

CEAI NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S DESK



Dear Members, Colleagues, and Friends,

This past month has been one of both reflection and inspiration. CEAI organised some truly brilliant training programs and webinars-designed to strengthen professional capacity and equip participants with the latest tools and insights. While the response in terms of numbers was not as strong as I had hoped, I was deeply encouraged by the feedback from those who did participate with respect to the quality of training and the trainers. They found the sessions immensely valuable and enriching, and their appreciation reaffirms the importance of such initiatives. Going forward, I sincerely hope to see greater participation from our community, because these platforms are created with your growth and success in mind.

At the same time, the past weeks have reminded us of the urgent challenges of our times. The heavy monsoons, cloudbursts, and floods that ravaged many parts of India are not isolated events-they are the unmistakable signs of climate change. As engineers, we cannot afford complacency. It is our duty to design differently, to advocate for resilient and sustainable solutions, and to guide decision-makers with foresight and responsibility. Our work must not only serve today's needs but also safeguard the generations to come.

Amid these sobering realities, we also had moments of pride. In August, at the FIDIC Asia Pacific Conference in Bali, many CEAI members received awards on the international stage. These recognitions are a shining testament to the brilliance and innovation of Indian engineering. It was inspiring to see our colleagues honoured among the best in the world, and it reinforces our belief in the strength and talent within our community.

Looking ahead, I am delighted to share that registrations for the CEAI Annual Conference and Awards are now open. This flagship event promises to be a landmark gathering-bringing together leaders, innovators, and policymakers to exchange ideas, celebrate excellence, and shape the future of our industry. I strongly encourage all of you to be part of it, contribute your perspectives, and make your presence felt.

Friends, the challenges we face are significant, but so too are the opportunities. Together, let us learn, innovate, and lead with purpose. The world is looking to engineers to design a safer, more sustainable future-and I know that CEAI and its members will continue to rise to that responsibility.

Warm Regards,

Prashant Kapila
President, CEAI

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DIRECTOR'S DESK

During the month of August 2025, CEAI conducted the following meetings:

- ❖ Annual Conference Committee Meeting held on 12th August 2025
- ❖ External Relation Committee Meeting held on 13th August 2025
- ❖ Operation Oversight Committee Meeting held on 13th August 2025
- ❖ CEAI Academy Committee Meeting held on 18th August 2025
- ❖ Award Committee Meeting held on 19th August 2025
- ❖ Publication & Communication Committee Meeting held on 19th August 2025
- ❖ Seminar & Events Committee meeting held on 22nd August 2025

GYAAN SETU - A Knowledge Sharing Evening

CEAI-WRC organized **GYAAN SETU** - A Knowledge Sharing evening on 6th August 2025 at Ahmedabad in collaboration with M/s. Shiv Aum Steels Ltd and M/s. Jindal Steel Ltd.

In this event the following speakers delivered their presentations:

- Mr. B B Gharat, Associate Vice President, Technology, Quality & Training, TATA Consulting Engineers
Topic - Usage of Parallel Flange and Hollow Structural Steel Sections for Sustainability
- Mr. Dipesh Panchal, Senior Design Engineer, VMS Consultants
Topic - Case Studies of Projects with Parallel Flange and Hollow Structural Steel Sections
- Mr. Charles Simoes, Adjunct Faculty, Sardar Patel College of Engineering, Former Associate Director, Aker Solutions
Topic - Design Provisions for Parallel Flange and Hollow Structural Steel Sections

WEBINAR ON TACKLING FRAUD AND CORRUPTION IN THE INFRASTRUCTURE

CEAI organized a webinar on **Tackling Fraud and Corruption in the Infrastructure Industry** on 12th August 2025.

The Speakers, Mr Nigel Krishna Iyer and Mr Anil Iyer shared their experiences and discussed the following points:

- Levels of fraud and corruption in our industry
- How it is currently perceived and dealt with
- Why the mindset on this subject needs changing
- Practical measures on how consulting engineering companies can tackle the issue



Nigel Krishna Iyer



Anil Iyer

PRECURSOR WEBINAR ON IRC CODES OF PRACTICE FOR BRIDGE ENGINEERS

CEAI organized **Precursor webinar** on the **IRC Codes of Practice for Bridge Engineers** on 21st August 2025.

This session gave an insider's view of one of the most comprehensive training programs on IRC Bridge Codes. The Course Coordinators shared the following points:

- Highlights of each training module
- Learning outcomes and real-world applications
- Insights into the latest IRC revisions
- Why this course is a must for bridge engineers

Panelists:

- Er. G Sharn, SS (Retd.), MoRTH
- Er. A K Basa, Convenor, B-3 Committee of IRC
- Prof. Mahesh Tandon, Chairman, Tandon Consultants Pvt Ltd.
- Dr. Harshavardhan Subbarao, Chairman & MD, Construma Consultancy Pvt Ltd.
- Er. I K Pandey, SS (Rtd.), MoRTH
- Mr S K Puri, SS (Retd.), MoRTH

Speakers:

- Er. Alok Bhowmick, MD, B&S Engineering Consultants Pvt Ltd
- Er. V.N. Heggade, Founder & CEO, DECON Complete Solutions
- Er. Amitabha Ghoshal, Advisory Consultant & Past President-CEAI
- Er. M. M. Ghosh, Consultant, INSDAG
- Er. R. S. Sharma, Former Secretary General, IRC & Past President – CEAI
- Er. M.V. Jatkar, Director, GILCON Project Services Ltd

INDIAN PROCESS AND ECO SUSTAIN EXPO AND CONFERENCE

CEAI proudly announces the resounding success of our participation as an exhibitor and supporting association at the **Indian Process and Eco Sustain Expo and Conference**, held from **August 22-24, 2025**, at the HITEX Exhibition Centre in Hyderabad. Our presence was a powerful statement, sparking meaningful conversations and reaffirming CEAI's vital role as a catalyst for sustainable infrastructure and professional excellence.

Our strategic objectives for the event were clear: to **elevate CEAI's profile as a thought leader**, generate high-quality leads for membership and training, gather real-time stakeholder feedback, and forge new collaborations.

The outcomes speak volumes about our collective impact:

- Booth Footfall: 201 verified visitors
- New Membership Inquiries: 62 individuals
- Training & Certification Leads: 87 prospects



- Strong early interest in our Annual Conference 2025 from over **70 individuals and 15 companies**.
- Initiated partnership discussions with **five associations/companies**.

A key insight from the field highlighted the urgent need for CEAI to bridge vendors, project owners, and policymakers to address L1 procurement challenges, advocating for equitable practices. Our booth became a hub for robust dialogue on these critical issues, showcasing our thought leadership in action.

TRAINING COURSE ON CONSTRUCTION LAW FOR PROFESSIONALS

CEAI Academy successfully organized Training Course on **Construction Law for Professionals** from **23rd to 26th August 2025** at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.

Mr Prashant Kapila, President-CEAI inaugurated the course.

Dr Milind Wankhede, Ms Sadiqua Fatma, Mr G C Kabi, Ms Eshjyot Walia, Mr Ishan Khanna, Mr Ramanjit Singh, Mr Gagan Anand were the faculties.



FIDIC CONTRACTING TRAINING PROGRAM

CEAI Academy conducted **FIDIC Contracting Training Program** on **28-29 August 2025** at India International Centre, New Delhi.

Nino Tsaturova, Head of Contract Principles at the FIDIC Academy, FIDIC and Irakli Khargiani, President, Georgian Association of Consulting Engineers (ACEG), FIDIC Member were the trainers.



DESIGN OF CHIMNEYS AND STACKS FOR POWER PLANTS & OTHER INDUSTRIAL APPLICATIONS

Training Programme on **Design of Chimneys and Stacks for Power Plants & Other Industrial Applications** started from **30th August 2025**. This programme will continue till **27th September 2025**.

The sessions timings: On Saturdays: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm | On Sundays: 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

MEMBER NEWS

- ❖ Mr Prashant Kapila, President of CEAI, has authored an insightful article titled “**India’s infrastructure future: Building climate-positive, resilience-centric systems**” published in Economic Times. You can read it on this link:
<https://etedge-insights.com/sdgs-and-esg/sustainability/indias-infrastructure-future-building-climate-positive-resilience-centric-systems/>
- ❖ Mr Sunil Srivastava, Managing Director, Balaji Rail Road System has authored the story “**Urban Connectivity: A cornerstone for sustainable and inclusive cities**” published in Construction Times. You can read it on this link:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ZL2tifJrug1QWiTfclXX0Dr5zvDQwP1/view?usp=sharing>

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

❖ Intensive Training Course on “IRC Codes of Practice for Highway Bridges”

Training programs will be held *every Friday and Saturday from 5th September - 21st November*.

Training Modules & Fees:

Module	IRC Codes Covered	Fee
Module 1	IRC:5, IRC:6, IRC:SP:114	₹14,000 + GST
Module 2	IRC:112	₹13,000 + GST
Module 3	IRC:24, IRC:22	₹11,000 + GST
Module 4	IRC:78 (Part 1 & 2)	₹8,000 + GST
Module 5	IRC:83 (Part I, II, III & IV)	₹19,000 + GST

Registering for all 5 modules? Get a 10% discount on the total fee.

Discount Options

(Applicable on the above module fee structure)

Group Registrations (Per Participant):

- 5+ participants: 10% discount
- 10+ participants: 15% discount
- 20+ participants: 20% discount
- **CEAI Members:** 20% discount
- **Students from Academic Institutions:** 50% discount
- **Faculty from Academic Institutions:** 50% discount
- **Multiple Module Enrolment:** 10% discount

- ❖ CEAI E & NE Region is going to organize one day Seminar on the theme “**Long span crossing and their Sustainability**” along with a Book Release Session, jointly with Indian Association of Structural Engineers (IAStructE), on September 6, 2025.
- ❖ CEAI-WRC is organising a workshop on “**XR and AI in Engineering & Construction Industry**” on 13th September 2025 at Mumbai.
- ❖ CEAI is organising **Annual Conference and CEAI Award Ceremony** on 26th & 27th November 2025 at New Delhi.

CEAI QUARTERLY PUBLICATION - VIEWPOINT

For the December 2025 issue the theme is “**Asset Management for Sustaining Built Facilities**”.

Professionals are requested to share their articles.

The articles for an issue need to reach CEAI at least 3 weeks prior to the end of the month of the ViewPoint issue. Articles need to be in 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 of the author(s) is to be sent along with the article. For details of formatting please refer to “*Format for Articles for CEAI Viewpoint*” on CEAI’s website, under ‘Publications’.

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FIDIC PUBLICATION

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