

# Newsletter



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Dear Members and Colleagues,

Greetings!

The month of July has once again demonstrated the vibrancy and commitment of our Association in advancing the consulting engineering profession. Through a series of knowledge-sharing initiatives-from our webinar on *Design for Deconstruction* and the inaugural President's Lecture to specialised training programmes on Project Management, FIDIC Contracts, and the New Labour Code-CEAI has continued to create opportunities for learning, collaboration and professional excellence. These initiatives reaffirm our belief that continuous capacity building remains the foundation of a stronger and future-ready engineering fraternity.

As we now move closer to the **FIDIC Global Infrastructure Conference (GIC) 2026**, to be held in **New Delhi from 13-15 September 2026**, the excitement across the engineering community is steadily building. Hosting this prestigious global event in India is a matter of immense pride for CEAI and the Indian consulting engineering profession. With leading infrastructure owners, policymakers, financiers, consultants, contractors, technology providers and thought leaders from across the world participating, the conference presents an unparalleled opportunity to engage with the global engineering community.

I would strongly encourage every Indian consulting engineering firm-not only its leadership but also its young engineers and emerging professionals-to participate in the conference. The value of GIC extends far beyond attending technical sessions. It offers an exceptional platform for networking, understanding international best practices, exploring emerging technologies, identifying business opportunities, and building relationships that can open doors to global collaborations. The interactions and knowledge gained over these three days will undoubtedly benefit organisations for years to come.

Equally important is the message that nature continues to send us. This month, many parts of India have witnessed highly uneven rainfall patterns-while some regions have experienced intense cloudbursts and flooding, others continue to face prolonged dry spells and rainfall deficits. Such increasingly unpredictable weather is becoming the new normal, underscoring the realities of climate change and the vulnerabilities of our existing infrastructure.

As consulting engineers, we have a profound responsibility to respond proactively to these challenges. Every project we conceive, design and supervise must incorporate principles of resilience, sustainability and adaptability. Climate-resilient highways, bridges, water systems, urban infrastructure and buildings are no longer desirable-they are essential. Engineering solutions must increasingly be informed by robust climate data, lifecycle thinking, resource efficiency, nature-based solutions and digital technologies that enable infrastructure to withstand future uncertainties while minimising environmental impact.

I am pleased to note that many of CEAI's recent programmes, including those on sustainable design approaches and modern project management practices, reflect this broader vision of building resilient infrastructure and strengthening professional competencies. Together, we must continue investing in knowledge, innovation and collaboration to ensure that the engineering profession remains at the forefront of sustainable national development.

I also congratulate our members for their continued achievements and thank all our volunteers, regional chapters, committees, faculty members and the Secretariat for their dedication in making CEAI's programmes a success. Your enthusiasm and commitment continue to strengthen our Association.

I look forward to meeting many of you at the FIDIC Global Infrastructure Conference in September. Let us come together to showcase the strength of Indian consulting engineering, learn from the world's finest professionals, and collectively shape infrastructure that is smarter, more sustainable, more resilient, and better prepared for the future.

Warm Regards,

Prashant Kapila  
President, CEAI

## UPDATE ON EVENTS ORGANISED

### Webinar on Design for Deconstruction on 10 July 2026

The CEAI Future Leader Forum organised a webinar on “Design for Deconstruction” on 10 July 2026. The session was delivered by Dr. Sarath S, Associate Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, UKFCET.

The webinar highlighted the importance of Design for Deconstruction (DfD) as a sustainable approach that enables buildings to be dismantled and their materials reused instead of being demolished. DfD promotes a circular economy by reducing construction waste, minimising the use of new resources, and preserving the embodied energy of materials.

The session also covered the role of modular design, prefabrication, and mechanical connections in improving resource efficiency, reducing energy consumption, and lowering emissions. By adopting DfD principles, the construction industry can achieve more sustainable practices while reducing future demolition costs and environmental impacts.

### PMP® Certification Training Programme | Online

CEAI Academy commenced its comprehensive PMP® Certification Training Programme, aligned with the PMBOK® Guide - Eighth Edition (2025) and the updated PMI® Exam Content Outline (ECO 2026). The academy has conducted online across four full-day sessions on 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th July 2026, with the concluding session scheduled on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2026. The programme offers 35 contact hours of expert-led training (7 hours per day) required for PMP® examination eligibility.

The programme covers predictive, agile, and hybrid project management approaches, with emphasis on governance, sustainability, stakeholder management, risk management, AI integration in project delivery, and value-driven project execution. Sessions are being delivered by Mr. Gyanendra Singh (PgMP, PMP, PRINCE2), Director - Projects, a results-driven executive with over 24 years of leadership experience across multi-billion-dollar EPC and BOT capital programmes in India and internationally.

### CEAI Presidents' Lecture Series 2026 - Inaugural Lecture | India International Centre, New Delhi

The inaugural lecture of the CEAI Presidents' Lecture Series 2026 was held on Friday, 17th July 2026 at the India International Centre (IIC), Lodhi Road, New Delhi. The session, titled "Indus Water Treaty in Abeyance: Impact on Water Security in India and Pakistan", examined the historical context, legal framework, strategic implications, and future challenges surrounding the Indus Water Treaty amid evolving geopolitical dynamics in South Asia.

The lecture was delivered by Er. Devendra Kumar Sharma, Member, National Security Advisory Board, National Security Council Secretariat, Government of India, who brings over four decades of distinguished experience in the water resources and energy sectors. The session encouraged a thoughtful exchange on transboundary water management, national water security, and regional cooperation.



Past President Dr. Ajay Pradhan led this initiative in coordination with the CEAI Academy. CEAI President Er. Prashant Kapila addressed the guests, underlining the importance of the engineering fraternity coming together for meaningful dialogue, and invited participants to the FIDIC Global Infrastructure Conference 2026, to be held from 13th to 15th September 2026 in New Delhi.



### **Workshop on the New Labour Code | Academy of Fine Arts, Kolkata**

On 18th July 2026, CEAI - Eastern & North Eastern Region hosted a highly engaging workshop, "Unlocking the New Labour Code: What Stakeholders Need to Know", at the Academy of Fine Arts, Kolkata. The workshop was organised under the leadership of Er. Anirban Datta, Chairperson CEAI – Eastern & North Eastern Region.

The session examined the consolidation of India's legacy labour laws into four simplified codes, covering wage models, HR policies, employer roles and responsibilities, working hours, contract labour, social security, safety standards, dispute resolution, and practical implementation roadmaps for the engineering and consulting sectors.

The workshop was facilitated by Dr. Kallol Dutt, Visiting Professor, IIT Kharagpur and Former Additional Labour Commissioner, Government of West Bengal. Eminent speakers included Shri Kshitij Jain, Deputy Chief Labour Commissioner (Central), Ministry of Labour & Employment; Shri Subroto Biswas, Regional PF Commissioner-II, Ministry of Labour & Employment; Shri Pradyumna Kishore Mishra, Executive Director (HR), Braithwaite & Co Ltd.; and Shri Gautam Ray, Past President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The event was further graced by the presence of Er. Amitabha Ghoshal, Past President of CEAI.



### **Practical Management of FIDIC Contracts | CEAI Centre, New Delhi**

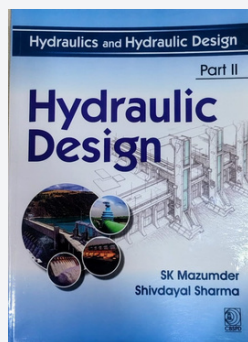
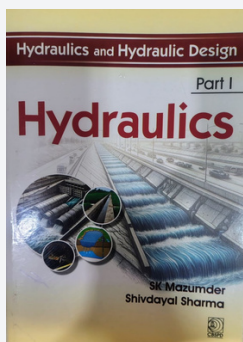
The CEAI Academy conducted its two-day training programme on the Practical Management of FIDIC Contracts on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> July 2026, at the CEAI Centre, for one of our member organisations. Designed for professionals across infrastructure, construction, consulting, contracts, and project management, the programme provided a practical, hands-on understanding of FIDIC contract administration, risk allocation, delays, Extension of Time (EOT), claims, and dispute resolution through conceptual sessions, real-life case studies, and group exercises.

The programme was delivered by Er. Amit Kathpalia (FIE, FICCP, Sr PE, MRICS), FIDIC Certified Trainer and Construction Contracts & Claims Specialist, who brings over four decades of experience across government and corporate sectors. Participants from across the industry found the sessions highly beneficial, with the trainer addressing participant questions with a focus on the Indian context.



## MEMBER NEWS

### THE BOOK "HYDRAULIC DESIGN" AUTHORED BY PROF. S. K. MAZUMDER, A MEMBER OF CEAI



Hydraulics and Hydraulic Design, authored by Prof. S. K. Mazumder and Shivdatt Sharma, is a comprehensive reference book covering both the fundamentals of hydraulics and the hydraulic design of engineering structures. It is intended for undergraduate and postgraduate students of Civil and Agricultural Engineering, as well as practicing engineers and consultants. The book is divided into two parts:

Part I - Hydraulics: Covers fluid properties, fluid statics and dynamics, closed conduit flow, open channel flow, sediment transport, dimensional analysis, hydraulic modelling, pumps and turbines, groundwater flow, and flow measurement. Part II - Hydraulic Design: Focuses on the design of hydraulic structures, including storage works, spillways, weirs and barrages, canals, drainage structures, bridges and culverts, flood management, hydropower structures, groundwater and stormwater conservation works, and water supply and treatment. The book serves as a valuable resource for academic learning and professional practice in hydraulic engineering

## UPCOMING PROGRAMMES - AUGUST 2026

The PMP® Certification Training Programme will conclude with its final session on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2026, covering business environment, sustainability, ethics, mock tests, and exam readiness strategies.

There are also programs planned on Primavera and communications trainings for member organisations in the month of August.

Through these initiatives, CEAI Academy continues to support engineers and professionals with relevant, future-oriented learning opportunities across technical, contractual, regulatory, and professional domains.



# Why attend #FIDICGIC26?



**FIDIC Global Infrastructure  
Conference 2026**

New Delhi | 13 - 15 September 2026



**Shape tomorrow's infrastructure**



**Engage with thought leaders**



**Grow your professional network**



**Experience the best of New  
Delhi**

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# First set of speakers revealed



**William Cox**  
Former CEO and  
Senior Consultant  
Aurecon



**Yoshiya Nakagawa**  
Executive Officer  
PADECO



**Ines Ferguson**  
President  
EFCA



**Hamzeh Awwad**  
Chief Executive  
Officer  
Aji Group



**Kumar Ranganathan**  
Senior Director,  
Millennium Challenge  
Corporation



**Indra Keshari**  
Director General,  
Association of  
Power Producers



**Ramesh Subramaniam**  
Global Director for  
Programs & Strategy  
Coalition for Disaster  
Resilient Infrastructure

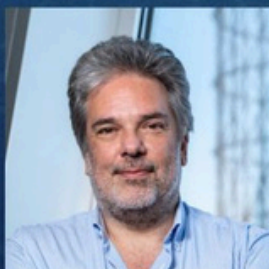


**Hardik Agrawal**  
Director  
Dineshchandra R.  
Agrawal Infracon





# First set of speakers revealed



**Alfredo Ingletti**  
President  
FIDIC



**Susanna Zammataro**  
Chief Executive  
Officer  
FIDIC



**Amitabh Kant**  
Former G20 Sherpa,  
Government of India &  
Former CEO  
Niti Aayog



**HE. Eng. Maysarah  
Mahmoud Salim Eid**  
Director General  
Abu Dhabi Projects and  
Infrastructure Centre



**Amit Sharma**  
Managing Director &  
Chief Executive Officer  
Tata Consulting  
Engineers



**Neusa Ingles**  
Executive  
Director  
AAPC



**Sergio Pecori**  
Chairman &  
Chief Executive Officer  
Hanson Professional  
Services



**Penny  
Kneebone**  
Chief Executive  
Tonkin + Taylor



**Daniel J. Larson**  
Chair  
American Council of  
Engineering  
Companies



**Daduna Kokhraidze**  
Chief Legal and  
Contracts Officer  
FIDIC

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## DIRECTOR'S DESK

During the month of July 2026, CEAI secretariat facilitated the following meetings:

- GIC-Local Organising Committee Meeting on 23 July 2026
- Governing Council Meeting on 29 July 2026
- The Finance Committee Meeting and Membership Committee Meeting have been postponed as the primary focus is on the GIC Conference, which is scheduled for September 2026.

## VIEWPOINT SEPTEMBER 2026

The theme of the September 2026 edition of ViewPoint **“Urban Rejuvenation - A Tech Enabled Approach”** calls for deep thinking as to where technology should and where it should not be incorporated since more than half of the world's population live in urban areas.

By 2050, that figure is expected to rise to include two thirds of all humanity. Technology can help urban and infrastructure planners proactively take this challenge head on and tackle it. Technology used for urban rejuvenation can integrate digital tools to transform undeveloped areas/ areas requiring rehabilitation into sustainable, efficient, and livable spaces, by simulating development scenarios.

At the planning stage, this would be data-driven and could utilise simulation by digital twinning, geographic information systems and predictive analytics - to assess the impact of new developments and infrastructure upgrades for different scenarios before implementation. Machine learning models should be used to analyse historical data to project population growth, traffic patterns, and environmental changes. Systems could analyse spatial data for land-use planning, identify areas for infrastructure renewal and manage transportation networks.

Public infrastructure needs to be smart and sustainable and enable monitoring of environmental conditions viz. air, water, land and noise levels; the structural health of buildings; smart services including grid and energy management ensuring optimal use of renewable energy to reduce carbon emissions and provide resilient sustainable means of energy; tech enabled intelligent mobility and transport, safety and security coupled with emergency services

Digital tools, besides being an aid for engagement of the citizen, and non-citizen (visitors) alike, also serve to create feedback systems to enhance efficiency in decision making to improve planning and services to align with the actual needs of the community.

All Professionals are encouraged to contribute articles on the theme, based on their experience/ expertise and recommend ways to urban rejuvenation or regeneration, and revitalise declining city neighbourhoods by enhancing public spaces, upgrading infrastructure, and improving living conditions sustainably.

Articles (of 1500-3000 words) for the September 2026 edition of ViewPoint need to reach CEAI by 25 August 2026. Articles have to be in MS Word - Times New Roman 12 with single line spacing with before and after 6 pt and normal margin, on A4 size. A recent, clear and bright passport-size photograph on a plain light-coloured background of the author(s) is to be sent along with the article.

## Advertisement in ViewPoint

Support from CEAI members and stakeholders is sought for increasing the number of advertisements, so that ViewPoint gains in its stature as a unique Technical Publication for the fraternity and the public at large to disseminate information on how Consulting Engineers are helping society improve the quality of assets created and are doing so sustainably. The rates for advertisements in ViewPoint are given below:

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2. Two full-page color advertisements
3. Descriptive article on topic



## FIDIC PUBLICATION

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| 1  | FIDIC Contracts Guide (2nd Ed. 2022)                                                                |
| 2  | EPC Turnkey Contract 2nd Ed 2017 Silver Book Reprinted 2022 with amendments                         |
| 3  | Construction Contract 2nd Ed 2017 Red Book, Reprinted 2022 with amendments                          |
| 4  | Plant & Design Build Contract 2nd Ed 2017 Yellow Book, Reprinted 2022 with amendments               |
| 5  | The Short Form of Contract (2nd Edition, 2021)                                                      |
| 6  | Conditions of Contract for EPC Turnkey Projects (First Edition, 1999)                               |
| 7  | EPC/Turnkey Contract 2nd Ed (2017 Silver Book)                                                      |
| 8  | Conditions of Contract for Construction (First Ed. 1999)                                            |
| 9  | Construction Contract 2nd Ed (2017 Red Book)                                                        |
| 10 | Conditions of Contract for Plant & Design-Build (First Ed, 1999)                                    |
| 11 | Plant and design-build contract 2nd Ed (2017 Yellow book)                                           |
| 12 | Dredgers Contract 2nd Ed (2016 Blue-Green Book)                                                     |
| 13 | Client/Consultant Model Services Agreement 5th Ed (2017 White Book)                                 |
| 14 | GUIDE to Conditions of Contract for Design, Build and Operate Projects (2008 GOLD BOOK) 1st Ed 2011 |
| 15 | Conditions of Contract for Works of Civil Engineering Construction (4th Ed. 1987 Reprinted 2011)    |
| 16 | Conditions of Contract for Design-Build and Turnkey First Edition 1995 Reprinted 2011               |
| 17 | Conditions of Contract for Underground works (2019 Emerald Book)                                    |

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