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Dear Members,

Best wishes for a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year to you and your near and dear ones!

CEAI had an well attended AGM on December 7 and the deliberations focused on the way forward, to make CEAI a truly representative body of all members of Consulting fraternity and make the society at large aware of the important role the Consulting Engineers play for development of the country.

You, members, are requested to augment the efforts of the GC in above respect by

- i) Enlisting more members of the profession to become active members of CEAI
- ii) Participating in greater numbers in events being organized by CEAI

In this age of faster digital communication, Consultancy Profession can make a decisive contribution to the development of the country by pooling together our resources, using the unique platform provided by CEAI.

Let us work together in 2020 and make a difference

Warm regards.

AMITABHA GHOSHAL

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF CEAI

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Consulting Engineers Association of India was held on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at the CEAI Centre, New Delhi. The following actions and decisions were taken:

1. Minutes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting held on 14 December 2018 were confirmed.
2. Adopted the Annual Report of the Association for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019.
3. Passed the Audited Accounts of the Association for the year ended 31 March 2019.
4. Appointed Auditors for the Financial Year 2019-2020.
5. Presented future Action Plans in keeping with the Strategic Plan adopted by the Association for systematic rapid development.

During the AGM, President conveyed that CEAI is striving to improve the recognition of Consulting Engineers at all levels in the country. He shared the action plan of sub-committees for the next year.

President intimated that CEAI is intensively working with SEPC for exporting consultancy services. CEAI GC members would be having meeting with Ministry of Commerce, for planning future road map.

It was highlighted that Consultants' performance, to a large extent, depends on the Performance of the Contractor. In this context, CEAI has been working to seek a change in the Award of Contracts to Contractors from Least Cost to Lowest Workable Rates. As regards the "Lowest Workable Rates", number of suggestions have been incorporated in the FIDIC Document titled "Selection of Contractors" prepared by an International Task Force under the Chairmanship of Mr. K.K. Kapila in 2017.

The AGM was attended by about fifty members and healthy animated discussions were held for

identifying how CEAI can improve the recognition of Consulting Engineers in the society at large.

The AGM was followed by a hearty lunch in sunny outdoor and afforded a chance to members to network.



*Members discussing at the 23<sup>rd</sup> AGM of CEAI*

## **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/>

## **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 topics for the six lectures will be as follows:

1. Role of Standards and Certification for Quality
2. How to Enhance Road Safety
3. Smart Cities
  - a. Mobility
  - b. Water
  - c. Solid Waste
4. Project Management and its Intricacies
5. Asset Management
  - a. Road
  - b. Railways
  - c. Buildings
6. Emerging Technology Solutions for the Built Environment

The first Lecture will be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at India International Centre – Annexe, Lecture Room I, Max Muller Marg, Lodhi Road, New Delhi 110003 The topic of the lecture will be ‘Role of Standards and Certification for Quality’.

Chairperson for the Lecture will be Mr H S Dogra, Former DG, CPWD and Chairman Civil Engineering Division Council, BIS.

Presentations will be 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).



## STEEL USAGE IN BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION AND INFRASTRUCTURE SECTOR

Ministry of Steel is planning to organise a workshop/ seminar in the last week of February, 2020 by inviting Japanese experts on usage of steel in Building & Construction and Infrastructure Sector. The purpose of the workshop/ seminar will be to identify the areas in Building & Construction and Infrastructure sector where more steel usage can be achieved with the help of Japanese experts in the field. To identify such areas in India and share with the Japanese side to get their expert views, Ministry of Steel has invited CEAI to attend a meeting held in Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi on 24 December. Mr Rajiv Maini, Director CEAI represented CEAI for this meeting. The representatives from MoHUA, MoRTH, SAIL, RINL, NMDC, MECON, INSDAG, ISA, SRTMI, JSW, Tata Nest-In, Everest, BMTPC, DLF, NBCC, L&T.. were also attended the meeting.

## MEETING WITH ADDITIONAL SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE

A meeting between Mr Sudhanshu Pandey and senior members of CEAI comprising Mr Sudhir Dhawan, Past President, Ms Sayona Philip, President and Dr Ajay Pradhan, Vice President, held on 23 December 2019 at the chamber of Additional Secretary at Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi.

CEAI members discussed with the Additional Secretary regarding the challenges that are being faced by the engineering consultancy industry in India.

## NEWS FROM CENTRES

- South Zone Centre at Bangalore is planning to arrange an Workshop with SEPC and Ministry of Commerce shortly to review the problems

afflicting Consulting Engineering fraternity and how to augment export of Consultancy services.

- Eastern Zone could not hold the Capacity Building Seminar for ADB as scheduled, as ADB had to postpone the event due to political disturbances in Eastern areas. The event is expected to be held shortly.
- Western Zone is planning to hold multiple events shortly, including Workshop on Welding Technology. Preparation for establishing a unit of CEAI at Pune is in advanced stage.

## NEW MEMBERS

The following members have joined CEAI in December 2019:

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**CEAI extend a warm welcome to the new members and look forward to their active participation in the activities of CEAI.**

**VIEW POINT**

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

- (a) **Building Services** (March 2020)
- (b) **New Materials & Systems for Buildings** (June 2020)
- (c) **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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