

5th DDAG Summer School

Integrated Five-Day Field Training program on Planning, Investigation, Design & Construction of Infrastructure Projects

Yog Manav Vikas Trust. Banikhet, Himachal Pradesh
18-22 May 2026



Program Objective

To provide participants with hands-on exposure and practical understanding of the end-to-end lifecycle of infrastructure projects—from planning and site investigations to design coordination and construction practices—through field visits, demonstrations, and expert interactions. Program is designed to offer best practices followed at Hydropower, Transportation, and Pump Storage Projects.

Who Should Attend

- Engineers (Civil/Structural/Geotechnical)
- Infrastructure Stakeholders
- Engineering Geologists
- Interested Participants in exploring the mysteries of Mother Earth

Program Facilitators

Dr Dhawan Academy of Geologists (DDAG Private Limited)

<http://www.dhawanacademy.com>

Founded by Dr Gopal Dhawan, formerly Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Mineral Exploration Corporation Ltd., and formerly Executive Director, National Hydroelectric Power Corporation, the Dr Dhawan Academy of Geologists is a virtual institute and consulting firm providing education, training and consultancy in the field of Engineering Geology, Geotechnical Engineering, Rock Mechanics and Mineral Exploration.

Yog Manav Vikas Trust

<http://www.ymvt.org>

Yog Manav Vikas Trust (YMVT) is a voluntary philanthropic Non-Government Organization (NGO). Under leadership of Smt Kiran Dodeja, Chairperson, the trust is making sustained efforts in improvements of educational, social and economic wellbeing of the rural and underprivileged sections of the society.

Program Schedule

Reporting: Monday the 18 May 2026 at 09:00 hrs; Antarnirman Complex YMVT, Sukrain Bai, Banikhet (3 kms from Banikhet on Pathankot-Chamba road-NH 15 4A), Himachal Pradesh

Schedule

Routine at a Glance

Timing	Program
06:30 - 07:30	Wellness session
07:30 - 08:30	Break
08:30 - 09:00	Breakfast
09:00 - 13:00	Ground appreciation outing
13:00 - 14:30	Back to camp & lunch
14:30 - 16:30	Presentations & discussions
16:30 - 17:00	Tea
17:00 - 18:00	Presentation / Wellness session
18:00 onwards	Free time with Dinner at 20:00 hrs



Day wise Program

Day	Field	Camp
Monday 18 May	Reconnaissance around Chamera Dam and Reservoir	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reporting & Registration • Importance of geological appreciation in infrastructure development – the power of Geological Mapping (G Dhawan) • KYG – Know Your Ground (Y Deva)
Tuesday 19 May	Ground appreciation for Hydropower Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ground inputs in engineering design (B Joshi) • Methods for characterizing rock masses (G Dhawan)
Wednesday 20 May	Ground appreciation for Hydro Tunnels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examples of infrastructure projects affected by geology (GD & Y Deva) • Contract Management (RN Misra)
Thursday 21 May	Ground appreciation for Dams & Reservoirs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Dynamic Earth (P Pande) • Seismotectonic appraisal of Nuclear Power plant sites (P Pande)
Friday 22 May	Ground appreciation for Road Tunnels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conventional versus Pumped Storage Hydropower (Y Deva) • Group Discussions • Valediction

Program Faculty



DHAWAN, Dr. Gopal

Founder & Chairman, DDAG Pvt. Ltd.
Formerly Chairman-Cum-Managing Director, MECL
Formerly Executive Director (Geo-tech & Project Investigations), NHPC



DEVA, Yogendra

Director & Advisor (Geology & Strategy), DDAG Pvt. Ltd.
Senior Consultant, SMEC India Ltd.
Formerly Director (VRS), Geological Survey of India



JOSHI, Balraj

Formerly Chairman-Cum-Managing Director, NHPC
Ex Member (Tech), NCLT
Consultant (Hydropower) to DGPC Bhutan
Member CCIE (Ministry of Power), Govt. of India



Pande, Dr. Prabhas

Consultant & Faculty (Earthquake Engineering, Disaster Management & Engineering Geology), DDAG Pvt. Ltd.
Formerly Addl. Director General, GSI



MISRA, RN

Advisor (Engineering & Contracts), DDAG Pvt. Ltd.
Formerly Chairman-Cum-Managing Director, SJVNL



MATHUR, Ashu

Consultant & Faculty (Mineral Exploration), DDAG Pvt. Ltd.
Formerly Head (Corporate Planning & Strategy), MECL

Fee Structure & Registration :

The participation fee is Rs. 30,000/- per participant plus 18% GST.
Discount: more than 3 participants from a single unit/office order.

Notes:

1. Fee for spouse / family members is Rs 1,200/- per member/per day payable directly to YMVT. In which children of age below 8 years are exempted
2. Board & Lodging at Yog Manav Vikas Trust Field Hostel (double occupancy)
3. Check-in time after 2 pm on 17 May and Check-out before 11 am on 23 May
4. Overstay of maximum two days is possible on payment of Rs 1,200 per day with prior permission.

Mode of Fee Payment : NEFT/RTGS
Name of the Bank : Indusind Bank Ltd.
Name of the Account Holder : DDAG PRIVATE LIMITED
A/C No. : 201004023839
IFSC Code : INDB0000543
Branch : Alambagh, Lucknow

Venue:

Antarnirman Complex YMVT,
Sukrain Bai, Banikhet
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