

## **4th International Conference on Construction, Real Estate, Infrastructure and Project Management (ICCRIP 2019) achieves stupendous success**

The National Institute of Construction Management and Research (NICMAR), Pune organized the fourth International Conference on Construction, Real Estate, Infrastructure and Project Management (ICCRIP) on December 13-14, 2019 at Pune campus. NICMAR is a leading institute in India which promotes education, research, training and skill development in CRIP management. The Institute has carved a niche for itself in this sector and has emerged as one of the most prestigious institutes in the country. Like the previous three years, the fourth international conference too received an overwhelming response from eminent academicians, researchers, scholars, industry practitioners, teachers and students of engineering and architecture from across the country. The conference serves as a common platform for knowledge exchange for the participants in the presence of eminent industry professionals and veteran academicians.

The inaugural function held on December 13, 2019, was graced by Ms. Poonam Chandok – Head, HR-Transportation Infrastructure IC, Larsen & Toubro Ltd., Mumbai as the Chief Guest and Guest of Honour, Sri. Biju Prabhakar, I.A.S. – Special Secretary in charge of the Department of Social Justice and Women & Child Development of Government of Kerala. The keynote speakers included eminent scholars and industry experts like Dr. Noushad Ali Naseem Ameer Ali – Associate Professor and Director Internationalisation & Engagement, School of Built Environment, Massey University, Auckland, New Zealand and Adjunct Professor, University of Science, Malaysia; Mr. Sharath Waikar – Co-founder & CEO, Lean Station Pvt. Ltd., Singapore; Mr. Satya Narayan Kunwar – Project Manager, Kolkata Metro Rail Project (Underground Stations & Tunnels), AFCONS

Infrastructure Ltd., Kolkata; Mr. Sameer Dutta - Director, NIKAYA Group & Fairdeal Real Estate Services, Pune; Mr. Ajay Goyal – Director, Indian Railways Institute of Civil Engineering, Ministry of Railways, Government of India, Pune. The valedictory function of the conference was held on December 14, 2019. It was graced by the eminent dignitaries Mr. Ravishankar Chandrasekaran, Vice President and Head of Strategic Business Units (Buildings, Airports & Smart Cities - Urban Built Form Business) Tata Projects, Mumbai as Chief Guest and Mr. Atul Gadgil, Director (Works), Maharashtra Metro Rail Corporation Ltd., Pune as the Guest of Honour.

ICCRIP 2019 created an exclusive opportunity for its participants to interact and deliberate over the emerging trends, issues and practices in CRIP. There were keynote addresses by eminent speakers, research paper presentations and an expert panel discussion which covered a wide range of topics like Construction Management, Project Management, Real Estate Development and Management, Infrastructure Development and Management, Smart City Development and Management, Transportation Technology and Systems, Technological Development in CRIP Sectors and issues in general management. The panel discussion facilitated an engaging deliberation between the panel experts and audience over the state of research in construction, construction research in India compared to the world, technological and process innovation in construction, and skill development. Dr. Rahul Deshpande, Dy. Dean, SOPRIM, NICMAR moderated the panel discussion.

The conference was indeed an intellectual feast and an exclusive opportunity for collaborative learning and knowledge exchange for its participants. The conference proved to be a huge success owing to the leadership of Dr. Mangesh G.

Korgaonker, Chief Patron (ICCRIP) and Director General, NICMAR, and due to the unflagging efforts of the Conference Convener Dr. Jonardan Koner (Professor and Dean, NICMAR) and his team. The conference was sponsored by many renowned companies and financial institutions; Shapoorji Pallonji & Co. Pvt. Ltd. as (Platinum Sponsor) Larsen & Toubro Ltd. | L & T Construction, A.P. Hospitality Services and ICICI Bank as (Gold Sponsors); HDFC Credila Financial Services Pvt. Ltd., Saraswat Co-operative Bank Ltd., Canara Bank and Sridevi Constructions (Engineers & Contractors) as (Silver Sponsors). Additionally, the event was co-sponsored by Prathima Infra, Janata Sahakari Bank Ltd., HDFC Ltd., Bank of Baroda and Bank of Maharashtra.