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- 26 November 2025
Award Ceremony

- 26-27 November 2025
CEAI Annual Conference

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PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dear Colleagues and Members of CEAI,

As we step into the final quarter of 2025, it is an opportune moment to reflect on significant global developments from the past month - and what these mean for our consulting-engineering community - before turning our attention to the landmark CEAI Annual Conference & Awards, which promises to bring together a galaxy of speakers across sectors and remains a must-attend industry landmark.

Global Developments and Industry Impacts

1. Geopolitical and fiscal uncertainty

Last month's publication by EY-Parthenon highlighted that fiscal pressures, political fragmentation and leadership changes across Europe are reshaping capital flows, public-sector programmes and procurement risk.

For consulting-engineering firms, this means increased unpredictability in public-infrastructure investments, more caution in project commencements, and heightened demand for advisory services around risk mitigation, scenario planning and contract strategy.

2. M&A activity regaining momentum

According to Boston Consulting Group, October 2025 saw the global M&A market show resilience with deal-value rising ~10 % year-to-date and technology and energy sectors particularly active.

For consulting-engineering firms this signals two key trends: (a) the potential for consolidation in engineering consulting or adjacent services, and (b) a rise in M&A-driven demand for engineering advisory- such as due-diligence, integration of engineering capabilities, or technical risk assessment.

3. Engineering-consulting services market dynamics

Recent market reports show that the global engineering consultancy services market is projected to reach USD ~348.8 billion by 2034 (with a CAGR of ~7.9 % from 2025) and the broader engineering services market (USD 2.15 trillion in 2024) is expected to grow rapidly through to 2032 (CAGR ~10.3 %).

The implications for our sector are clear: strong structural demand remains - driven by infrastructure renewal, sustainability, digital engineering - but firms must equip themselves to capture that growth while navigating complexity, cost pressures and the evolving client-expectation of outcome-oriented delivery.

4. Key agenda items shaped for consulting engineers

Sustainability & net-zero: With the push towards low-carbon infrastructure, consulting engineers are increasingly valued for green design, retrofit, resilience and ESG-advisory roles - reinforcing the trend noted above.

- **Digital transformation:** AI, digital twin, BIM and simulation tools are rapidly shifting from 'nice-to-have' to 'must-have' in design, project-delivery and advisory. For example, a blog on engineering consulting trends emphasises "AI-driven simulations" and IoT in infrastructure as pivotal.
- **Risk, cost & supply chain complexity:** Geopolitical shifts, supply-chain disruption, increasing materials and labour costs add pressure to budgets and delivery schedules. Consulting engineers must strengthen advisory, early-stage risk quantification, value-engineering and alternative-delivery routes (modular, prefabrication) to stay ahead.
- **Client behaviour and delivery models:** Clients are increasingly looking for integrated delivery, outcome-based contracts and end-to-end services, rather than isolated pieces of design or supervision. Firms need to adapt by broadening capabilities (digital, sustainability, advisory) and by reinforcing value-added rather than pure compliance.

Looking ahead: CEAI Annual Conference & Awards

With these dynamics in mind, I am delighted to emphasise that our forthcoming CEAI Annual Conference & Awards is **timely and strategic**.

- We will convene leading voices across sectors - infrastructure, energy, smart cities, digital engineering and consulting-advisory - offering fresh perspectives and actionable insight.
- The awards ceremony will recognise excellence in consulting engineering - rewarding those firms and professionals who have excelled in innovation, sustainability, project delivery and client-impact.
- For our members, this is more than a networking event: it is a critical platform to benchmark capabilities, forge new partnerships, understand evolving models of consultancy, and position your firm for the opportunities ahead.

I strongly encourage you to mark your calendars, engage fully, and bring your teams along. The challenges ahead are many - yet the opportunities remain compelling. Let us use the Conference to equip ourselves, connect meaningfully and chart our path for success in the next phase of consulting-engineering.

Thank you for your continued commitment to CEAI and to advancing the consulting-engineering profession in India and beyond.

Warm Regards,

Prashant Kapila
President, CEAI

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

CEAI Annual Conference

The very prestigious **CEAI Annual Conference** will be held on 26th & 27th November 2025 at Hotel Shangri-La, New Delhi. The theme of the Conference is “**Engineering India Forward: Strategy, Sustainability & Innovation for Inclusive Infrastructure**”. The conference will have a galaxy of eminent National and International Speakers.

Esteemed Speakers

- Mr Prashant Kapila, President CEAI & FIDIC Board Member
- Mr Hardik Agarwal, Director, DRA Infracon Pvt Ltd
- Mr R K Bansal, Ex. VP & IC Head, Transportation Infrastructure, L&T Construction
- Mr S K Puri, Executive Director, ICT Pvt Ltd
- Ms Nidhi Gupta, Associate Director, Environmental Design Solution Global
- Mr D N Suresh, Senior Vice President - Infrastructure, Max Healthcare Institute Ltd
- Mr Aneesh Kadyan, Director, CBRE
- Mr Anurag Bajpai, Director, GreenTree Global
- Mr S Karthikayen, Deputy Executive Director, IGBC & GreenPro
- Dr Suneel Pandey, Director, Circular Economy & Waste Management, TERI
- Ms Nivedha RM, Founder & CEO, Treshcon
- Mr Kanagaraj Ganesan, Director, Integrative Design Solutions
- Mr Shrikant Budholia, Manager Xynteo and Programme Manager, Build Ahead Coalition
- Mr Ramadurai Raghavan, Vice President, TCE
- Mr Manmohan Prakash, Former Senior Advisor, Office of the President, ADB
- Mr Sandeep Fuller, CEO (PS), SYSTRA (India)
- Mr Pushpendra Kumar Singh, Pr. Advisor (Qos, CA & IT), TRAI
- Dr Raghav (Bhanu) Vadhera, Global AI Leader, Innovator and Educator
- Mr Kasturi Srinivas, Regional Director, Bentley Systems India Pvt Ltd
- Dr Satarupa Bhattacharjee Kapoor, Regional Head of Business Development, Autodesk India Pvt Ltd
- Ms Purna Kalra, Co-Founder, Road Athena
- Mr Karan A Singh (IAS Retd.), Former Chief Secretary, Govt. of Punjab
- Mr Palash Shrivastava, Managing Director, IIFCL
- Mr Irakli Khargiani, FIDIC Board Member
- Mr Ashok Lavasa, Former VP-ADB, Election Commissioner of India & Finance Secretary, Govt. of India
- Mr Ajit Mishra, Director (Works), IRCON International Ltd

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Mr Gaganpreet Singh Puri, Leader-Crisis & Resilience, Partner, GT Bharat LLP
- Mr Chitranjan Kaushik, CEO, Ecofirst Services Limited
- Mr Stéphane Y. Bessadi, Senior Procurement Specialist, Asian Development Bank

More Eminent Speakers to be announced soon

- Mr V K Rajawat, Director General, MoRTH
- Mr Anil Kumar Gaikwad, Vice Chairman & MD, MSRDC
- Dr Krishna Kumar, Managing Director, NHIDCL
- Mr Brijesh Dixit, Managing Director, MSIDC
- Mr Sanjay Varshney, Executive Director & COO, Signature Global
- Mr Shobhit Uppal, Deputy Managing Director, Ahluwalia Constructions
- Ms Neha Kumar, Climate Bonds Initiative
- Mr Autif Sayyed, Project Lead for Green Buildings- South Asia, IFC
- Mr Mehul Jain, Disaster Risk Management Specialist, World Bank Group
- Mr Maneesh Chaturvedi, Strategic Planner, APCO Infratech Pvt. Ltd.
- Mr Jatin Goel, Executive Director, Omaxe Construction
- Mr P S Reddy, Director PPP, Niti Aayog
- Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sachin Datta, Delhi High Court
- Ms Sushma Chaudhury, Vice President, Mott MacDonald
- Ms Vidya Basarkod, Managing Director, COWI India Pvt. Ltd.
- Mr Lakya Suryanarayana Tejasvi Surya, Member of Parliament (MP)
- Mr Raj Kumar, Chairman & MD, Rodic consultant Pvt Ltd

Join us in making the CEAI Annual Conference a grand success through your active participation!

Registration Link: <https://www.ceai.org.in/ceai-annual-conference-awards-2025/>

CEAI National Awards 2025

The **CEAI National Awards 2025** will be presented during the Conference. The 'Awards 2025' has received a record number of nominations from organisations and individuals. The Awards will be presented in various designated categories. CEAI's Lifetime Achievement Award, to be named the "**CEAI Shri Mahendra Raj Lifetime Achievement Award**", will also be presented on the occasion.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Programmes to look forward to, that are tentatively planned to be organised by the **CEAI Academy**, are:

- a) Intensive online Training on Highway DPR: Scheduled to be launched in December. This program will comprehensively cover all related aspects. Designed as a basic-level training, it is tailored for young and mid-level Highway/Bridge Engineers involved in DPR preparation.
- b) Five training programs on Sustainable Development
- c) Workshop on Cybersecurity
- d) An online training program on Artificial Intelligence.

Online Training Course on **IRC Codes of Practice for Bridge Engineers**, organized by **CEAI Academy**.

Registrations are now open for Modules 3 - 6 of Module 1 of the Intensive Online Training Course on IRC Codes of Practice for Bridge Engineers, organized by CEAI Academy.

The sessions will commence on 1st November 2025 and will be conducted every Friday and Saturday in an online format. It will conclude on 6th December 2025.

We invite you to register and benefit from expert-led training on key IRC Codes relevant to bridge engineering.

👉 Register here: <https://forms.gle/gHqhig7zpQkAyKtKA>

FEE STRUCTURE					
Module	IRC Codes Covered	Non-Member Fee (Without 18% GST)	Member Fee (Without 18% GST)	Student Fee (Without 18% GST)	International Participant Fee (Without 18% GST)
Module 1	IRC:5, IRC:6, IRC:SP:114	₹16,000	₹13,000	₹8,000	\$250
Module 2	IRC:112	₹14,000	₹11,000	₹7,000	\$200
Module 3	IRC:24, IRC:22	₹13,000	₹10,000	₹6,500	\$175
Module 4	IRC:78 (Part 1 & 2)	₹11,000	₹8,000	₹5,500	\$150
Module 5	IRC:83 (Part I, II, III & IV), IRC:IRC:SP 69, Design of Isolation Bearings for Bridges	₹17,000	₹15,000	₹8,500	\$250
Module 6	IRC:87 – 2018	₹4,000	₹3,000	₹2,000	\$75



DISCOUNT OPTIONS

Group Registrations (Per Participant):

- 5+ participants: 10% discount
- 10+ participants: 20% discount

Participants can avail only one discount at a time.

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

On 19th October 2025, Dr. Naresh Bana was elected to the IEI Council. He is a peer recognized international PPP consultant and 'Subject Matter Expert' (SME) with Government of India owned entity NHLML. He is MD at BBV Consultants LLP (member of CEAI) and Vice Chairman of Indo Sri Lanka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ISCCI). He has published many papers and blogs in reputed papers/ journals incl. in World Bank blogs. PPP remains his passion and his digital footprints are adequately visible.

DIRECTOR'S DESK

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

- CEAI Annual Conference Meeting held on 3rd October 2025
- Integrity Management Committee Meeting held on 16th October 2025
- Seminar and Events Committee Meeting held on 16th October 2025
- External Relation Committee Meeting held on 28th October 2025
- Publication and Communication Committee Meeting held on 29th October 2025

Forthcoming Meetings

- Foundation Committee Meeting on 6th November 2025
- Membership Committee Meeting on 18th November 2025
- Governing Council Meeting on 19th November 2025
- Finance Committee Meeting on 19th November 2025
- Seminar & Events Committee Meeting on November 2025

OTHER NEWS

Panel Discussion on Energizing Sri Lanka's Blue Economy: Offshore Oil & Gas Exploration and LNG Infrastructure as Economic Game Changers

The second edition of "Voyage Sri Lanka" was a maritime conference that brought together public and private sector stakeholders organized by the Sri Lanka Export Development Board (EDB). The Panel Discussion held on 16th October 2025 titled on "**Energizing Sri Lanka's Blue Economy: Offshore Oil & Gas Exploration and LNG Infrastructure as Economic Game Changers**" at the Kingsbury Hotel in Colombo.

Purpose of this panel discussion was how offshore oil and gas exploration and LNG infrastructure can be used as economic game-changers for Sri Lanka's blue economy.

In this panel discussion, CEAI Member Dr Naresh Bana talked about building strategic alliances for offshore energy development projects. He articulated on need to have meticulous project structuring and viability evaluation prior to bidding out in transparent format.



OTHER NEWS

World of Concrete India 2025

CEAI Collaborates as Supporting Partner at World of Concrete India 2025

The Consulting Engineers Association of India (CEAI) proudly collaborated as a Supporting Partner for the World of Concrete India 2025, held from 8th to 10th October 2025 at the Bombay Exhibition Centre, Mumbai. Organized by Informa Markets, the event brought together leading professionals, innovators, and organizations from the construction, concrete, and infrastructure sectors, showcasing the latest technologies, sustainable practices, and industry advancements.

In recognition of CEAI's continued contribution to India's infrastructure and construction engineering landscape, Informa Markets extended a special invitation to Mr. Somenath Ghosh, Vice President, CEAI, to participate as a VIP guest during the inaugural ceremony. Mr. Ghosh addressed the august gathering, highlighting CEAI's commitment to promoting excellence in consulting engineering and the importance of collaboration among industry stakeholders to drive sustainable growth and innovation.

The event also witnessed active participation from members of CEAI's Governing Council. Representing the Western Region, Mr. Navneet Sharma and Mr. A. P. Mull, both distinguished Governing Council members, attended the exhibition and associated networking sessions, further strengthening CEAI's engagement with industry partners and professionals.

CEAI's association with World of Concrete India 2025 reinforced its ongoing mission to connect, collaborate, and contribute to shaping India's infrastructure and built environment through knowledge exchange, professional excellence, and meaningful partnerships.



VIEWPOINT

The theme for the December 2025 edition of ViewPoint is **“Asset Management for Sustaining Built Facilities”**.

Asset management for sustaining built facilities requires a strategic, long-term approach to asset and facility maintenance, which inter alia calls for focusing on optimal resource utilisation, such as energy, water, etc., by the usage of natural lighting or renewables or power and water saving fixtures, thus making a conscious effort to reduce harm to the environment through the asset's lifecycle. It would be appropriate to integrate sustainability into the asset lifecycle; eco-conscious decisions need to be taken from the initial design and construction phases, through the operational phase and eventual decommissioning of the facility.

With the spiralling growth in construction involving enormous investments of man hours, materials, and money, the need to correctly and fully understand what Asset Management is, in its correct perspective, and implement it in toto has become extremely essential especially for high-value built facilities especially physical assets which includes public and private buildings, hospitals, education centres, hotels, roads & highways, drainage, railways, ports & harbours, shipping, aviation, water and sanitation, flood protection, space research, defence, chemical & industrial plants, power generation and transmission, oil & gas, telecommunication, irrigation, etc. They are all particularly important since they form assets that will sustain and unlock value for a long period of time.

The perception that India has only recently become conscious of asset management may not be entirely accurate, as the industry has been growing over a considerable period, albeit sporadically and incrementally. There has been an increased awareness about asset management in recent times, driven by higher financial literacy, digitalisation, and supportive economic policies. Asset Management had been incorporated into the National Building Code of India 2016 to give a much-needed impetus to the proper maintenance of buildings.

Articles may include how digitalisation could support asset management, prevent setbacks by implementing regular maintenance and inspections; utilise asset management software for monitoring, tracking and automation; evaluate and conduct regular audits, and train employees on proper asset handling and performing risk analyses.

Articles for the December 2025 edition of ViewPoint need to reach CEAI by 25 November 2025. 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 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’. The ‘CEAI Conditions of Publication’ can also be seen on the website.

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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)
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7	EPC/Turnkey Contract 2nd Ed (2017 Silver Book)
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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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- Dr. Raghav (Bhanu) Vadhera- Global AI Leader, Innovator & Educator
- Mr. Karan A. Singh (IAS Retd.)- Fmr. Chief Secy., Govt. of Punjab
- Mr. Irakli Khargiani- FIDIC Board Member



- Mr. Ashok Lavasa- Former VP, ADB, EC & FS, Govt. Of India,
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Mr. Sanjay Varshney, Executive Director & COO, Signature Global, Chairman IGBC Delhi Chapter,
Mr. Mehul Jain, Disaster Risk Management Specialist, World Bank Group,
Mr. Manish Chaturvedi, APCO Infracore Pvt. Ltd., Mr. Rajkumar, Chairman & MD, Rodic Consultant
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