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PRESIDENT'S DESK



Dear Members and Colleagues,

As we move into the second half of 2026, the global and domestic landscape continues to present both challenges and opportunities for our profession. The recent pause in hostilities in West Asia has brought a measure of relief to the international community. While geopolitical uncertainties remain, the easing of tensions has already contributed to some moderation in global oil prices and a degree of stabilisation in financial markets. The full economic benefits of this de-escalation will become evident over time, but the development serves as a reminder

of how closely interconnected global events are with infrastructure development, investment flows, and economic growth.

Closer home, India is once again witnessing the increasing impacts of climate variability. Reports indicating a likely shortfall in rainfall in certain regions, coupled with the occurrence of extreme weather events-heat waves, cloudbursts, floods, cyclones and prolonged dry spells-underscore the urgent need to rethink the manner in which we plan, design, construct and operate infrastructure assets. Climate resilience can no longer be treated as an optional consideration; it must become central to engineering practice.

As consulting engineers, we have both a responsibility and an opportunity to lead this transformation. Infrastructure systems of the future must be designed to withstand climatic uncertainties through enhanced risk assessments, incorporation of climate projections in design parameters, adoption of nature-based solutions, improved drainage and water management systems, resilient materials, digital monitoring technologies, and asset management frameworks that promote adaptation over the entire life cycle of infrastructure. Equally important is the need to embed sustainability, resource efficiency and circular economy principles into our projects. By doing so, we can ensure that infrastructure remains safe, reliable and fit for purpose in an increasingly uncertain world.

I am pleased to note that CEAI continues to strengthen its commitment to capacity building and professional excellence. The successful conduct of the Practical Management of FIDIC Contracts programme and the wide range of forthcoming training initiatives being planned by the CEAI Academy-including programmes on AI, forensic engineering, leadership development and project management-reflect our determination to equip engineers with the knowledge and skills required for the future. I also encourage members to participate in the inaugural lecture under the CEAI President's Lecture Series on Consulting Excellence and the webinar on "Design for Deconstruction" being organised by the Future Leader Forum. These initiatives reinforce CEAI's commitment to fostering continuous learning and innovation within our fraternity.

I would also like to draw your special attention to the FIDIC Global Infrastructure Conference 2026, which will be hosted in New Delhi from 13-15 September 2026. This conference represents a truly unique and historic opportunity for the Indian consulting engineering community. Rarely do we have an occasion where top global clients, governments, policymakers, multilateral financial institutions, consulting engineers, EPC contractors, financiers, lawyers and other infrastructure leaders from across the world come together under one roof.

As hosts, we have a special responsibility to ensure strong participation from India. I am particularly delighted to share that, through sustained efforts by CEAI, a special registration concession has been negotiated for Indian nationals at an unprecedented 50% of the international member registration fee-the first such concession in FIDIC's history. This extraordinary opportunity must not be missed. I strongly encourage every member organisation to nominate senior leaders as well as young professionals to participate in this landmark event, expand their global networks, exchange knowledge, and showcase India's engineering capabilities on the world stage.

Together, let us continue to uphold the highest standards of professionalism, innovation and integrity while contributing towards building resilient, sustainable and inclusive infrastructure for future generations.

Warm Regards,

Prashant Kapila
President, CEAI

UPDATE ON EVENTS ORGANISED

Practical Management of FIDIC Contracts 10th & 11th June 2026 | CEAI Academy Premises

On 10 June, 2026 and 11 June, 2026, the CEAI Academy conducted a two-day programme at the CEAI premises in New Delhi. This programme was designed as an open-house programme and member organisations from all across the country sent in their delegates for this practical training.

The content covered not only theoretical knowledge, but also case studies, group work, assignments in the classroom, to ensure that participants could apply the knowledge on real business scenarios.



FORTHCOMING PROGRAMMES

CEAI Academy

Looking ahead, the Academy has planned a series of programmes in the coming quarter to support young engineers in enhancing their technical, managerial, and professional capabilities.

Following the successful PMP® precursor webinar, a comprehensive 5-day online PMP® Certification Training Programme is being planned, which would enable participants to fulfil the 35-hour training requirement necessary to pursue PMP® certification.

Additional programs in the pipeline include Primavera Training, Forensic Engineering: Learning from Failures in the Built Environment, AI Training, Leadership Development, FIDIC-focused training initiatives, Business Communication and Soft Skills programs, Industry Readiness & Personality Development workshops for students, and an AR/VR workshop.

Further, under a MoU signed with SRM University, Sonapat, the CEAI Academy is also collaborating to design and deliver specialised programmes aimed at preparing students for successful entry into the workforce and improving their placement readiness.

The CEAI Academy remains committed to supporting engineers and professionals with relevant, future-oriented learning opportunities across technical and professional domains.

CEAI PRESIDENT'S LECTURE SERIES ON CONSULTING EXCELLENCE

The first lecture in the upcoming series will be delivered by Er. Devendra Kumar Sharma, President of the International Commission on Large Dams (ICOLD), headquartered in France, on 17th July 2026.

WEBINAR ON “DESIGN FOR DECONSTRUCTION” ON 10TH JULY 2026

CEAI Future Leader Forum is organising a webinar on “Design for Deconstruction” on 10th July 2026.

Design for Deconstruction (DfD) is a sustainable approach that plans buildings so they can be easily dismantled instead of demolished. Unlike traditional “build-use-demolish” methods, DfD supports a circular system where materials are recovered and reused. Using modular design, prefabrication, and mechanical connections, it reduces construction waste and the need for new raw materials. This lowers energy use, emissions, and preserves embodied energy. DfD also reduces demolition costs and promotes resource efficiency, making construction more environmentally responsible and sustainable.

Dr. Sarath S, Associate Professor - Department of Civil Engineering, UKFCET will be the speaker.

FIDIC GLOBAL INFRASTRUCTURE CONFERENCE 2026

The 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](https://lnkd.in/eTdwMPVA)



Engineering a Bright Future, Together

Quality Infrastructure for People and Prosperity

DATES

13-15 September

VENUE

New Delhi, India

REGISTER

events.fidic.org/gic26

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

FIDIC's flagship annual conference has been bringing together the global infrastructure industry since 1930. This year it comes to New Delhi, a fitting host as India leads the world in large-scale infrastructure delivery, innovation and capacity building.

Join consulting engineers, governments, contractors, financiers, lawyers and policy makers from across the globe to shape the future of our industry and address the \$64 trillion global infrastructure investment gap.

WHY ATTEND

Hear from world-class speakers and senior global industry leaders

Engage in high-level dialogue on the future of infrastructure policy

Grow your network with clients and peers from around the world

Represent India's engineering community on the global stage

Experience the best of New Delhi. Culture, cuisine, and tours

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DIRECTOR'S DESK

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

- GIC - Local Organising Committee Meeting on 11 June 2026
- External Relation Committee on 23 June 2026
- CEAI Foundation committee meeting on 25 June 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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1. Mention on the front cover
2. Two full-page color advertisements
3. Descriptive article on topic

OBITUARY



It is with profound sorrow that we inform the members of the Consulting Engineers Association of India (CEAI) of the sad demise of Mr. Vidya Prakash Agarwal, Consultant & Advisor, Isha Consultants (P) Ltd., who passed away on 25 June 2026.

Mr. V. P. Agarwal was one of the most active members of CEAI during its formative years. He rendered distinguished service to the Association and served as its Honorary Treasurer on two occasions.

On behalf of the President, Office Bearers, Governing Council, and members of CEAI, we extend our heartfelt condolences to his bereaved family and pray that the Almighty grants them strength to bear this irreparable loss.

May his soul rest in eternal peace.

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)