



Inauguration of the Student Chapter of the **Indian Ceramic Society (ICS)** Government Institute of Ceramic Technology (GICT), Gudur



22nd February 2026

About GICT, Gudur

The Government Institute of Ceramic Technology (GICT), Gudur, SPSR Nellore District, Andhra Pradesh, is one of India's oldest ceramic education institutions, established in 1956 in Gudur, functioning under the Department of Technical Education, Government of Andhra Pradesh. GICT offers a 3½-year Sandwich Diploma in Ceramic Technology. The institute attained autonomous status in 1996, enabling it to design industry-aligned curricula that blend rigorous classroom learning with hands-on industrial training. GICT has consistently produced skilled technologists who contribute to India's ceramic, glass, and refractory industries. Today, GICT stands as a premier centre of excellence in ceramic technology education, inspiring generations of students and shaping the future of the ceramic industry in India.



Report on the Inaugural Ceremony

The inauguration of the Indian Ceramic Society (ICS) Student Chapter at the Government Institute of Ceramic Technology (GICT), Gudur, SPSR Nellore (D), Andhra Pradesh, was held with great enthusiasm and academic fervor on 22nd February 2026 (Sunday). The event was a landmark occasion for GICT — an institute with a distinguished legacy of nearly a century in ceramic education — and marked a proud new chapter in its journey of excellence.

It was preceded by a day-long Technical Symposium on 'Recent Advances in Ceramics' held on 21st February 2026 (Saturday), making it a two-day grand celebration of ceramic science, technology, and industry.

The ceremony commenced with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp (Diya Lighting) by the Chief Guests Dr. L.K. Sharma, CEO of Mahamana Ceramic Organization and Past President of the Indian Ceramic Society, Guests of Honour Sri. A. Nirmal Kumar Priya, Regional Joint Director, Department of Technical Education, A.P.; Dr. C.D. Madhusoodana, General Manager (R&D), BHEL, Hyderabad , AAG President Sri Chandra Mohan Mangalagiri , the Principal of GICT Sri V. Satyanarayana and the Head of Ceramic Technology Smt. V.Vijaya Lakshmi — symbolising the dawn of knowledge, collaboration, and a bright future for the students of GICT.



Dr. L.K. Sharma, CEO of Mahamana Ceramic Organization and Past President of the Indian Ceramic Society highlighted that the ICS Student Chapter would provide students with access to the national network of ceramic researchers, technologists, and industry professionals, along with ICS publications, conferences, and workshops. He emphasized that the chapter would serve as a bridge between the academic rigor of GICT and the dynamic demands of the ceramic industry.



The ICS Presentation was delivered by Dr. C.D. Madhusoodana, Vice President of ICS, who elaborated on the vision, objectives, and activities of the Indian Ceramic Society, and the unique professional advantages that a student chapter membership offers.



The AAG Presentation by Sri. Chandra Mangalagiri and Sri. N. Subrahmanyam outlined the Alumni Association's role in nurturing the GICT community and its ongoing support for students through mentorship, industry connections, and professional development activities.

Technical Symposium – 'Recent Advances in Ceramics' (21st February 2026)

The day preceding the inauguration featured a full-day Technical Symposium on 'Recent Advances in Ceramics' at the GICT Campus. The symposium comprised five technical presentations by eminent experts, covering a wide range of contemporary topics:

- Dr. L.K. Sharma (Past President, ICS): 'Transforming Waste into Value through Ceramic Technology' — a thought-provoking presentation on sustainable approaches in ceramic manufacturing and circular economy principles.
- Dr. S. Manisha Vidyavathy (Alagappa College of Technology, Chennai): 'Career Opportunities in Ceramics' — an insightful session guiding students on various career pathways across ceramic, glass, and refractory industries.
- Dr. Sampath Kumar: 'Ceramics in Medical Applications' — highlighting the growing relevance of advanced ceramics in biomedical devices and healthcare technologies.
- Sri. Chandra Mangalagiri (AAG President): 'Leadership' — an inspirational session motivating students to develop leadership skills and take ownership of their professional growth.

The symposium was well-received by students and faculty alike, generating keen interest and animated discussion. The Vote of Thanks for the symposium was proposed by Smt. V. Vijaya Lakshmi, Head of Ceramic Technology, GICT, Gudur. The event was organized by Alumni Association of GICT, Gudur

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