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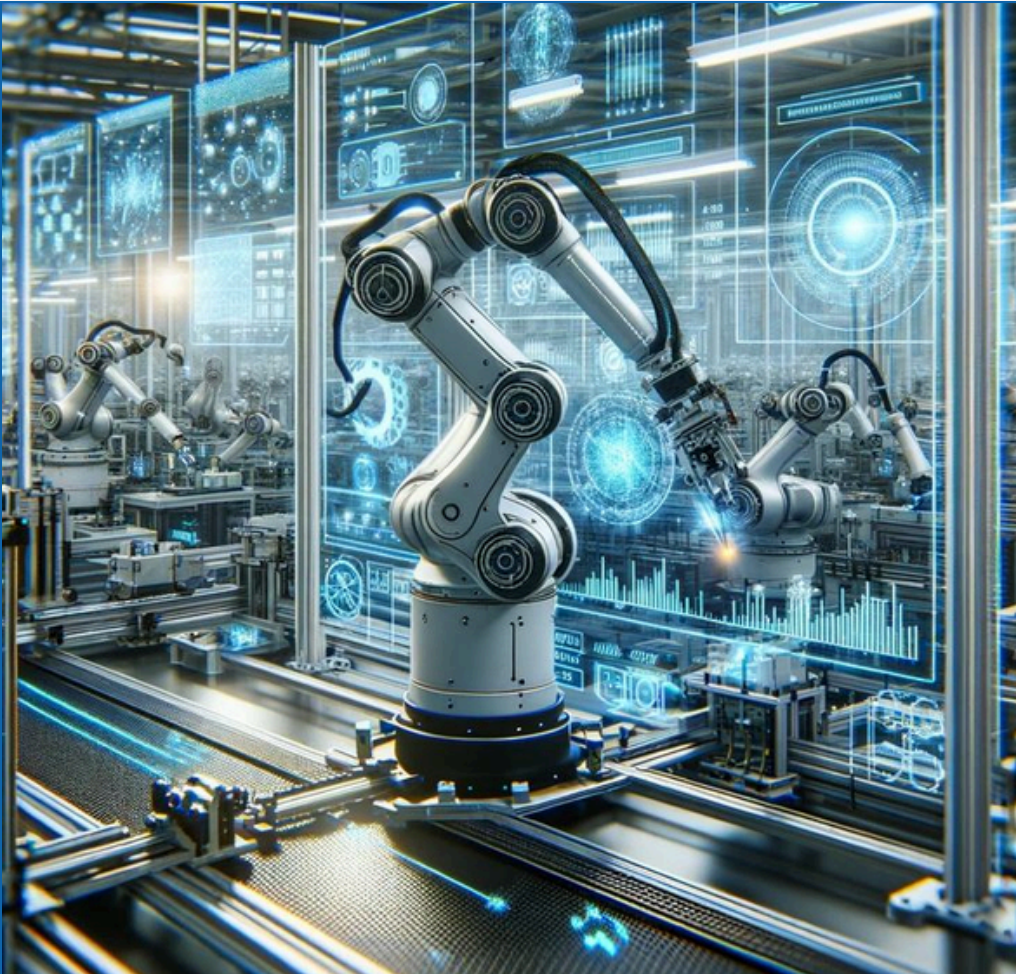
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As we step into 2026, this edition of the CEAI Newsletter provides an opportune moment to reflect on our journey over the past year and, more importantly, to sharpen our collective focus on the year ahead.

The Governing Council has now completed the first year of its current term. This has been a year of activity, visibility, and renewed positioning for CEAI. We have strengthened our presence as a credible national and international platform for consulting engineers through a successful Annual Conference, robust capacity-building programmes, strategic international collaborations, and growing engagement with institutions, industry, and global bodies. These outcomes, reflected across the pages of this newsletter, reinforce CEAI's relevance at a time when the infrastructure and engineering professions are undergoing rapid transformation.

Professional development continues to be a strong pillar of our work. Our training programmes on bridges, highways, and project preparation have attracted wide participation and demonstrated that CEAI can deliver programmes that are both technically rigorous and institutionally sustainable. The expanding role of CEAI Academy, new initiatives on sustainability, digital technologies, and artificial intelligence, and our deeper engagement with FIDIC credentialing and leadership programmes, collectively underline our intent to prepare Indian consulting engineers for both domestic leadership and global opportunities.

Equally significant has been CEAI's growing international footprint. Strategic collaborations with Development Aid, FIDIC, and industry partners, alongside our role in major national and international events, are opening new doors for our members. The forthcoming FIDIC Global Infrastructure Conference 2026 in New Delhi will be a defining milestone-not just for CEAI, but for showcasing Indian engineering capability on a global stage. This will require strong ownership and active participation from across our membership and the Governing Council.

While we can take justified pride in what has been achieved, the second year of this GC's term must clearly be a year of execution and outcomes. Our ambition must move beyond activities to sustained institutional influence-particularly in advocacy, procurement reform, quality-based selection, professional standards, and membership expansion into emerging disciplines. This will demand deeper engagement, accountability, and leadership from each of us.

CEAI stands at a promising yet demanding juncture. The foundations have been laid. The direction is clear. What remains is collective commitment to convert momentum into lasting impact for the profession and for CEAI as its national voice.

I look forward to working closely with all members in the year ahead as we strengthen CEAI with purpose, relevance, and confidence.

Warm Regards,

Prashant Kapila
President, CEAI

LAURELS & ACCOLADES

- Dr Harshavardhan Subbarao, CEAI GC Member honoured with the S.B. Joshi Memorial Award. The S. B. Joshi Memorial Award is one of the most prestigious honours in Indian Bridge and Structural Engineering.
- Mr Alok Bhowmick, CEAI Vice President selected as the recipient of the second S D Limaye Award for Excellence in Structural Engineering. This prestigious recognition is a testament to outstanding professional contributions, technical expertise, and sustained commitment to excellence in structural engineering.

UPDATE ON EVENTS ORGANISED

Online Intensive Training Course on Detailed Project Report (DPR) Preparation for Highway Projects: A comprehensive overview of the DPR preparation process, started from 10th January 2026, it will conclude on 21st March 2026. The program covers traffic assessment, geometric and intersection design, hydrological and geotechnical investigations, and topographic surveys. It also integrates sustainability aspects such as climate resilience, alongside pre-construction essentials including land acquisition, utility shifting, and statutory clearances. The course further includes pavement and bridge design, project costing with economic and financial analysis, innovative technologies and materials, and key quality control and assurance practices.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

CEAI Academy program

- Capacity Building Series Sustainable and Low-Carbon Built-Environment: Starting mid of April 2026, this three-part capacity-building series equips consulting engineers to support India's climate goals under the Paris Agreement and the Long-Term Low Emission Development Strategy (LT-LEDS). The program focuses on decarbonisation of the built environment, the role of digital technologies, and alignment with national codes, green rating systems, and urban climate frameworks. Through expert-led sessions, real-world case studies, and practical strategies, the series strengthens engineers' ability to design climate-responsive, energy-efficient, and resilient infrastructure that contributes to India's net-zero transition.
- Online Training Programme on Certified Advanced Technology Professional in Artificial Intelligence (CATPAI): A 12-week training course (date to be finalised), covers 12 topics:
 - Artificial Intelligence: The Global Game Changer
 - Understanding Fundamentals of AI, ML, DL
 - Evolution of ICT, Big Data, Data Analytics, AI, and ML
 - Introduction to Large Language Model - Vehicle for AI
 - Use Cases of Prompting in 5 Professions Most Relevant to Nigeria
 - Applicability of Generative AI in Business
 - AI in Creative Arts, Visual Design, Journalism, Media, Education
 - Customising your work with AI
 - Impact of Generative AI on Cybersecurity - Opportunities and Threats
 - Advanced GenAI Threats, Mitigation, and the Human Element in Cybersecurity
 - Ethical & Legal Implications of AI
 - Emerging Trends, Ethics, Global Laws in AI, and Certifications

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- **FIDIC Future Leaders Management Course (FLMC) 2026**, a globally recognised leadership and management programme designed specifically for emerging and mid-career professionals in the consulting engineering and infrastructure sector.

FLMC 2026 is a transformative programme that develops future industry leaders by strengthening strategic and management skills, providing global exposure, and fostering an international network. With practical insights into leadership, ethics, business development, and project management, and direct engagement with FIDIC experts, participants are empowered to lead with impact and vision.

The programme combines online learning modules with a final in-person workshop, hosted by FIDIC Academy, providing an excellent blend of flexibility and hands-on experience.

This includes:

- 4 live webinars (8 hours)
- 17 on-demand videos (12.75 hours)
- Optional live FCCP exam Q&A session (2 hours)
- FIDIC Certified Consulting Professionals (FCCP) exam fee + 1 free retake
- FLMC Capstone Workshops at FIDIC Global Infrastructure Conference (FIDIC GIC) (16 hours)
- Final Cohort Presentation at FIDIC GIC (1 hour)
- Conference registration for 2026 FIDIC GIC
- 25% discount on one FIDIC Academy Skills Pack on FIDIC Contract Courses
- Digital resource pack with key FIDIC publications and sustainability guides

Special course fee for Indian participants

Under FIDIC's region-sensitive pricing policy (World Bank criteria):

- Indian delegates receive a 20% discount
- Course fee: €1,800 (reduced from €2,250) per participant

Course details and registration

- Programme page & registration:
<https://fidic.academy/courses1/future-leaders-management-course-flmc-2026/>
- Final in-person workshop:
- New Delhi, September 2026 (alongside the FIDIC Global Infrastructure Conference)



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- FIDIC-endorsed excellence
- Global perspective
- Career development
- FCCP certification
- International Networking Opportunities

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- CEAI supporting the 2nd Edition India Rail Conference as an Endorsement Partner. This conference scheduled on 9th & 10th February, 2026 at Le Meridian, New Delhi. This edition brings together senior leaders, policymakers, rail operators, technology providers and infrastructure experts to discuss the future of India's railway modernization, innovation, safety, digital transformation and sustainable mobility.
- FIDIC Global Infrastructure Conference (GIC) 2026 being organised on 13 - 15 September 2026 at The Andaz, New Delhi. Further details on the conference theme, programme, speakers, and participation opportunities will be announced soon...

OTHER NEWS

- CEAI has entered into a strategic collaboration with DevelopmentAid, a globally recognized platform supporting organisations and professionals engaged in international development projects. This collaboration is aimed at empowering CEAI members with improved access to international tenders, funding opportunities, market intelligence, and global partnerships. <https://ceai.org.in/NewsDetails.aspx?id=636>
- CEAI Signed MoU with Future Markets as Leading Industry Partner for Build5 Expo 2026. <https://ceai.org.in/NewsDetails.aspx?id=642>

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During the month of January 2026, CEAI conducted the following meetings:

- Seminar & Events Committee meeting held on 15th January 2026
- External Relation Committee meeting held on 21st January 2026
- Finance Committee meeting held on 21st January 2026
- Membership Committee meeting held on 23rd January 2026
- Academy Committee meeting held on 27th January 2026
- Governing Council Meeting held on 28th January 2026

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VIEWPOINT

VIEWPOINT

The theme of the March 2026 edition of Viewpoint is 'Solid Waste Management and the need for stricter waste management policies'.

Solid waste management is a major and seemingly insurmountable challenge in India today, fuelled by rapid urbanisation, population growth, and grossly deficient infrastructure, coupled with inadequate awareness. The systems for onsite handling/segregation, collection, transfer, transport, treatment and disposal are poor with limited understanding of the potential for 3Rs in waste management. Besides, with the current processes, the volume and complexity of the waste generated pose significant environmental and public health risks.

By leveraging the vast knowledge and experience of CEAI members and other stakeholders, this March 2026 edition of ViewPoint will be used as a platform to discuss ideations, concerns and solutions, and new and emerging business opportunities with articles from various Waste Management Professionals.

Articles for the March 2026 edition of ViewPoint need to reach CEAI by 25 February 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 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

1) Viewpoint Advertisement Rates:

	Rate Per issue* (INR)	Discounted rate at 10% for 2 consecutive issues* (INR)	Discounted rate at 20% for 4 consecutive issues* (INR)
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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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2) VIEWPOINT SPONSOR ADVERTISEMENT:

ViewPoint Sponsor Advertisement per issue for "THEME SPECIFIC SOLUTION PROVIDERS/ EXPERTS":

the Rate will be Rs. 35,000/- and will provide the following:

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

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)

Expression of Interest - FIDIC Credentialing Programmes

CEAI has entered into a formal collaboration with FIDIC Credentialing Limited (FCL)-the global certification body of FIDIC-to promote internationally recognised FIDIC Credentialing Certification Programmes among CEAI members and professionals working with member organisations.

This initiative aims to strengthen professional competence, global credibility, and international mobility of Indian consulting engineers and infrastructure professionals.

FIDIC Certification Programmes Available

CEAI members may now apply for the following FIDIC certification programmes:

- FIDIC Certified Consulting Engineer (FCCE)
- FIDIC Certified Consulting Professional (FCCP)
- FIDIC Certified Contract Manager (FCCM)
- FIDIC Certified Procurement Specialist (FCPS)

Exclusive Benefits for CEAI Members

Eligible candidates applying through CEAI will be entitled to special benefits, including:

- 50% discount on application fees
- 35% discount on examination fees
- One free re-take of the examination in case the candidate is unsuccessful on the first attempt
- Access to globally recognised digital certificates and FIDIC badges upon successful certification

Why FIDIC Credentialing?

- International recognition by employers, clients, and multilateral agencies
- Validation of professional competence against global standards
- Enhanced career prospects in India and overseas
- Alignment with best practices in consulting engineering, contracts, and procurement

Application Process

Interested candidates are required to apply through FIDIC's Application Tracking System (ATS) using a dedicated CEAI discount code, which will be shared individually with interested members.

CEAI will also assist candidates, where required, with:

- Programme details and eligibility criteria
- Application guidance
- Examination schedule information

Next Steps

Members who wish to express interest or seek further information are requested to write to info@ceai.org.in / ceai.ceai@gmail.com with the subject line:

“Expression of Interest – FIDIC Credentialing Programme”

We strongly encourage our members to take advantage of this opportunity to obtain globally respected professional credentials and further strengthen India's consulting engineering fraternity.



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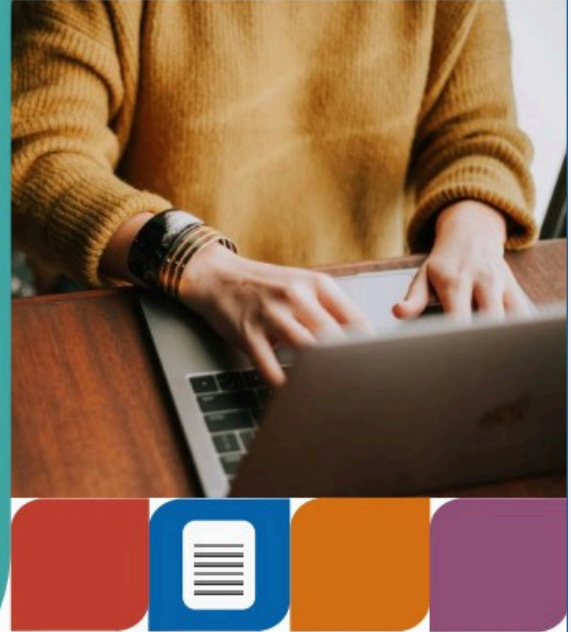
Exclusive offer for CEAI candidates

Candidates who apply through CEAI are eligible to receive exclusive discounts and special incentives.

Are you interested in expanding your consulting, engineering, procurement or contract management career on an international stage?

Prepared to be certified by FIDIC Credentialing, the official credentialing body of FIDIC, the International Federation of Consulting Engineers?

Contact info@ceai.org.in to learn more about this offer.



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