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PRESIDENT'S DESK



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ISSUE

Dear Friends,

Greetings for the Republic Day!

With the inoculation of Covid19 vaccine drive, we are hopeful of coming out of the new normal to normal with business as usual. We have started the year with a very positive mood and excellent collaboration and cooperation amongst the members. It is a matter of satisfaction to inform you all that various business committees and executive committees have been formed with most of the committees started their meetings.

We will continue to work as per the SPR road map to further strengthen our associations outreach.

- Collaboration with Industry, Govt and Clients -> Fair Procurement, Friendly Contract, Removing Barrier, Providing Opportunity to our members
- advancing the business interests of our members
- Make Impact of our Work through High Quality Publication (we need to move on to KM), and create awareness.

With all the above, we should be able to increase our memberships including Young Professionals

We are looking forward to the valedictory function of the 60th Year Diamond Jubilee Celebration of our association during the last week of February 2021, and it would be again on virtual platform. Would like to request all members to participate in the diamond jubilee celebration

Warm regards,

Dr. Ajay Pradhan

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DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATION -CONCLUDING EVENT

The Consulting Engineers Association of India (CEAI) was incorporated in the year 1996, with the merger of two leading national associations, namely ACE(I) (incorporated in 1960) and NACE (incorporated in 1976). CEAI has completed 60 years of services to the Consulting Engineering profession in 2020 and is celebrating this meaningfully as Diamond Jubilee to provide direction to the Fraternity during the Atmanirbhar Mission.

In the COVID infested scenario, the Governing Council of CEAI decided to celebrate Diamond Jubilee of the Association in a befitting manner by recalling the valuable services rendered to the Nation, and charting a new trajectory for the future. In this effort, the technology played a great enabler and provided an effective interface of face to face interaction, participated and applauded by the Fraternity and key stakeholders. The celebrations culminated with Webinars covering varied facets of infrastructure and related aspects.

1.	Safety in Engineering	29th September 2020
2.	Emerging Technologies in Infrastructure Sector	16th October 2020
3.	Dam Safety and Instrumentation	6th November 2020
4.	Asset Management – The Need of the Hour	19th November 2020
5.	Digitalisation in Engineering	18th December 2020

The Celebrations will conclude in February 2021 with the date to be finalized shortly. The event will focus on the topic of “Contribution of Consultants in Fast Tracking Atmanirbhar Bharat”.

We will be soliciting participation from MoRTH, MSME, Ministry of Railways & Commerce, Ministry of Water Resources, MNRE, FIDIC, etc.

AGM OF CEAI EASTERN AND NORTH EAST CENTRE

CEAI Eastern and North East zone held its AGM on 30th January 2021 at Kolkata. The AGM elected the following office bearers/ members for 2021-2022:

Mr Samiran Sen, Chairman
 Mr S Das Patnaik, Co-Chairman
 Mr Mainak Ghosal, Secretary
 Mr Parthajit Patra, Treasurer
 Mr Ayanangshu Dey, Member
 Mr D N Chatterjee, Member
 Mr S P Datta, Member

WEBINAR ON “SAFETY IN CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES”

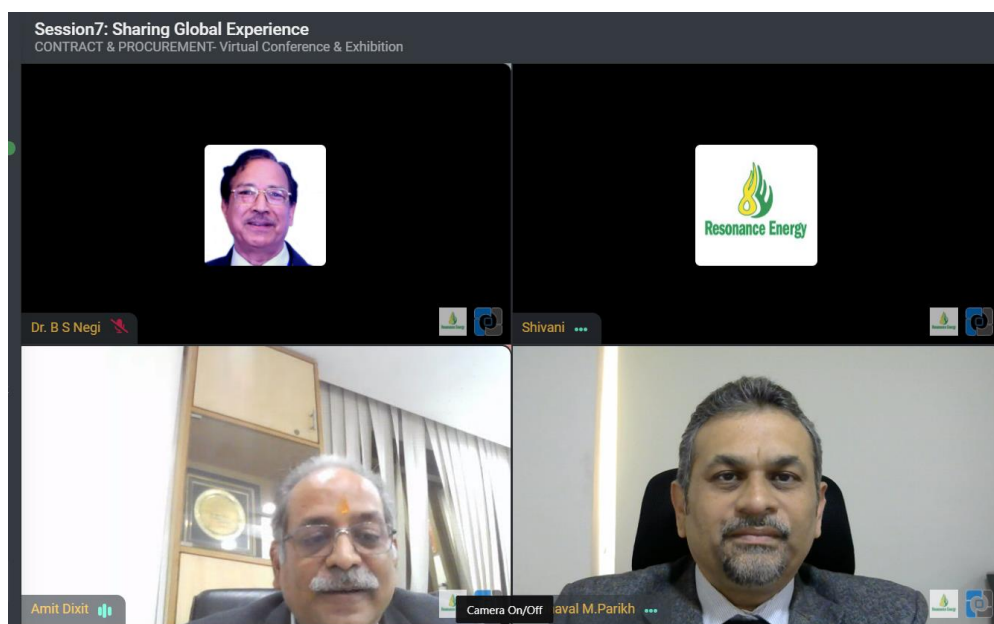
Continuing to spread awareness in keeping with CEAI’s objectives with regard to Safety, CEAI-WRC will be organising the next webinar on 19th March 2021 on the theme “*Safety in Chemical Industries*” as a sequel to the webinar on “*Safety in Engineering*” held in September 2020. The theme is based on requests received plus the large number of fires, blasts and other malfunctions which have occurred since the lockdown began, all of which have been reported by the media. The accidents and instances resulted on account of transgressions relating to safety in designs, operations and maintenance in process industries and also others.

CEAI-WRC will be associated with the American Institute of Chemical Engineers - Centre for Chemical Process Safety, Reliance Industries Limited and Tata Consulting Engineers Limited for the webinar.

MEMBER NEWS

4th Contract & Procurement Virtual Conference & Exhibition 2021

4th Contract & Procurement Virtual Conference & Exhibition 2021 (for Oil and Gas Sector) was organized by Resonance Energy on 12 and 13 January 2021. CEAI representative, Vice President Dr Dhaval M. Parikh was invited as a Speaker in Session 7: Sharing Global Experiences. His talk on “*FIDIC Conditions of Contracts for Oil and Gas Industry*” was very well received and many participants and government organizations showed interest in considering FIDIC Conditions for their future tendering.



CEAI participated in webinar organised by British Colombia and World Trade Center Mumbai

In partnership with the Province of British Columbia, World Trade Center-Mumbai and BC-India Business Network, organised a webinar on "BC-India Trade & Investment Opportunity: Infrastructure (Engineering)" on Thursday 21st January 2021.

With a view to promote the Infrastructure (Engineering) Sector between India and British Columbia, the organisers had invited prominent Businessmen and Professionals from CEAI in this sector to exchange views and facilitate technical collaborations, partnerships and investments.

Mr Sudhir Dhawan, Past President, representing CEAI made a presentation on 'Engineering Sector in India & Areas of Cooperation'. In his presentation Mr Dhawan highlighted: services rendered by Member Firms of CEAI and their fields of specialisation. He also mentioned that Indian consultants are working in other parts of world and are well recognised for their technical expertise.

There were number of consultants from British Colombia who participated and asked questions about India. Told them that CEAI would be happy to assist them whenever required.

Mrs. Caroline Andrews President & CEO, Association of Consulting Engineering Companies of British Colombia made a good presentation.

Indian Ambassador to Canada Mr. Ajay Bisaria inaugurated the Webinar. Besides, government of British Colombia gave presentation and proposed to enter into MOU with CEAI.

Govt. of Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh representatives invited Canadian companies to invest in their respective states

There were about 105 attendees.

VIEW POINT

The December issue of View Point is under print and will be circulated to all concerned soon. The theme for the View Point of March 2021 is "Export of Consultancy Services".

Indian Consulting Organisations and Professionals are doing yeoman services in many developing countries in Africa, Central Asia, South East Asia – the ASEAN countries, and South America. They are providing appropriate solutions which are affordable for developing countries and for that they adapt from or modify the more expensive ones which may not be the right fit. Articles could discuss the qualifying requirements, the sources of assistance for funding for the consulting engineers, the major sectors where opportunities are available, etc. Consulting Engineers are requested to share their experiences – the trials and tribulations, they encountered in the bargain but doggedly pursued their aim and ultimately achieved it. Apart from direct project involvements there are others who are involved with arrangements such as the offshore design services for foreign Consulting Engineering organisations or even foreign Owners directly. Consulting Engineers could also be involved with training etc. Articles are invited on all aspects from CEAI Members and various stakeholders on the subject considering their experience.

Authors are urged to share their knowledge and experience by providing case studies of the works executed or in execution, first-hand accounts of the challenges faced, practical issues experienced and the solutions to those, etc. Photographs, charts, diagrams, drawings, etc. would benefit readers for better appreciation of the issues encountered and the manner in which they were addressed.

The articles for an issue need to reach CEAI at least 3 weeks prior to the end of the month of the View Point issue.

Articles need to be in 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.

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Advertising in the VIEW POINT gives the advertiser wide exposure and visibility.

Support from CEAI members and stakeholders are sought in increasing the number of advertisements, such that View Point gain in its stature as a unique Technical Publication.

The rates for advertisements in VIEWPOINT are given below. This is excluding GST @ 5% or as prescribed, which will be extra:

Item	Rate Per issue* (Rs)	Discounted rate at 20% for 4 consecutive issues* (Rs)
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Inside Front Cover **	15,000/-	48,000/-
Inside Back Cover **	15,000/-	48,000/-
Full Page	10,000/-	32,000/-

*GST @ 5% or as prescribed will be added to the above rates.

**Inside Front & Back Covers booked till June 2021 & Sept 21, respectively