



THIS THEME DEMANDS A DUAL APPROACH.

First, we are committed to Empowering Ideas.

While we enthusiastically nurture the innovation springing from our student chapters and Young Engineers (YEA), innovation is not exclusive to youth. The leaders of our chapter have proven their groundbreaking innovation globally in the built environment. We are committed to honoring them, because ideas have no age bar.

Driven by this philosophy, the core ideas I am personally championing this year focus on integrating Artificial Intelligence into the Built Environment and simplifying CFD simulation standards. Our goal is to make these advanced tools highly accessible, ensuring ease of use for both analysing engineers and end-users alike.

Second, we are focusing on Retrofitting Legacy for Resilience.

The greenest building is often the one already built. To meet national sustainability goals, we must transform our traditional factories, older buildings, and existing mechanical systems into smart, efficient, human-centric assets—successfully moving traditional engineering toward the collaborative framework of the latest industrial norms.

Finally, there is the unsaid power that works behind me.

This is the rich, 36-year legacy of the ASHRAE India Chapter and the collective legacy shared among our members—whether rooted in thriving family businesses or decades of deep industry experience. Together, your expertise and support will help us build a robust ecosystem, propelling the ASHRAE India Chapter to unprecedented global heights.

Presidential Address



ABHISHEK JAIN

President
ASHRAE India Chapter

Dear ASHRAE Members and Readers,

It is a privilege and an honour to address you as the President of ASHRAE India Chapter. I extend my warm greetings to all our readers.

On behalf of the Chapter Officers, Board of Governors, and the entire Chapter leadership, I sincerely extend my gratitude for giving us the opportunity to serve this esteemed Society. I would also like to express my heartfelt appreciation to our outgoing President and the previous Chapter leadership for their dedication, hard work, and the remarkable achievements they accomplished during their tenure.

With this first edition of AIC Times for the new Society Year, I am pleased to introduce my Presidential Theme, "Engineering Tomorrow: Empowering Ideas and Retrofitting Legacy for a Sustainable India", which is aligned with the theme of our ASHRAE Society President Ms. Sarah E. Maston's theme for the 2026-27 Society Year is "Changing the Game: Retrofitting for Resilience". Guided by this vision, ASHRAE India Chapter will organize a series of impactful programs and initiatives throughout the year.

Over the coming months, we will host webinars, technical lectures, DL sessions and conferences, by renowned industry experts. We also remain committed to nurturing the next generation of professionals through student activities, sports events, competitions, and leadership development programs. I encourage each one of you to actively participate in our events and initiatives.

This year, we are also excited to introduce a new section in AIC Times titled "The Stalwart's Perspective" where distinguished industry leaders will share their experiences, showcase landmark projects, present research, and offer valuable insights that inspire innovation and professional growth.

I extend my sincere gratitude to our Annual Sponsors for their continued trust and partnership. Your unwavering support plays a vital role in the success of our Chapter.

I look forward to an exciting and rewarding Society Year ahead.

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First BOG meeting Society Year 2026-27



10th July 2026



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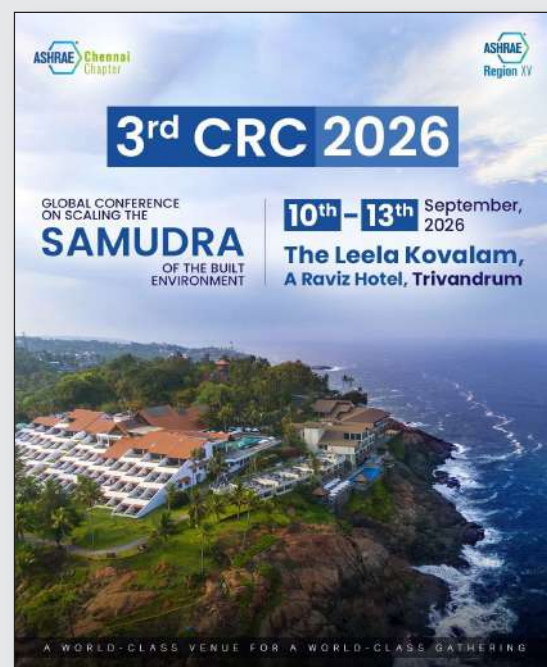
ASHRAE India Chapter successfully conducted its 1st Board of Governors (BOG) Meeting for Society Year 2026–27 in a hybrid mode. The meeting was attended by the Chapter Office Bearers, Board of Governors, AIC Mentors, Committee Chairs & Co-Chairs, along with several members who joined virtually. Two student members from the ABES Student Branch also participated.

The meeting commenced with the ASHRAE Code of Ethics, followed by a presentation by Mr. Abhishek Jain, President, AIC, highlighting the MBOs for various committees for Society Year 2026–27. Members introduced themselves and strengthening the leadership team for the new Society Year.

The meeting concluded with productive discussions on the Chapter's upcoming events, initiatives, and programs planned for the coming months, setting a strong foundation for an active and impactful year ahead.

Region XV CRC 2026

Registration Now



Region XV

Regional Planning Meeting

17th & 18th July 2026

Ramee Grand Hotel, Shivajinagar, Pune

Region XV Regional Planning Meeting for SY 2026-27 was organised by ASHRAE Pune Chapter. During the meeting, our President Mr. Abhishek Jain and President-Elect Mr. Ashish Gupta presented the MBOs for Society Year 2026-27, outlining the Chapter's vision, goals, and key initiatives for the year ahead.

Our Past President & Region XV RVC GAC, Dr. Varun Jain, and Past President Mr. Kanagaraj Ganesan, were also present there, sharing their valuable experience and guidance.

The event was followed by the Installation Ceremony of the ASHRAE Pune Chapter. Heartiest congratulations to Mr. Tejesh Bagul on taking the oath as President, ASHRAE Pune Chapter. We wish him and his team a successful Society Year ahead.

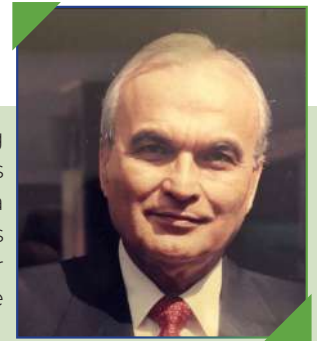
Together, we look forward to strengthening collaboration and advancing ASHRAE's mission across Region XV.



The Stalwart's Perspective

M. A. PATHAN

Former Chairman, IndianOil Corporation, Former Group Resident Director, Tata Group



Thank you ASHRAE India team and its communications chair Mr. Pankaj Gupta for inviting me to give my views for ASHRAE India Chapter newsletter in relation to your theme of this society year "Engineering tomorrow- Empowering ideas and Retrofitting Legacy for a sustainable India". This is perfect theme, as buildings are aging and better technologies are available to enhance occupant's comfort and make it more energy efficient for a better tomorrow and I am sure individuals, corporates and government will adopt those suggested changes for a sustainable development.

I would like to congratulate incoming team for society year 26-27 of ASHRAE India chapter under leadership of Mr. Abhishek Jain and would like to convey wishes and heartiest congratulations to Mr. Ashish Rakheja for being nominated as President Elect of ASHRAE globally which indeed is a proud moment for ASHRAE India.

Being in Energy sector for more than 5 decades and having served as Chairman of IOCL (Indian Oil Corporation Ltd.) and being on board of Tata Group earlier, one clear forward challenge for your cooling industry I see is to be more energy efficient and corporations adopting energy efficiency measures, to enable our country to achieve Net Zero Goals and the role of ASHRAE is big to meet that challenge. I am glad to know that the efforts ASHRAE community is doing not just in India but around the world to make built environment more efficient is outstanding.

“Engineering tomorrow - Empowering ideas and Retrofitting Legacy for a sustainable India.”

Energy peak load demand during heat stressed months is huge in India and new technologies and innovations like District Cooling must take centre stage to meet rising cooling demand of consumers in highly energy efficient way.

The interdisciplinary approach that is connecting built environment professional with other industries including oil and gas must be encouraged and I am glad that such newsletters can be a linking piece for that. Together we can not only reduce carbon foot print and achieve nation's goal but also can make better indoor and outdoor environments for healthy living of citizens.

Wishing you all ASHRAE members the very best and look forward to engaging further.

About Author

Mr. M. A. Pathan is a stalwart of the Indian Petroleum industry with nearly 60 years of experience across a variety of executive and industry leadership roles in diverse market segments. As Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (1997-2002) of IndianOil Corporation, India's largest company and a Global 500 organization During this time, he also served as Chairman of IBP Ltd., IndianOil Tanking Ltd., and IndoMobil Ltd.

Thereafter, he was Group Resident Director (2002-2007) with the Tata Group, India's largest and most respected corporate conglomerate. He also served as Non-Executive Chairman (2007-2012) of a number of Tata Group portfolio companies.

During his stint as Chairman, IndianOil Corporation, he formed several successful domestic and international Joint Ventures. In India he has won numerous awards for his efforts to help

build the nation's energy industry from scratch, including the prestigious National Citizen Award (2001), The Pride of the Nation Award (2000), the Petrotech Lifetime Achievement Award (2012), "Hall of Fame-Oil and Gas Award 2014", National Urja Sangam Lifetime Achievement Award (2015), the Lifetime Achievement Award of Systems Society of India (2021), and the Lifetime Achievement Award of Downstream India Excellence Awards 2026 at GRPC 2026. Pathan also founded and chaired Petrofed, India's apex coordinating organization for the Indian energy industry. He is respected internationally as a seasoned industry executive, having chaired organizations such as the International Energy Advisory Council (USA), served as Vice Chairman of the World LPG Gas Association, and served as a member of Kuwait Petroleum Corporation's International Advisory Board.

Pathan has been involved in a number of philanthropic initiatives during his professional life. Over the last 15+ years, he served as Founder and President of SPHEEHA, a forward thinking and globally inclusive NGO focused on environmental consciousness through practical and real-life implementation of contextual solutions. He was also responsible for founding The IndianOil Foundation and is recognized for championing IndianOil's emergency response in a number of natural disaster situations in India. Currently, he is associated with promoting several Trusts and NGOs in different parts of the country to give back to society.

Pathan was born in 1942 and is an Honors Graduate in Economics (Bombay University) with a specialization in Petroleum Management from Cambridge, Massachusetts. He currently resides in New Delhi, India.

Webinar on Breaking the Low Delta-T Syndrome

ASHRAE India Chapter successfully organized a technical webinar on “Breaking the Low Delta-T Syndrome: Hydronic Balancing Strategies for High-Performance Chilled Water Distribution Systems” on 30 July 2026. The session was delivered by Mr. Gaurav Mathur, who shared valuable insights into identifying and addressing low Delta-T syndrome through effective hydronic balancing strategies for optimizing chilled water distribution system performance.

The webinar witnessed an encouraging participation of 50–55 HVAC professionals, engineers, students, and industry members.

ASHRAE India Chapter extends its sincere appreciation to Mr. Gaurav Mathur for delivering an informative and engaging session.



UPCOMING EVENTS

AGM - Installation Ceremony

Join us at AGM Installation Ceremony 2026-2027 on 31st July 2026 from 7.00pm onwards at Juniper Hall, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi with our team.



Inter-College Football Tournament

Sports are vital for overall growth, notably improving physical health, boosting mental well-being, and teaching essential life skills. Regular play keeps bodies strong, reduces stress, and builds character. Participate in upcoming 6th N.C. Gupta Memorial Inter College Foot Ball Tournament.



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Members interested to send their technical articles are requested to send the same at ashraeic@gmail.com