

# Newsletter



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## PRESIDENT'S DESK



Dear Members,

As we move into 2026, the consulting engineering profession continues to stand at a critical intersection of opportunity and responsibility. CEAI remains actively engaged in a range of advocacy initiatives aimed at strengthening the role, recognition, and working environment of consulting engineers across sectors. These efforts—whether with government stakeholders, clients, or allied institutions—are focused on reinforcing fair procurement practices, quality-based selection, and the long-term value that professional consulting brings to India's infrastructure ecosystem.

Capacity building remains central to this mission. I am pleased to share that CEAI has recently strengthened the CEAI Academy team with a new hire, with a clear mandate to further augment and professionalise our training and development offerings. As reflected in this issue, the Academy is expanding beyond traditional technical domains to include leadership, communication, ethics, integrity, sustainability, digitalisation, and emerging technologies. This renewed focus will help our members and their teams remain future-ready in an increasingly complex and multidisciplinary environment.

The Union Budget 2026 has once again reaffirmed the Government of India's sustained focus on infrastructure development across sectors—including transport, urban infrastructure, energy, water, and climate-resilient assets. This continued public investment brings with it heightened expectations from consulting professionals. As trusted advisors, our members must continue to deliver services with the highest standards of quality, integrity, and ethical conduct, while also responding proactively to evolving client and societal needs.

At the same time, the profession itself is undergoing rapid transformation. I strongly encourage member firms to invest in new skill sets and capabilities within their teams—particularly in areas such as artificial intelligence, digital tools, sustainability, climate resilience, carbon management, and low-carbon design. These are no longer optional add-ons, but essential competencies for consultants who wish to remain relevant, competitive, and globally aligned.

CEAI will continue to support its members through advocacy, knowledge sharing, training, and engagement platforms. Together, let us uphold the credibility of our profession and contribute meaningfully to nation-building through engineering excellence.

Warm regards,

Prashant Kapila  
President

## LAURELS & ACCOLADES

- Mr Indranil Aich, CEAI Member elected as a Senior Individual member of INAE (Indian National Academy of Engineering), the most prestigious autonomous body under the Ministry of Science & Technology.

## UPDATE ON EVENTS ORGANISED

### Soft Skill Training

CEAI Academy recently conducted a full-day professional development programme titled “The Professional Toolkit: Mastering Communication, Email Etiquette & Interpersonal Mastery” at the CEAI Centre. The workshop was conducted on the 20<sup>th</sup> of February 2026.

Unlike other programmes centred on codes, standards, or calculations, this workshop addressed a capability equally critical to consulting engineering practice: professional communication.

In consulting engineering, technical competence is assumed. What differentiates professionals, and organisations, is the ability to articulate complex ideas with clarity, manage disagreements constructively, align multidisciplinary teams under pressure, and take ownership beyond defined roles. In an ecosystem involving clients, contractors, regulators, and cross-functional teams, communication failures often cost more than technical errors.

The structured agenda moved progressively from fundamentals to applied scenarios. The morning sessions focused on effective communication. Topics related to verbal, non-verbal, and written communication, along with active listening and questioning techniques, were covered. Participants examined common communication barriers in engineering environments and strategies to overcome them.

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The email etiquette module addressed a persistent professional gap. Participants were instructed in how to structure clear, precise, and accountable written communication. Discussions centred on tone, clarity, drafting discipline, and handling difficult email situations without escalation. In project-driven environments, documentation is both operational and legal; clarity is not optional.

Post-lunch sessions transitioned to interpersonal mastery and workplace dynamics. Rapport-building, empathy, and emotional intelligence were explored not as abstract “soft skills,” but as performance enablers in collaborative engineering settings.

The day concluded with role plays and practical exercises that simulated real-world scenarios, email drafting, conflict conversations, and collaborative problem-solving, followed by structured reflection and Q&A.

What stood out throughout the programme was the seriousness with which participants engaged. The discussions reflected lived workplace realities. There were conversations around site pressures, client expectations, escalation risks, and internal alignment challenges. The session was treated not as a “soft skills” intervention, but as a performance and leadership conversation.

By hosting programmes of this nature, CEAI Academy reinforces its commitment to strengthening not only technical capability but also professional maturity across the consulting engineering fraternity. The future of engineering leadership lies at the intersection of competence and communication.

CEAI Academy extends its gratitude to Ms. VijayShri Attri for delivering an engaging and thought-provoking workshop that connected communication practice directly to professional credibility and project outcomes.



## **Intensive Online Training Course on Detailed Project Report (DPR) Preparation**

To address the rising demand for high-quality infrastructure in India’s highway sector, the CEAI Academy launched the Intensive Online Training Course on Detailed Project Report (DPR) Preparation. This program shifts the focus from simple documentation to a multidisciplinary, lifecycle-driven decision-making process designed to minimize cost overruns, safety hazards, and execution delays.

Spanning eleven instructional days, the curriculum provided a comprehensive exploration of technical, financial, and environmental modules led by industry experts.

The curriculum integrated technical design, investigations, safety engineering, financial analysis, regulatory compliance, and document control, ensuring that DPR preparation was treated not merely as a reporting exercise but as a multidisciplinary, decision-driven process.

The modules combined engineering fundamentals with contemporary priorities such as climate resilience, technology integration, quality assurance, and contractual clarity. By bringing together technical rigor, financial viability, statutory preparedness, and modern design tools, the course provided participants with a holistic understanding of DPR structuring aligned to current industry standards and execution realities.

## KEY INSIGHTS AND OUTCOMES

- \* The course **repositioned DPR preparation** as a **multidisciplinary, lifecycle-driven process**, crucial for project success.
- \* Strong emphasis was placed on **technical rigor, document control, and traceability** to improve DPR defensibility.
- \* Integration of **climate change risk assessment and infrastructure resilience** reflects evolving sector priorities.
- \* Use of modern tools such as **3D design, BIM, drone photogrammetry**, and software like **IITPAVE** highlights technology adoption.
- \* Addressing **regulatory, social, and environmental clearances upfront** aims to reduce project execution risks.
- \* The curriculum balanced **technical design principles with financial and contractual clarity** to ensure project viability.
- \* Participant feedback showed **enhanced knowledge, clarity, and confidence** in DPR structuring and application.
- \* The program reinforced CEAI Academy's role as a **credible platform for practice-oriented continuing education**, especially in bridge engineering.
- \* Active technical engagement and Q&A sessions strengthened understanding of **codal interpretations and real-world applications**.

## CONCLUSION

This comprehensive training program successfully advanced foundational competencies in DPR preparation for highway projects, aligning technical, financial, environmental, and safety aspects within a structured lifecycle framework. It addressed key industry challenges and promoted higher professional standards, accountability, and technically robust infrastructure development in India's highway sector. The course's design and delivery also position CEAI Academy as a model for sustained, high-impact professional education in infrastructure engineering.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- CEAI & FAP jointly organising a webinar on the topic “**FIDIC conditions of contract - Risks in Risk balancing due to Particular conditions**”. Ms. Renjitha Nair will be the speaker of this webinar. She is a Contract and Claim management professional presently working with a cost consultancy firm in Bahrain.

Registration link will be shared through mail

- CEAI is organising a webinar on the topic **Constructing Integrity: Safeguarding Infrastructure Projects from Resume Fraud (Part 1 - Understanding the Risk Landscape)** on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026. Mr Alok Bhowmick, Managing Director, B&S Engineering Consultants Pvt Ltd and Mr Deepak Kumar, Senior Ethics & Compliance Professional, SYSTRA MVA Consulting India Pvt Ltd will be the speakers.

Registration link will be shared through mail

### CEAI Academy program

- In the coming month, the CEAI Academy is planning to do an online webinar on **Introduction to PMP Certification**. The date for the webinar is March 20th, 2026 at 4:00 pm. Members will receive more details closer to the day of the webinar.
- 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 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...

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The 2nd Edition of the India Rail Conference was held on 9th and 10th February 2026 at Hotel Le Meridien. CEAI was the Endorsement Partner for this conference. Mr. Prashant Kapila, President of CEAI, was one of the speakers at the conference. He delivered a presentation on the topic, “The Role of Engineers in Developing Public Infrastructure - The Way Forward”. Mr Arvinder Brara, GC Member of CEAI and Mr Rajiv Maini, Director of CEAI attended this conference.



## DIRECTOR'S DESK

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

- Publication & Communication Committee meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2026
- Integrity Management Committee meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2026
- External Relation Committee Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2026
- Future Leader Forum Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2026
- Foundation Committee Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2026

**We are pleased to inform that Ms Anupama Garg has joined CEAI as Academy Coordinator.**

## 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.

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## 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)