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PRESIDENT'S DESK



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Dear Members,

One of the avowed aims of CEAI is to improve the professional standing of the Engineers and to secure better working conditions for the Consulting Engineers.

Towards this end, CEAI has been making interactions with the top level officials in various government departments, to appraise them of the difficulties faced in operation and device the ways to mitigate. One effective interaction, in the form of a workshop, was held on January 28th at Delhi and reports on same are included for your awareness and further participation. The deliberations were focussed, professional and opened up doors for future actions, that will benefit our community.

CEAI members are invited to various public events where they contribute meaningfully for betterment of the profession. We intend to report on all such events that may be forwarded by you, to highlight the contribution, we CEAI members do for the profession.

United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) has declared 4th March as World Engineering Day for Sustainable Development and CEAI is holding an event on that day. All of you are invited to participate.

Warm regards.

Amitabha Ghoshal

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WORKSHOP ON GLOBAL VISION 2030 – ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

CEAI have been planning to expand its outreach by setting up interactions with Government departments to convey the problems our fraternity face and also to persuade authorities to initiate long term corrective actions for redressal of the contentious issues. The first such opportunity came in the wake of the seminar held during the GES conference held at Bangalore in November 2019 (earlier reported).

The Service Export Promotion Council (SEPC), of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MOCI), Government of India (GOI) and the Consulting Engineers Association of India (CEAI), jointly organised the ‘**Workshop on Global Vision 2030 – Engineering & Construction Services**’ on 28th January 2020 at the Royal Plaza Hotel, New Delhi.

The workshop was held in two focus sessions. The first session was on the topic of ‘The Domestic Scenario – Challenges and Need for Capacity Building’. Mr Sudanshu Pandey, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, chaired the Session.

Ms Sangeeta Godbole, Director General of SEPC delivered welcome address. She briefed about SEPC and SEPC has just started promoting the export of Engineering services. She said that after the B2B meeting organised jointly by CEAI & SEPC in July 2019 at New Delhi, SEPC and Ministry of Commerce & Industry, GOI, had organized the Global Exhibition of Services (GES) in November 2019 at Bangalore. This workshop is a follow up with these events.



Mr Amitabha Ghoshal, President CEAI addressing the participants

Mr Amitabha Ghoshal, President CEAI briefed about the objectives of the workshop. He explained that CEAI is the mouthpiece of Consulting Engineering Industry and is aiming to strengthen the sector, such that Indian capability can be exported to the entire world. As a Member organization of FIDIC, CEAI is authorized to conduct training on FIDIC Contract documents in India. He also stressed the need for statutory recognition for Indian Engineers like other professions, i.e., medical, legal etc.



View of Participants

The following presented their views in the first session:

1. Mr V N Heggade of STUP Consultants Pvt Ltd
2. Mr A K Singh, Vice President, Larsen & Toubro Ltd
3. Dr Rajashekhar Malur, Chief Technology Officer, Tata Consulting Engineers Ltd
4. Mr K K Kapila, Chairman & Managing Director, ICT Pvt Ltd
5. Mr Amit Sharma, Managing Director, Tata Consulting Engineers Ltd



Mr Sudanshu Pandey, Additional Secretary, Min. of Commerce, sharing his views with the participants

At the end of the first session, Mr Sudanshu Pandey, Additional Secretary, MOC, presented his views on the topic and the support being provided by MOC. He suggested to conduct a detailed study and compare with the global market. Thereafter a focus session should be conducted which can address some of these issues. On request of Mr Amitabha Ghoshal, President CEAI, Mr Pandey invited CEAI to approach MOC at any time with a specific agenda which will be beneficial for the consulting profession. Mr Pandey informed that

Mr Amit Sharma, MD of TATA Consulting Engineers Ltd, has been elected to the Governing Council of SEPC.



Mr Amit Sharma, Managing Director, Tata Consulting Engineers Ltd, presenting his views

The second focus session was on the topic of “VISION 2030 – How Aspirational India can compete Globally”. This session was chaired by Mr Darpan Jain, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Commerce & Industry.

In this session, the following participated:

1. Dr Ajay Pradhan, President & CEO, Cetus Consulting Solution Services Pvt Ltd
2. Dr Dhaval Parikh, Director (International Business), Aarvee Associates Engineers & Consultants Pvt Ltd
3. Mr Abhik Pal, Former Executive Vice President & SSUB Head (T&D), Tata Projects Ltd
4. Mr Pankaj Kumar Singh, Advisor (Infra), Ministry of External Affairs
5. Mr S Prabhalathan, CGM, EXIM Bank



Mr Darpan Jain, Joint Secretary, addressing the participants

Mr Darpan Jain, Joint Secretary, MOCI, offered his ministry's support to CEAI for discussing the issues being faced by the engineering profession in India.

As a follow-up CEAI will forward consolidated proposals on different issues to the Ministry shortly.

The entire proceedings went off satisfactorily in an atmosphere of positive vibe.

LECTURE SERIES ON ENGINEERS & THE SOCIETY

In continuation of the first Lecture series held from August 2018 to January 2019, CEAI is organising series of six monthly lectures at Indian International Centre, Lodhi Road New Delhi from January 2020.

The first Lecture held on 22nd January 2020 at India International Centre, New Delhi. The topic of the lecture was 'Role of Standards and Certification for Quality'.



Dignitaries on the dais : (l-r) Mr Sanjay Pant, Mr H S Dogra, Mr Anil Jauhri, Mr Somenath Ghosh

The lecture was chaired by Mr H S Dogra, Former DG, CPWD and Chairman Civil Engineering Division Council, BIS.



Mr Anil Jauhri making his presentation

Presentations were made by the following persons:

- i) Mr Anil Jauhri, Former CEO, National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB)
- ii) Mr Sanjay Pant, Scientist F, Head Civil Engineering Dept., Bureau of Indian Standard (BIS).



Mr Sanjay Pant making his presentation

FORTHCOMING SEMINAR ON WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FOR URBAN AREAS & INDUSTRIES

Consulting Engineers Association of India is organising a Seminar on 'Water Infrastructure for Urban Areas & Industries' on 13-14 February 2020 at Bhubaneswar. The seminar will be organised in partnership with Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT), Bhubaneswar.

The objective of this conference is to understand the current state of the affairs and need for the development of water infrastructure for Urban Areas and Industrial Sectors. The conference will also deliberate the shortfall in financing led to massive backlog in creating new infrastructure, and belated attempt to rehabilitate crumbling water infrastructure. The conference will dwell upon water management practises, the plans and proposals contemplated by government to bolster the water infrastructure.

The discussions will be held on the following sub-themes:

Plenary Session: State of Water Infrastructure

Focus Session 1: Water Resource and Supply

Focus Session 2: Waste Water Management

Focus Session 3: Water for Mining & Industries

Focus Session 4: New Technologies and Innovations

Focus Session 5: Financing in Water Infrastructure

For more details please contact CEAI Secretariat or visit at <https://ceai.org.in/events/seminar-on-water-infrastructure-for-urban-industries/>

MEMORANDUM TO FINANCE MINISTER

With a view to upcoming Union Budget, CEAI has submitted a memorandum / recommendation to the Finance Minister on 2nd January 2020 with the request to incorporate in the Union Budget 2020-2021. CEAI recommended the following points:

- TDS for Consulting Engineers / Service Sector to be reduced to 2.5% from 10%
- Reduce the Income Tax to 25% from 30% as for Limited Liability Companies (LLP)
- To deposit GST only when the money is collected from Service receiver
- To evaluate and grant appropriate compensation for Extension of Time (EOT) and set off bank interest from budgetary allocation.
- To adopt practice of Omnibus Bank Guarantee
- To adopt Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) for PMC / Consultants
- Keep 2% of GDP on R&D

CEAI MEMBERS' NEWS

India Economic Conclave

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BCC&I) organised second edition of 'India Economic Conclave' on 15th January 2020 at the Park, Kolkata.

Mr Amitabha Ghoshal, President CEAI was invited for chairing the session on Infrastructure development and its influence on economy.



Mr Amitabha Ghoshal, President CEAI, addressing the participants during the conclave

Business Sphere Magazine's Award

Mr Arvinder S Brara, Vice President, CEAI and Chairman & Managing Director, Mantec Consultants Pvt Ltd honored with the award for Excellence in the Field of Technical & Environment Consultancy by Business Sphere Magazine at a function organized by them at hotel Samrat, New Delhi on 16th January, 2020.



Mr Arvinder S Brara, receiving the award for Excellence in the field of Technical and Environment Consultancy by Business Sphere Magazine on 16th January, 2020. Seen also in the photograph are Dr. Anil Agrawal, Member of Parliament, Mr. Ricardo Berna, Charge d'Affaires of the Embassy of Panama, Mr. Juan Cortez Rojas, Charge d'Affaires, Embassy of Bolivia and Mr. Deepak Khattar, CEO, Business Sphere'

Annual Convention of Builders Association of India

BAI held their annual convention this year at the Vedic village near Kolkata on 5th January, Sunday. Mr.

Amitabha Ghoshal chaired the session on "Future of Construction" and updated the audience on what to expect in the future.

Award for Best Project Management Consultancy & Building Design Services in India

Mr Vineet Lochan Gupta, Life Member of CEAI and CEO of Techno Engineers received award for Best Project Management Consultancy & Building Design Services in India. The award 2019 was organised by Blindwind.



Mr Vineet Lochan Gupta receiving the award

Mr Alok Bhowmick elected as a Fellow of INAE

In recognition of commendable work and invaluable contribution in the field of bridge and structural engineering, the Council of the Indian National Academy of Engineering (INAE) elected Mr Alok Bhowmick as a Fellow of INAE with effect from 1st November 2019.



WORLD ENGINEERING DAY FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Considering the global awareness and understanding of the role of engineering in modern life, United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) has declared 4th March as World Engineering Day for Sustainable Development. IEI being a National Member of World Federation of Engineering Organizations (WFEO) requested the engineering community in India to celebrate this day in a befitting manner.

The World Engineering Day for Sustainable Development will be celebrated by CEAI by holding an event on March 4, titled “Goodbye to L1 – a route to Sustainable Development for Engineering Works” together with FICCI at India International Centre Auditorium at Delhi. Members are returned to participate.

CEAI wishes to join hands with UNESCO and celebrate this day for Sustainable Development. We would request members to come forward with your suggestions to join the World Engineers Day on 4th March.

VIEW POINT

The themes for the next three issues of Viewpoint would be:

- Building Services** (March 2020)
- New Materials & Systems for Buildings** (June 2020)
- Stakeholder Management in Public Infrastructure Projects** (September 2020)

Considering the experience of CEAI members and various stakeholders in the subjects, CEAI would be happy to receive articles on the above themes.

Authors could 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 our readers for better appreciation of the issues encountered and addressed.

The articles for an issue need to reach CEAI at least 6 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 is to be sent along with the article.

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