

Introduction to Lean Construction
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Acknowledgement

Professor N Raghavan: Hello, everyone. Now we have come to the end of this course. And that is a very important duty to be performed. We would like to thank the various people and organizations who helped us on this journey to bring you this NPTEL program. First, the ILCE, the Institute for Lean Construction Excellence, which was there at the forefront, encouraging us and motivating us to offer this course.

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Professor Koshy Varghese: So, in addition to the colleagues which Professor Raghavan thanked, I would like to include several others. First, starting with the NPTEL team, taking content from classroom, recording it and deploying it to the web for 1000s of students to participate in is not an easy task. The NPTEL team, whether it is been the recording editing, or the post production team has been supporting us all the way and our thanks to them.

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Professor N Raghavan: Dr. Marimuthu has put in tremendous efforts for compiling this course. And we hope you enjoy the same.

Professor Koshy Varghese: We also like to thank our institution, IIT Madras for providing us this environment to offer this course to the construction community at large to enable lean practices to improve in our country.