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PRESIDENT'S DESK



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ISSUE

Dear Friends,

I am glad to inform you that Mr. Vishwas Jain, Governing Council Member and MD of CEG Ltd. Jaipur has been nominated as the new Vice President of CEAI. I congratulate and welcome Mr. Vishwas Jain and look forward to working with him to serve the interests of the Association and its Members.

I wish you all good health and peace. We need to remain united and work together as Member Organizations and Individual Members are going through the most difficult time of their professional and personal life.

The Pandemic has also hit CEAI hard as an association. We lost an efficient secretariat staff towards the end of April and then soon thereafter in early May, one of our Vice Presidents, Dr. Dhaval M Parikh also fell to the deadly COVID19 virus. Because of the many uncertainties created by the pandemic and the reintroduction of lockdowns in many parts of the country, CEAI thought it prudent to postpone two webinars that had been scheduled. However, we have now scheduled a webinar on 24th June on "*Hazards & Risks*" through our Western Regional Centre. The dates for other events will also be announced in due course.

We look forward to restarting other activities in virtual modes as the lockdowns across the country are eased and commercial operations go back to as they were two months ago.

Warm regards,

Dr. Ajay Pradhan

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NEW VICE PRESIDENT OF CEAI

Mr Vishwas Jain, Chairperson of CEAI Northern Region and Managing Director of Consulting Engineers Group Ltd., Jaipur has been nominated as the new Vice President of CEAI for the term 2021-22.

WEBINARS POSTPONED

It was with great regret that the Governing Council of CEAI, on account of the spurt in the pandemic and the untimely demise of Dr. Dhaval Parikh, Vice President CEAI, decided to postpone the webinars ***“Raising the Bar by Women Professionals - 3 Cs of Career, Challenges & Commitment”*** and that on ***“FIDIC Contracts – Need of the Hour”*** which had been scheduled for May and June 2021.

The new dates for those webinars will be announced later.

FORTHCOMING WEBINAR

CEAI is pleased to announce the next webinar which will be on ***“Hazards and Risks”*** to be held on Thursday 24th June 2021 starting at 10:30 am (IST).

Risks are encountered at every step and hence an exhaustive discussion would virtually not be feasible. The webinar will focus on three areas. Firstly, Risks in Engineering, be they Projects or others. Given the complexity of engineering in these times, the identification, assessment and mitigation of risks is necessary and essential; that’s what will be talked about.

Secondly, Contracts, which whether written or oral, explicit or implied have also become a part and parcel of our life. Hence, rationalization of Contracts with equitable allocation of responsibilities, risks and accountability are the sine qua non for projects.

Thirdly, the need to address hazards which if not properly dealt with can lead to risks. There are man-made risks and those on account of nature. Natural phenomena in most cases result in multi-hazard situations; one disaster giving rise to another – storms to landslides or glacial movement and floods; cyclones to storm surges, tsunamis by undersea earthquakes, etc. The need to consider and engineer for such multi-hazard scenarios will be discussed.

The webinar will help to orient and channelise the thought process so that the consequences can be minimized if not totally nullified. Engineers from all disciplines, Design Engineers, Quantity Surveyors, Construction Professionals Consultants, Corporate Legal Heads, VP/ GM Contracts, Commercial Managers, Project Managers, Lawyers & Arbitrators, Insurance Professionals and Others who have a professional interest in Engineering projects and products will find to be of immense benefit.

Mark your Calendar and Register Early



TRIBUTE TO DR. DHAVAL M PARIKH

Dear Friends and Colleague

With heavy heart, I have to inform you all that Dr. Dhaval M Parikh, Vice President of CEAI & President International of Aarvee Associates Pvt. Ltd. passed away on 8th May 2021 with Covidrelated complications. Sorrow fills our hearts at this sad moment, a sorrow that is deep and personal.

Dr. Dhaval M Parikh gave much to his work, as an excellent professional and international collaborator. We offer our heartfelt condolences and keep his family in our prayers and thoughts. Dr. Parikh educated in India and USA with PhD Degrees in engineering. He was a brilliant business and contract manager, the only FIDIC accredited trainer in India. He was very sharp in articulating matters in a lucid manner.

I have known Dr. Dhaval M Parikh since 1999 when he was working with Sheladia Associates as Business Head, and I was working as the Development Director in DHV Consultants. We worked in joint ventures for several road projects along with Aarvee Associates and Sheladia. As such, he contributed much to the development of the Sheladia, SAI and then as International Head for Aarvee.

Dr. Parikh was deeply concerned with improving collaboration with FIDIC headquarters and he was very keen to impart training at different levels to government organisations.

Dr. Parikh was a good boss to the people in his charge, a loving husband to his wife, and a devoted father to his children. He was also a good friend to many of us and a great colleague.

In his career as Head of Business Development in Sheladia, President of SAI and the last position that he held as President International for AARVEE, he worked with passion, integrity and energy. By his passing away all the people who knew him will miss a highly intelligent, vibrant individual with a rare friendliness and charm of personality. Dr. Parikh was a genuinely warm and wonderful individual - one we will miss greatly. Our sorrow is lessened only slightly with the comforting thought that we had the privilege to know him.

We pray to the Almighty to rest his soul in peace. Om Shanti!!!

Dr. Ajay Pradhan
President -CEAI

MEMBER NEWS



Dr Ajay Pradhan inducted as Member of the Board of Management of KISS

Dr. Ajay Pradhan, President CEAI has been inducted as a Member of the Board of Management of Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) Deemed to be University, Bhubaneswar, the largest residential tribal institute and the only university in the world exclusively for the tribal community.



Best Overseas Paper Award to Mr. Amitabha Ghoshal

The Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE), UK, announced the best overseas paper award to Mr Amitabha Ghoshal, Member of the Governing Council and the Immediate Past President of CEAI in their publication Engineering History and Heritage for the paper titled *“Howrah Bridge: Icon of a 330 year old city in India – Part I, History, Planning and Design”* by Mr. Amitabha Ghoshal.

VIEW POINT

The theme for the June 2021 issue is *“Risk and Resilience”*.

Consulting Engineers are requested to share their experiences – the trials and tribulations, they encountered in their professional carrier. 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 themes for the ViewPoint issues for 2021 and 2022 are given below.

Sl. No.	Theme	ViewPoint issue
1	Risk and Resilience (to inter alia cover Climate Change, Natural and Man-made Disasters, Integrated Engineering, Risks in Engineering, etc. How they need to be assessed, addressed and mitigated)	June 2021
2	Flood Management in Built Environment	September 2021
3	Changing Technologies for Consulting Engineering (to cover Business as well as Technical)	December 2021
4	Becoming <i>Atmanirbhar</i> – Concept to Reality	March 2022
5	Contract Management	June 2022
6	Tall Buildings in India (to cover all aspects conceptualisation to end of design life)	September 2022
7	Technology/ Engineering for Sustainability and Circular Economy	December 2022

The articles for an issue need to reach CEAI office 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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