

CHENNAI STATE CENTRE

Seminar on National Lighting Code

July 1, 2011, Chennai

A seminar was organised in collaboration with the Bureau of Indian Standards on July 1, 2011 on 'Lighting and the National Lighting Code' at Hotel GRT Grand. The seminar focussed on spreading the message and creating awareness about the National Lighting Code (NLC) among the target audience across user organisations such as PWD, CPWD, Airport, Railways, Port Trust Corporation, ICF and others including leading architects, electrical consultants and ISLE members.

Mr. Anbarasu, Deputy Director General of BIS; Mr. Dilip Khumbat, Chairman, ISLE Chennai State Centre; Mr. R.K. Trehan, Scientist of BIS; Mr. P.K. Bandyopadhyay, Chairman of the NLC Committee; Mr. S. Chakraborty, Vice President Technical, Surya Roshni; Ms. Sudeshna Mukhopadhyay, Director Marketing Education, Philips India; Mr. Makarand Sainis, Vice President Technology, CNI Group, Wipro Lighting and Mr. R. Balasubramanian, Secretary, ISLE Chennai State Centre, were present.

"In the light of end users and consumers having no access to accurate and reliable information on what represents a safe, reliable and efficient lighting system, the lighting code across the country becomes vital. Hence, the new National Lighting Code," said Mr. Anbarasu. "Green concept for a greener world, is the mantra of the present and the standardisation with a code gains much more importance," he added.

"In the backdrop of economic development over the last few years, the lighting industry has received a major boost. An estimated 17 percent of the energy consumption in India is due to lighting. Quality lighting can help save energy and standardisation is the only way to achieve this," said Mr. Dilip Kumbhat. He added that Standardisation and implementation of quality can be achieved only through a Code with a statutory force. "The intent of this Code is to encourage good lighting practices and systems which would minimise light pollution, glare, light trespass and conserve energy while maintaining safety, security, utility and productivity."

Mr. P.K. Bandyopadhyay, presented an overview of the NLC.

Mr. S. Chakraborty detailed the provisions for the interior and street lighting in the NLC.

Ms. Sudeshna Mukhopadhyay gave a different dimension to lighting through her lecture on light and rhythm.

Mr. Makarand Sainis lectured about the factors regarding the quality of lighting and how they are addressed in the NLC.

Mr. Goswami presented the various stages of formulation of codes and standards by BIS and how they ensure public and stakeholder participation in the process.

The seminar was attended by seventy five participants

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