha, Global Institute of Science and Technology, Haldia, and Institute of Engineering, IPS Academy, Indore were felicitated for their pioneering efforts in endorsing NPET. Next the floor was thrown open for the question – answer session which witnessed a lively audience-panelist interaction and the organizers were able to chart a definite agenda for action.



Shri Chander Verma, Chairman, CIDC facilitating the IPS Academy



Shri Chander Verma, Chairman, CIDC facilitating the SATI, Vidisha



Shri Chander Verma, Chairman, CIDC facilitating GIST, Haldia

Some of the main action points that emerged were as follows:

1. To hold the next NPET test on 27th February, 2010 on a much larger scale for meeting the current market demands.
2. Schedule the employment meets near the end of the academic sessions to facilitate better demand supply match.
3. To disseminate information on NPET to a wider stakeholder base and include more trades/careers in its fold.

The meet concluded with a vote of thanks post which the interview and group test sessions for the candidates were held. The test and interviews concluded on the first day itself and all the participating candidates got their first placements offers on that day itself. There was a general feeling amongst the participants and employer organizations that NPET will indeed benefit them in a very apt manner.



Shri Chander Verma, Chairman, CIDC facilitating the topper of NPET Mr. Suvranshu Sasmal