

IEB Observed Engineer's Day



Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB) observed its 77th founding day in a befitting manner on Wednesday, May 7, 2025. The then Institution of Engineers, Pakistan (IEP) was established on this historic day of 1948 at Dhaka. In order to observe the day, IEB chalked out a series of programs spanning throughout the month of May, 2025. To mark the day, the programs were announced through a press conference held on May 6 at the seminar room (1st floor) of IEB Headquarters Building on May 06 at 3:30 pm.

In order to observe the day, a large number of engineers including the office bearers of IEB assembled at IEB Headquarters campus, Ramna in the morning at 8:00 am and took part in the hoisting of national flag and IEB flag and oath taking ceremony. Thereafter, the engineers led out a colorful rally within the campus to mark the day with a cake cutting ceremony of the founding day followed by a discussion meeting and prize giving ceremony in the evening at 7:00 pm. The different programs designed to observe on the engineers day were organized from May 08 and continued up to May 17 by different divisions of IEB and these included – meeting on exchange views & ideas, round table conference, seminar, workshop, symposium etc which also included seminar of IEB Women Engineers Chapter.

ASCE Student Chapter of CUET, Seminar and AGM 2025

The CUET ASCE Student Chapter, in association with the Department of Civil Engineering, organized a day-long program comprising of a seminar on-

“Civil Engineering Ethics and Sustainability” and the Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2025 on May 15, 2025-completing a leadership milestone and ethical introspection. The seminar was graced with the presence of Engr. Abu Saleh Md Nuruzzaman (Munna), Secretary, ASCE Bangladesh Section and Retired Additional Chief Engineer, RHD. In his keynote, he emphasized engineers twin roles as builders and moral guardians of society and nature. Referring to personal experiences, he demonstrated how ethic-based decision-making by engineers leads to sustainable results. A lively Q & A session later further increased students’ awareness of their ethical and social responsibilities.



The AGM 2025 celebrated the chapter’s past achievements and welcomed the 5th Executive Committee for 2025–2026, which consisted of President Abdul Wadud Shimul, Vice Presidents Nizam Abdullah Towsif and Nawrin Nawar, and Secretary Md. Shafkatul Islam. Alumni, faculty members, and students graced the occasion with their presence to welcome the new vision and leadership. Outgoing members and faculty advisors motivated the new team to enhance technical and community outreach. By reaffirming its commitment to ASCE’s mission, the chapter is committed to advancing academic excellence, leadership and ethical awareness in civil engineering education. The AGM concluded with a shared sense of purpose highlighting ASCE Student Chapter CUET’s pledge to produce not only competent engineers but also socially responsible leaders of the future.

LGED Development Program at Gazipur



Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) is playing a pivotal role in the development of rural infrastructures like roads, markets, sanitation etc. all over the country. Under this program, Targaon Union-headquarter Dardaria Bazar Road development work has been completed under the greater Dhaka Rural Infrastructure Development-3 (1st revised) under Kaptasia Upazila under Gazipur district. Due to the development of the road, the people of Targaon union in Kaptasia upazila of Gazipur district can travel easily. Apart from this, remarkable development has been achieved in the agriculture and fisheries sectors in Kaptasia upazila, including the transportation of rice, corn, vegetables and fish to different parts of the country including the capital, at low cost.

Damage by Erosion of Tista River



Tista river is one of the important water sources in north Bengal which flows through many districts. River banks at many points throughout its length are being often affected by river erosion putting many houses and property into river water of the rural people causing untold misery. Engr. Aminul Haque Bhuyan, Director General, BWDB (Bangladesh Water Development Board) inspected similar affected erosion river areas of Tista river under Rangpur and Lalmanirhat districts. During his site visit on October 03 2024, he talked to the

people of the affected areas and exchanged views and ideas with them and heard their problems. He assured them to undertake measure for mitigating the prevailing problems on behalf of BWDB as soon as possible. Officials of BWDB serving in north Bengal, concerned Chief Engineer, SEs, XENS accompanied the DG along with the other field level officers, during DG's site visit.

Express Train Dhumketu



An Express Train Service, named Dhumketu Express has been opened by Bangladesh Railway (BR) making the journey comfortable for the passengers between Rajshahi divisional town to capital city, Dhaka. The train runs from Dhaka to Rajshahi six days in a week. Dhaka -Rajshahi : It provides service six days in a week, Thursday being off day which departs from Kamalapur station at 6:00am and arrives Rajshahi at 11:40am covering a distance of 342 km in 5 hrs 40 min. Seating arrangement includes Shovon Chair (Tk 340/-), Snigdha (1st class seat) approx. Tk 656/- and AC Seat/Berth : Tk 782/- Tk 473. Rajshahi-Dhaka : The train provides service six days in a week and leaves Rajshahi at 11:20pm and arrives Dhaka at about 5:00am, and the travel time is about 6 hours, Wednesday being off day. Seating arrangement includes Shovon Chair (Tk 405/-), Snigdha (1st class seat) approx. Tk 771/- and AC Seat/Berth : Tk 926/-/Tk 1386/-. The train is equipped with air conditioning in AC Class, clear bedding, charging outlets, dinning car, wash rooms and prayer spaces etc. Shovon is the cheapest option, AC Berth is the most comfortable with air conditioning and beds while Snigdha chair coach is the middle – not too expensive but still comfortable. Tickets can be booked via (e-ticket Bangladesh Railway) or the Rail Sheba mobile app. or directly at station counter.

48th ECM of ACECC Held

48th Executive Committee Meeting of the Asian Civil Engineering Coordinating Council (ACECC) was held recently in the city of Yangon, Myanmar. The occasion was hosted by Federation of Myanmar Engineering Societies (Fed. MES) in a befitting manner from 7 – 9 April, 2025, the venue being Novotel Hotel Max. The programs

were organized in orchestrated manner which included TCCM, PCM and ECM including site seeing.

1st Day, Monday, April 7 : The 37th Technical Coordination Committee Meeting (TCCM) began at 8:40 am and continued up to 10:40 am. Representative from 17 member societies remained present with Cambodia as the guest. The meeting reviewed the minutes of the 36 TCCM held in Wellington, New Zealand in Oct. 20, 2024. Then the meeting proceeded with the presentation of Activity Report of each TC. It was decided that there is no limit of members on a TC from any society. After that discussion was made on the financial support and it was agreed that most of the support would be prioritized (the majority of support) to middle to low-income economies. It was the 42nd Planning Committee Meeting (PCM) that started after launch break at 13:30pm after confirmation of a quorum 16 of 17 members present and was over at 17:00pm. The meeting continued as per agenda without any change and discussed at length about potential new members which included the name of Society of Engineers (SoE) in UAE (Dubai), Cambodian Society of Civil Engineers (CSCE-Cambodia), EIT (Thailand) etc. RSCE suggested that the Secretary General reach out to several nations in Central Europe/Asia.



Attention was drawn on the restructuring of the CECAR budget in relation to the Corporate Contributions. Brian Parsons presented the SG Report as shown in the Agenda Attachments. SG proposed to supply photos of the passed ECMs for documenting ECM photo album. The proposed budget to purchase ASCE 73 Standard for Member Society was unanimously approved. On matters of changes in ACECC Award Activities, Mr. Abdul Malek Sikder of IEB, Chair, Award Sub-Committee presented the draft changes for Changes to Rules and Procedures with Activities update. He also proposed that award to be given to one for male and one for female candidate and raising the age limit from 35 to 40. Then preparation for CECAR10 and Plan for 40th ECM were discussed by the host, KSCE. Then for hosting of 50th and 51st ECM, Nepal and Taiwan

were selected through electronic voting. 2nd Day, Tuesday, April 8 : The meeting on the day began at 8:30am where Meeting Minutes of TCCM and PCM were approved after threadbare discussion. Then began the 48th ECM at 9:00am which continued up to 12:30pm. The remaining hours accommodated holding of TC22 Seminar, FLF Seminar, TC26/TC31 Seminar, TC32 Seminar and TC30/TC34 Seminar followed by Farewell Dinner at 19:30pm. 3rd Day, Wednesday, April 9 : The day was a recreational day. The participants visited the famous Shwe Da Pagoda at 8:00am including entertaining guided tour for the delegates families. Finally, the participants joined in special ECM Brainstorm Session on ACECC's Earthquake Related Support to Myanmar before the end of the programs. In fine, it may be said that ECM hosted by Fed. MES was appreciated one which was organized under extraordinary circumstances of recent significant earthquake that has affected its people and infrastructure. Appreciation is also due for the Fed. MES in hosting the ACECC program during such a challenging time.

ESCB Training Courses

1143. Managing Projects Using PRIMAVERA P6 (Latest Version) (28th Batch): Duration: Aug 31 to Sep 18, 2024; Day & Time : On every Sunday, Monday & Wednesday : Every Day : 06:00 pm to 09 pm; 24 hours, 8 classes; Registration Fee: Tk 8000/-per participant, Tk 7500/- for IEB members, Tk 7000/- for fresh graduates; Last Date of Receiving Nomination: Aug 27, 2024; Venue: ESCB City Campus, IEB Headquarters Lab-4.

1144. Subsoil Investigation (6th Batch): Duration: 25 July, 2024 to 27 July, 2024 ; Time: Thursday: 6:00 am - 9 pm, Friday: 10 am to 5 pm and Saturday : (Site visit) : 9am to 5pm; Registration Fee: Tk 6000/-per participant, Tk 5500 for IEB members; Last Date of Receiving Nomination: 21 July, 2024; Venue: Lab-3, ESCB City Campus, IEB Headquarters .

EDITORS' NOTE

The issue includes brief news of the projects under various departments/organizations dealing with the civil engineering work in the field. These departments/organizations are - PWD, BR, LGED, BWDB and etc. Besides, it also speaks about the news on the observance of Language Martyrs Day, Activities of CUET ASCE Students Chapter including ESCB's Training Courses.

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