Curriculum Vitae of Devdas Menon

Devdas Menon had his schooling at St. Xavier's, Kolkata, and subsequently graduated in civil engineering from IIT Madras (1975-1980). He then worked in the industry in structural design consultancy at New Delhi (1980-'85), and during this time, did a (part-time) post-graduation course in structural engineering at IIT Delhi. He subsequently opted for an academic career, initially with REC Calicut (1985-'98), and later with IIT Madras (1998 onwards). During this time, he continued his education in structural engineering, receiving M.Sc. (by research) from the University of Calicut in 1989 and a PhD from IIT Madras in 1995. He also ventured to do a post-graduate course in English Literature at the University of Mysore. His academic performance had been consistently top-ranking. Devdas Menon joined the Department of Civil Engineering at IIT Madras in 1998 and has served as Professor since 2004 and as the PC Varghese Institute Chair Professor until his retirement in 2025. He has always aspired to sustain excellence in teaching, research and consultancy in structural engineering, and also in developing a holistic approach in education, with emphasis on inner development and transformation.

In engineering, his primary research interests are in structural concrete design and the analysis and design of buildings, bridges, towers and chimneys. He has also carried out innovative research and development in other areas, such as cost-effective building systems in biomechanical orthopaedic devices. His research efforts over the past decade on the use of prefabricated glass fibre reinforced gypsum (GFRG) panels as walls and slabs in buildings hold promise as a solution for rapid, affordable and sustainable mass housing.

He has published a large number of technical papers, and is well-known to civil engineering students, teachers and practising engineers in India as the author of popular textbooks titled *Reinforced Concrete Design* (1998), *Structural Analysis* (2008) and *Advanced Structural Analysis* (2009), and NPTEL web and video resources on Prestressed Concrete Design and Advanced Structural Analysis. He is also a well-known structural consultant who has contributed over the past three decades to a large number of industrial consultancy projects in diverse fields (buildings, bridges, stadia, chimneys, towers, water tanks, precast concrete, rail-track sleepers, etc.). He has a special interest in developing codes of practice, and is an active member of several CED committees of the Bureau of Indian Standards. He has been serving as the Chairman of the CED 38 Committee of BIS on *Special Structures* since 2006, leading efforts to revise old standards and create new ones relating to the structural design of reinforced concrete chimneys, tall buildings and other industrial structures.

Devdas Menon also has a keen interest in integral education and in finding meaning and fulfilment in life through self-awareness and inner transformation. He is the author of popular books titled *Stop Sleepwalking Through Life!* (2004) and *Spirituality at Work* (2016). He continues to teach two uniquely designed and highly popular elective courses at IIT Madras, titled *GN5001: Self Awareness* and *GN6001: Integral Karmayoga*.

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