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PRESIDENT'S DESK



Dear Members and Colleagues,

It gives me great pleasure to connect with you through this March 2026 edition of the CEAI Newsletter, which reflects the continued momentum of our collective efforts in strengthening the consulting engineering profession in India.

Over the past month, CEAI has actively engaged in knowledge-sharing and capacity-building initiatives that address both the technical and ethical dimensions of our profession. The webinar on “*Constructing Integrity: Safeguarding Infrastructure Projects from Resume Fraud*” brought into sharp focus the critical importance of ethics, transparency, and credibility in project delivery. As highlighted during the session, integrity is not merely a compliance requirement-it is fundamental to ensuring quality infrastructure and sustaining stakeholder trust.

Similarly, our engagement on FIDIC contract conditions and risk allocation reinforces CEAI’s commitment to promoting balanced contractual practices and global best standards within the Indian infrastructure ecosystem.

A key priority area for CEAI continues to be capacity building and skill development. Through the CEAI Academy, we are expanding our training offerings across vital domains such as project management, sustainable and low-carbon infrastructure, Primavera-based planning, and emerging areas like Artificial Intelligence. These initiatives are designed to equip our professionals-especially young engineers-with the tools required to navigate an increasingly complex and technology-driven industry.

We are also encouraged by our continued engagement with academic institutions through programmes such as the *Campus to Corporate Masterclass*, which aims to bridge the gap between academic learning and industry expectations-an essential step in building the next generation of consulting engineers.

Looking ahead, I would like to draw your attention to the **FIDIC Global Infrastructure Conference 2026**, which will be hosted in New Delhi from 13-15 September 2026. This is a landmark opportunity for India’s consulting engineering fraternity to showcase its capabilities on a global platform and to engage with international leaders, policymakers, and industry stakeholders. I strongly encourage all members to participate actively and take advantage of the special registration benefits facilitated for Indian participants.

At the same time, the theme of the upcoming *ViewPoint* publication-focusing on climate change, urban flooding, and landslides-serves as a reminder of the growing responsibility we bear as engineers. The challenges of climate resilience, sustainable development, and environmental stewardship are no longer optional considerations; they are central to the way infrastructure must be planned, designed, and delivered.

As we move forward, I urge all members to continue upholding the highest standards of quality, integrity, and professionalism, while also embracing new technologies, sustainability practices, and innovative approaches. CEAI remains committed to supporting you through advocacy, knowledge-sharing, and capacity-building initiatives.

Let us continue to work together to strengthen our profession and contribute meaningfully to the development of resilient, sustainable, and future-ready infrastructure for our nation and beyond.

Warm Regards,

Prashant Kapila
President, CEAI

UPDATE ON EVENTS ORGANISED

Webinar: Constructing Integrity - Safeguarding Infrastructure Projects from Resume Fraud

Webinar on “**Constructing Integrity: Safeguarding Infrastructure Projects from Resume Fraud**” was organised on 11 March 2026 as part of its Webinar Series on “**Ethics & Integrity**”. The session focused on understanding the risks associated with resume fraud in infrastructure projects and its impact on quality, ethics, and compliance in the engineering and construction industry.

The webinar was conducted as **Part 1 - Understanding the Risk Landscape**. The session focused on three key aspects:

- Industry perspective on CV fraud
- Impact of fraudulent credentials on project quality and ethics
- Contractual and compliance risks arising from misrepresentation of qualifications and experience

The session speakers were **Mr. Alok Bhowmick**, Managing Director, B&S Engineering Consultants Pvt Ltd and **Mr. Deepak Kumar**, Senior Ethics & Compliance Professional at SYSTRA India. The webinar was moderated by **Ms. Rasna Kame**, Marketing & Engagement Consultant at SYSTRA India.

The presentation highlighted the growing issue of **resume/CV fraud** in infrastructure and engineering projects, where professionals falsify qualifications, experience, or credentials to secure roles in large projects. While resume discrepancies are common globally but in India the industry reports show that a significant percentage of candidates misrepresent information in their resumes. In infrastructure and donor-funded projects, such fraud can have serious consequences because **key experts’ qualifications directly affect project quality, safety, and funding compliance**.

The presentation also outlined **legal and regulatory implications in India**, including provisions under the **Indian Penal Code (IPC)** related to forgery and the use of fake documents. It further referenced **Government Procurement Rules (GFR 2017)** that allow bid rejection, contract termination, and blacklisting when false declarations are discovered.

Webinar: FIDIC conditions of contract - Risks in Risk balancing due to Particular conditions

CEAI in collaboration with FAP, successfully organized a webinar on the topic **FIDIC Conditions of Contract - Risks in Risk Balancing due to Particular Conditions** on 27th March 2026.

The session was delivered by Ms. Renjitha Nair, a seasoned professional in contract and claim management. She is currently associated with a cost consultancy firm based in Bahrain and brings extensive experience in handling complex contractual frameworks in international projects.

During the webinar, Ms. Renjitha provided valuable insights into the FIDIC conditions of contract, with a particular focus on how modifications through particular conditions can impact the intended balance of risk between contracting parties. She highlighted common pitfalls, practical challenges, and the importance of maintaining fairness and clarity in contract drafting.

Campus to Corporate: A Practical Career Readiness Masterclass

As part of the MOU with Maharaja Agrasen Institute of Technology (MAIT), the CEAI Academy conducted a “**Campus to Corporate: A Practical Career Readiness Masterclass**” on 27th March 2026 at the Maharaja Agrasen Technical Education Society (MATES), for Engineering students, to help bridge the gap between academic learning and professional expectations.

It was a four-hour intensive, in-person workshop, which addressed key aspects of employability including resume building, structured job search strategies, interview preparation, salary negotiation awareness, and understanding workplace dynamics.

Through instructor-led sessions, case simulations, and guided activities, the programme equipped participants with practical tools to present their value effectively to recruiters, navigate the job market strategically, and develop the professional awareness required to succeed in early career roles.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

CEAI Academy's Upcoming Capacity-Building Programmes

Over the next quarter, the CEAI Academy has planned a series of targeted training programmes, workshops, and knowledge sessions designed to strengthen professional competencies across the consulting engineering ecosystem. These initiatives are being organised across multiple regional centres as well as through online platforms, ensuring wider accessibility for professionals, young engineers, and allied stakeholders in the infrastructure sector. The programmes are:

- a) A precursor webinar to a future programme on **Project Management Professional (PMP) Training Programme** scheduled for **14th April 2026**. The webinar will give a glimpse into how the programme can help participants solve real life project challenges, and how they can benefit from a PMP certification in their career.
- b) A Capacity Building Series on **Sustainable & Low Carbon Built Environment**, scheduled for **17-18 April 2026 at PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry, New Delhi**. As sustainability and climate considerations become central to infrastructure planning and design, the programme will explore approaches to integrating low-carbon strategies into the built environment. It will focus on emerging technologies, regulatory expectations, and practical implementation pathways relevant to consulting engineers and project stakeholders.

c) **Primavera Training** in New Delhi on **24-25 April 2026**, aimed at professionals seeking to strengthen their project design, planning and scheduling capabilities using Primavera tools.

d) A one-day workshop on **‘From Tender to Completion: Essential Knowledge for Infrastructure Professionals in North India’**, to be hosted by CEAI Northern Region in Chandigarh on **8th May 2026**. The workshop will focus on legal frameworks relevant to construction and infrastructure projects. The sessions will cover contractual obligations, dispute resolution mechanisms, and risk mitigation strategies. The program aims to offer valuable insights for professionals engaged in project management and consulting engineering.

e) An online **Precursor Webinar on AI Training Workshop**, being hosted by CEAI Southern Region, on **8 May 2026**, introducing participants to the growing role of artificial intelligence in engineering, project management, and infrastructure planning. The webinar will provide a conceptual overview ahead of a more detailed AI-focused training programme planned later in the year.

Other programmes being planned are as follows:

a) **May 2026** - CEAI Academy plans **FIDIC Training in New Delhi**, focusing on the interpretation and practical application of FIDIC contract frameworks widely used in international infrastructure projects. The training will help professionals understand contractual responsibilities, claims management, and dispute avoidance mechanisms within FIDIC-based projects.

b) **May 2026** - CEAI Eastern Region will organise **an online POSH (Prevention of Sexual Harassment) Training** aimed at strengthening workplace awareness and compliance with statutory guidelines. The programme will address legal obligations, organisational responsibilities, and practical frameworks for creating safe and respectful professional environments.

c) **June 2026** - CEAI Academy will hold an extended **Project Management Professional (PMP) Training Programme** in New Delhi. Designed as a structured learning series, the programme will support professionals preparing for PMP certification while strengthening project leadership and delivery capabilities.

FIDIC GLOBAL INFRASTRUCTURE CONFERENCE 2026

FIDIC Global Infrastructure Conference 2026 will be hosted in New Delhi, India from 13th to **15th September 2026**. As FIDIC’s flagship annual event which has been taking place since 1930, the conference provides a global platform for the infrastructure industry to come together to exchange knowledge, share experience and strengthen collaboration across regions.

New Delhi offers a highly relevant setting for the conference, reflecting India’s growing influence and leadership in global infrastructure development. As one of the world’s fastest-growing major economies, India is at the forefront of large-scale infrastructure delivery, innovation and capacity building, making it an ideal location for the global infrastructure community to meet.

FIDIC’s flagship annual event brings together the full spectrum of the infrastructure industry, including clients, governments, policy makers, consulting engineers, contractors, lawyers, financiers and architects. The conference offers high-level dialogue, knowledge sharing and valuable networking opportunities with peers and partners from across the globe.

Registration is Open for the FIDIC Global Infrastructure Conference 2026!

Join global leaders of the infrastructure sector in New Delhi, India, during 13th to 15th September 2026 for one of the industry's most influential gatherings.

Under the theme **Engineering a Bright Future, Together: Quality Infrastructure for People and Prosperity**, the conference will bring together industry leaders, policymakers, financiers and engineers from over 100 countries to address the most pressing challenges in infrastructure delivery.

Learn more and register <https://lnkd.in/eTdwMPVA>

DIRECTOR'S DESK

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

- President's Council Meeting on 13 March 2026
- Budget Revision and Discussion on 16 March 2026
- Membership Committee Meeting on 17 March 2026
- Seminar & Events Committee Meeting on 19 March 2026
- FIDIC GIC- Local Organising Committee Meeting on 19 March 2026
- Governing Council Meeting on 25 March 2026

VIEWPOINT JUNE 2026

The theme of the June 2026 edition of ViewPoint is '**Climate Change, Urban Flooding, and Landslides**' - a subject that needs to be taken cognisance of with a sense of urgency and to reflect on "What kind of 'Earth' and 'Life' are we leaving for posterity"?

Human activity has significantly increased greenhouse gas emissions through the rampant use of fossil fuels, large-scale deforestation, unbridled urbanisation and rising pollution levels – all contributing to global warming and increasing unstable weather patterns. These manifest themselves in more intense and unpredictable rainfall.

At the same time, the loss of wetlands and natural water bodies, combined with poorly planned urban growth, has replaced absorbent soil with impervious paved surfaces. Blocked or inadequate drainage systems further aggravate the problem, preventing rainwater from being absorbed or channelled away effectively and leading to frequent urban flooding.

Similarly, excessive deforestation and unregulated construction in ecologically sensitive regions weaken natural landscapes. The removal of vegetation accelerates soil erosion and destabilises fragile slopes, dislodging soil and rocks and increasing the likelihood of landslides during heavy rainfall.

All Professionals are encouraged to contribute articles on the theme based on their experience/expertise and recommend ways and means to mitigate the damage to the Environment.

Articles (of 1500-3000 words) for the June 2026 edition of ViewPoint need to reach CEAI by 25 May 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. 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.

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:

1) Viewpoint Advertisement Rates:

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Inside Front Cover	18,000.00	32,400.00	57,600.00
Inside Back Cover	18,000.00	32,400.00	57,600.00
Full Page (Colour)	12,000.00	21,600.00	38,400.00
Full Page (Colour), if a specific page position is required	14,000.00	25,200.00	44,800.00
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Notes: *GST @ 5% or as prescribed will be added to the above rates

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1. Mention on the front cover
2. Two full-page color advertisements
3. Descriptive article on topic

FIDIC PUBLICATION

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)



FIDIC GLOBAL INFRASTRUCTURE CONFERENCE 2026

**Engineering a Bright Future, Together:
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New Delhi | 13–15 September 2026

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The **FIDIC Global Infrastructure Conference (GIC) 2026** brings the global infrastructure community to India for an unparalleled exchange of ideas, innovation, and collaboration.

Organised by FIDIC and supported by CEAI, this flagship event gathers:

- ✓ Industry Leaders
- ✓ Policymakers & Government Representatives
- ✓ Engineers & Consultants
- ✓ Financiers & Contractors
- ✓ Legal & Infrastructure Experts

100+ Countries | One Global Platform

WHY ATTEND?

- High-level global dialogue on infrastructure challenges
- Insights into future-ready, sustainable infrastructure
- Networking with international leaders & decision-makers
- Exposure to global best practices and innovations

SPECIAL BENEFIT FOR INDIAN PARTICIPANTS

CEAI has facilitated a **special 50% registration discount** for **Indian participants** (Automatically applied during registration with Indian address)

Register Now: <https://events.fidic.org/gic26/10478293>

Be part of this global gathering—right here in New Delhi