

ICI's seminar on Construction management

'Indian Concrete Association' organized a two day seminar, on 26th & 27th June 2008 at Hotel Ambika Empire Chennai under the theme, 'Construction project management, the basics and intricacies'. The seminar was facilitated by 'Resource' a city based event manager. Leading contractors and engineers from different regions of the country participated and benefited from the erudite discourses of corporate managers and masters of the Engineering fraternity. The speakers enlightened the audience aided by multimedia presentations.

The headings dwelled in during the seminar included Project Planning, Project scheduling and resource planning, Project costing and budget estimation, Building the project team



and training, Quality, health and safety, Implementation and monitoring time and resource, Legal aspects of contract and minimizing conflicts, Project insurance, Project financing, Important case studies and Strategies for problem solving. The erudition of the speakers enabled the participants to grasp the intricacies of modern project management concepts. The participants were elated with the knowledge gain as they felt that the winning concepts dealt gave them an edge in competition.

Previously, Dr. R. Jagadish, President, ICI in his inaugural address reiterated the importance of mastering and implementing various aspects of Project Management. Later on while interacting with 'The Masterbuilder' on issues related to the industry in general, Dr. Jagadish opined that the growth prospects of Indian Construction Industry are very bright in the long run, in spite of short term stagnation in demand affecting the market for a limited duration. Upon queried about the prospects of alternative building raw materials viz., foam concrete he felt a need for more versatility in such alternatives in real terms for the construction community to put them to full use and benefit from them. Dr. Jagadish has also been interacting with the participants with responses during the seminar.

Quippo Infra's all new Rotary Piling Rig in Kolkatta

Quippo Infrastructure Equipment Limited (QIEL), has acquired new Rotary Piling Rig for infrastructural development. This Rotary Piling Rig can work at a depth of 40 mtrs., with a radius of 2000 mm and can drill any type of ground with different drilling techniques and is developed with the help of a CAD system. QIEL had started operations by lending it to Tanta Construction Ltd. (TCL) in Kolkatta which would use it for the 1117 mtr long flyover at Salt Lake Rajarhat Bye pass aimed at easing heavy vehicular traffic in the area in Kolkatta.

Other projects where Quippo's piling rigs are engaged include Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) Delhi, Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Bangalore, Bangalore Elevated

Highway Project Bangalore, Pipava Shipyard Gujarat, Railways Overhead Bridges Rajasthan etc. QIEL currently has its presence in verticals of Construction, Mining, Oil & Gas, Telecom, Energy and Asset Valuation & Auctioneering. Other emerging businesses of Quippo include a JV with Henry Butcher dealing involved in plant and machinery valuation and equipment auctions apart from Larsen & Turbo and others. Quippo recently has also forayed into the mining sector with huge mining projects announced in coal, iron ore and bauxite fields as Quippo Mining Division. Mr. Philippe Clover, an experienced hand in the industry is currently the president of the company.

Healthy & Climate Neutral Buildings of Future

The concept is to build climate-neutral construction having optimal indoor

comfort with fresh air and natural daylight. People in EU spend 90 % of their time indoors, in buildings that represent over 40 % of the total energy consumption and up to 30 % of the building mass does not contribute to nor provide a healthy indoor climate. These figures are the basis of the Climate Neutral Building idea. The ideas are tested by performing six real-life unique experiments that reflect and respond to different climatic, cultural and architectural conditions. The houses built for testing will be open for 6-12 months after completion, and will then be inhabited. The experimental houses built in different locations in Europe will be monitored for energy consumption and the indoor climate and are expected to aid the improved execution of the idea. Such healthy & Climate neutral Buildings would eventually become imperative considering the futuristic requirements of housing in Europe, feels experts.