
Kudos to the editorial team!

This is to offer my congratulations and felicitation to *The Indian Concrete Journal* (ICJ) on attaining 75 years of publication in August 2001.

I have been getting your esteemed journal since 1960, almost without any break and it has kept me abreast of developments and progress in the field of reinforced concrete design, construction and research. All new publications are reviewed in your journal and articles published therein prove useful to engineers in the field and design offices. In my view, ICJ has a unique place in India and there is no other journal comparable to it as yet.

Many best wishes to ICJ for a still brighter future.

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My heartiest congratulations to the Editor and to your editorial team on the publication of the special issue on IS 456 : 2000 in February 2001. Apparently, a lot of background work has been done to compile impressive, interesting and very useful technical contents through *The Indian Concrete Journal*.

Enough deliberations and workshops have been held on IS 456 : 2000 and yet your compilation, covering various sections through experts in the field, would rate the best. It is a good library reference. The concept of guest editorial has a fresh air to it which looks for various other

parameters in modern technology updates.

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The Indian Concrete Journal is the most excellently edited, creative technical journal available in the country. I congratulate you on your endeavour to bring the best of the civil engineering fraternity on one platform and showcase their innovative work, thoughts and present a forum for development of new technical ideologies. Each issue of the magazine contains articles which speak of the technical advances made in India and around the world. I congratulate you specially on the technical finesse of the last two special issues, namely, 'Repair and Rehabilitation', published in January 2001 and 'IS 456 : 2000', published in February 2001. The technical summarisation in totality of the new version of IS 456 through a few but best articles made the issue really worthwhile and outstanding. The 'Repair and Rehabilitation' special issue is also an excellent representation of works carried out worldwide.

I would also like to take this opportunity to suggest that in view of the natural disaster that has struck the country you should bring out a special issue on "Earthquake Engineering" which would provide an overview on designing the sub-structure and superstructure, post rehabilitation or retrofitting of earthquake-affected structures and in particular, stress the

need for application of certain basic regulatory rules for all structures, which are generally overlooked aesthetic and economic reasons. I feel that there is a need to address these issues specially after inspecting a few structures in Ahmedabad-Rajkot areas. I hope you shall give a thought to my suggestions.

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(Your suggestion is under active consideration — Editor)



I would like to convey my appreciation of the April 2001 issue of *The Indian Concrete Journal* for its excellence as well as its informative contents including "News & Events" and the article titled "Design and construction of a five-star hotel" – to name a few. Further, the detailed and informative article on PCA bridge awards for excellence in design and construction is particularly of great interest to me as I founded the "Indian Institution of Bridge Engineers" and take pride in works like these.

I convey my appreciation to your editorial team and look forward to further excellent issues of your journal.

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I take this opportunity to appreciate the special issue on IS 456 : 2000, which contained many useful articles. Even in the March 2001 issue, the article by the IIT Kanpur team on Gujarat earthquake was excellent. Your new format of printing the biodata of authors with their photographs at the end of the article (similar to ACI Journal) is also good.

Keep up the good work.

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Please accept my sincere appreciation for bringing out the special issue on "Information technology for construction industry" published in December 2000.

The theme is very topical and caters to the need of the hour. All the articles open out new, better and efficient vistas for furthering improvements in the archaic construction industry.

"Use of information technology in construction" by Mr A. Ramakrishna is easily a true blueprint for future usage.

Your special issue reflects the current status and present trends. It provides a good storehouse to seed and disseminate new ideas for practising engineers.

I hope you shall arrange to bring further issues, periodically, in the following areas: few useful website addresses, review of various institutes in the construction industry and review of training centres for practising engineers.

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(Your suggestions are under active consideration — *Editor*)



I am with National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC), presently posted at Simhadri Project, Vishakapatnam.

Recently, I had an opportunity to read the February 2001 issue of *The Indian Concrete Journal*. I found the journal very informative. The articles

regarding the revised edition of IS 456 : 2000 were well timed and informative. The expression of views by eminent professionals in the field regarding the revised code is highly commended. Please accept my congratulations for bringing out such informative articles for the benefit of field and practising engineers.

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I have gone through some of your recent issues. You have really brought about a sea change in the ICJ making it easily readable without losing on the valuable contents. Congratulations!

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