

**DFI-India 2018: November 15-17, 2018**

# **8<sup>th</sup> Conference on Deep Foundation Technologies for Infrastructure Development in India**

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## **Panel Discussion:**

### **Possible Solutions for Handling Issues in Geotechnical/Foundation Scope of Major Infrastructure/Building Projects**

India has been witnessing phenomenal growth potential in infrastructure/real estate project execution and this trend is expected to continue during the future ahead. However, handling geotechnical and foundation scope has become a major concern to all, and this situation is expected to aggravate due to enhanced volumes of construction business, dearth of new technologies and skilled manpower.

Delegates of the DFI of India Conference will have an opportunity to hear presentations and participate in a discussion on Friday, November 16, 2018 from 5:20 p.m. to 6:35 p.m. that seeks to answer the following questions about Future Opportunities for Geotechnical Companies and Professionals in India:

- *How is the deep foundations industry expected to evolve during India's continued development?*
- *What new technologies are needed?*
- *What skills should be acquired to enhance productivity/performance of geotechnical works?*
- *What is to be done collectively in adaptation of new technologies and skill development programs?*

This discussion will be of common interest to owners, contractors, specialist contractors, equipment manufacturers, rig owners, consultants and academic institutions. Following the presentations, expert panelists will address questions from the attendees and discuss these topics which will affect the future deep foundation industry in India.

#### **Panelists**

1. G. Venkata Prasad, Director of Operations, DFII – Moderator
2. Dr. K.S. Ramakrishna, Chairman, DFI of India
3. Owner - Mr. Rajeev N. Dwivedi, Director Projects, CMRL
4. Major Contractor - Mr. S.V. Desai, Executive Vice President & Head Heavy Civil Infrastructure, L&T Ltd.
5. Specialized Contractor - Mr. Manish Kumar, Senior Vice President, ITD Cementation India Ltd.
6. Academic Institute - Professor Shailesh Gandhi, Director, SVNIT, Surat
7. Equipment Manufacturer Representative - Mr. Manfred Schoepf, Marketing Director, BAUER Maschinen GmbH
8. Government Organization - Mr. K. Bikshapati, Director General, National Academy of Construction

**There will be a 20-minute presentation followed by five-minutes for each of the seven speakers, concluded with a 20-minute question/answer session and summary.**

***Total: 75-minutes.***