

Sub: State of Physical infrastructure in the Nation & Engineers Day Celebration.

Dear Colleagues.

During past fortnight all of us have seen several news articles appearing in print as well as in electronic media about the state of Physical Infrastructure in the country.

The burning issues as we know are.

- a) Collapsed civil Infrastructure in several of our Major Metropolises, such as Bengaluru, Gurgaon, & Mumbai, where the transportation system failed the citizens & resulted in several casualties.

Interestingly, little has come to the attention of National media regarding the sad plight of citizens living in many smaller urban centres.

- b) Collapse of buildings, both existing as well as those under construction resulting in loss of lives.
- c) And, now, the issues related to massive time & cost over runs in execution of Mega Infra projects, resulting in erosion of delivery potentials of engineering companies, loss of employment & a massive adverse impact on the National Financial & Banking Sector, eventually resulting in impeded economic growth

The role of Engineers who, indeed are professional therefore assumes great importance, if we, as a Nation, have to get over the sorry state.

We celebrate 15th September every year as the Engineers Day in the benign memory of Sir Visweswarya & I would take the liberty of suggesting to all engineers to

- i. Strengthen our fraternity in joining hands as truly Professional Engineers.
- ii. To convey through the print & electronic media the limitations being faced by the Engineers & the possible solutions to the existing maladies.

While wishing you a very productive Engineers Day, I feel that this small gesture shall really be the appropriate Ode to the respected Soul.

Thanks & regards

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