

**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SEMINAR ON “ELEVATED TRANSPORT CORRIDORS”
HELD AT MYSORE (KARNATAKA) ON 27TH AND 28TH JUNE 2014**

The Indian National Group of the IABSE successfully organized a two day Seminar on “Elevated Transport Corridors” at Mysore, Karnataka on 27th and 28th June 2014 in cooperation with Govt of Karnataka, Public Works, Ports and Inland Water Transport Department and supported by Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.

The Seminar covered the following themes:

Technical Session-I Planning, Project Preparation, Economic Benefits and Value Engineering

Technical Session-II Design and Construction

Technical Session-III Operation and Maintenance

Technical Session-IV Case Studies

The mission of this Seminar was to highlight the opportunities for development of elevated structures in India and discuss the key challenges in this segment. It also showcased the latest technology, best practices and noteworthy projects.

In all, 22 papers were published in the Seminar Report and on a CD brought out on this occasion. Selection of the papers was done by the Scientific Committee constituted for the seminar. Out of these, 18 papers

were presented during the Seminar and one Keynote Address was presented by Prof Mahesh Tandon. The Seminar Publication (298 pages) and CD can be ordered (e-mail: ingiabse@bol.net.in; ingiabse@hotmail.com) at Secretariat of the Indian National Group of the IABSE at New Delhi.

The Seminar was inaugurated by Shri VL Patankar, Chairman, ING-IABSE and Director General (Road Development) & Special Secretary to the Govt of India, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways by lighting the traditional lamp. Other dignitaries, Shri AD Narain, Shri C Mruthyunjaya Swamy, Shri Verinder Kaul and Shri RK Pandey also graced the occasion.

The Concluding Session was held on 28th June 2014. Shri VL Patankar gave the Valedictory Address in the presence of Shri AD Narain, Shri AK Banerjee, Shri Verinder Kaul and Shri RK Pandey as well as other dignitaries. The delegates for participation in the deliberations of the Seminar mentioned that the subject matter of the Seminar on “Elevated Transport Corridors” is very timely.

Eminent experts from various fields took part in the deliberations. The Seminar was attended by over 150 participants from various Govt Departments as well as other private and public organizations.

The Seminar was a great success.