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**Course Title: Construction Materials and Engineering  
Mechanics**

**Lecture No. 1:**

**Introduction to Civil Engineering**

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# Lecture Intended Learning Outcomes

**At the end of this lecture, student will be able to:**

- Describe Engineering and Civil Engineering in particular
- Explain the different disciplines of civil Engineering and their applications
- Interpret the role of Civil Engineering in infrastructure development



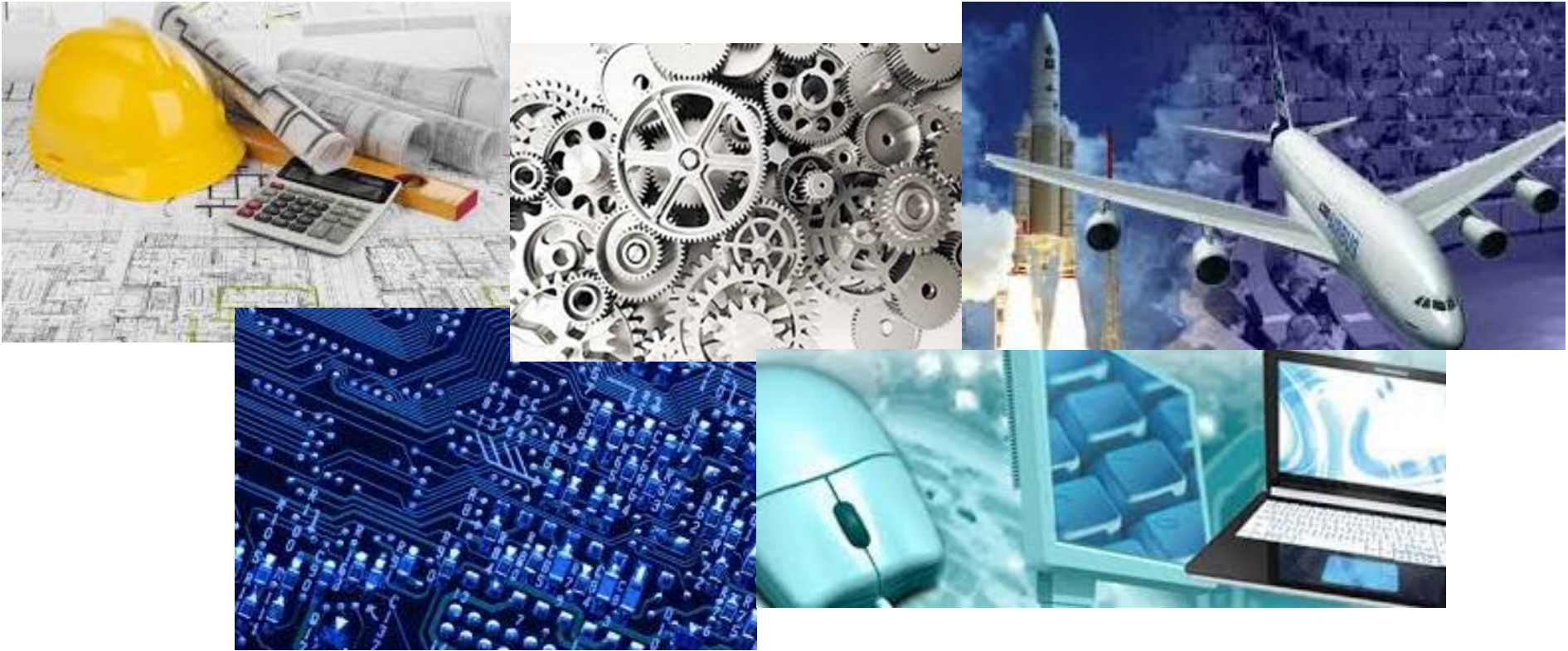
# Contents

- **Introduction to Civil Engineering:**

Scope of different fields of Civil Engineering - Surveying, Building Materials, Construction Technology, Geotechnical Engineering, Structural Engineering, Hydraulics, Water Resources and Irrigation Engineering, Transportation Engineering, Environmental Engineering, role of civil engineer in infrastructure development.



# Engineering



Engineering is a profession in which scientific knowledge is used to develop practical applications

Its role is to direct the resources of nature to the use and convenience of mankind

# Civil Engineering



**The Cybertecture Egg: New Jewel in Mumbai**

**Civil Engineering** is a professional Engineering discipline that deals with the design and construction of the physical and natural built environment, including works such as bridges, canals, dams and buildings



# Building Big!!!!

Buildings & Structures: Cities

Infrastructure: Transportation

Culture: Art: Architecture

**The Future: Without Limit!**



# Civil Engineering



Civil Engineering gives vast scope for irrigation by constructing barrages, dams, canals and distributaries

Vast areas of dry land have been successfully irrigated and green revolution has become a reality in India



# Cont..



The construction of the dams and power stations that provide the electricity we use every day requires Civil Engineers





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The water and sewage treatment plants that provide us with safe water supplies require the expertise of civil engineers



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The paths and roads we travel are  
civil engineering projects



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In fact most structures, large and small, require the help of a civil engineer whether in the designing, planning, managing and execution of the project

# Civil Engineering is the oldest Engineering after Military Engineering

**It is traditionally broken into several sub-disciplines including**

1. Surveying
2. Building Materials
3. Construction Technology
4. Structural Engineering
5. Geotechnical Engineering
6. Water resources and Irrigation Engineering (Hydraulics )
7. Transportation Engineering
8. Environment Engineering
9. Architecture and Town Planning



# Surveying



Surveying is the science of map and plan making



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# Surveying

- Survey maps provide the relative positions of various objects of the area in the horizontal as well as vertical directions.
- Earlier conventional instruments like chain, tape, compasses, theodolites and levels were used for various measurements in surveying.
- In this electronic era the modern equipment's like electronic distance meters and total stations are used for measurements.
- Modern technology like remote sensing has made surveying vast area in a short period possible.



# Building Materials



Shelter is the basic need  
of civilized society

# Building Materials

- Stones, bricks, timber and lime concrete are the traditional materials used for the construction of houses and other buildings.
- The invention of cement and concrete has provided durable buildings.



# Building Materials

- Reinforced concrete which is composite construction of steel and concrete has helped in building large structure.
- Steel, aluminium, glass, plastics, glazed tiles, plaster of Paris, linoleum, paints and varnishes have improved the quality of buildings.
- Improved versions of many building materials keep on appearing in the market regularly.
- A civil engineer has to make use of all these materials judiciously





# Construction Technology

Construction Technology deals with different types of construction of structures with required economy, efficiency and factor of safety



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Construction Technology involves planning and execution of the designs from Transportation, Hydraulic, Environmental, Structural and Geotechnical Engineering

# Structural Engineering



Structural Engineering deals with the Planning, Analysis and Design of structural systems



# Cont..

Structural engineers design steel, concrete, or timber framed structures such as:

Tall buildings,  
Towers,  
Bridges,  
Dams,  
Retaining walls,  
Foundations,  
Stadiums



# Structural Engineering

- Before building a structure, it should be analysed and designed to decide about its size to resist the possible forces coming on it.
- The structure should be safe and at the same time its components should be as small as possible.
- Disasters due to earthquakes have made civil engineers to study earthquake forces and build earthquake resistant structures.





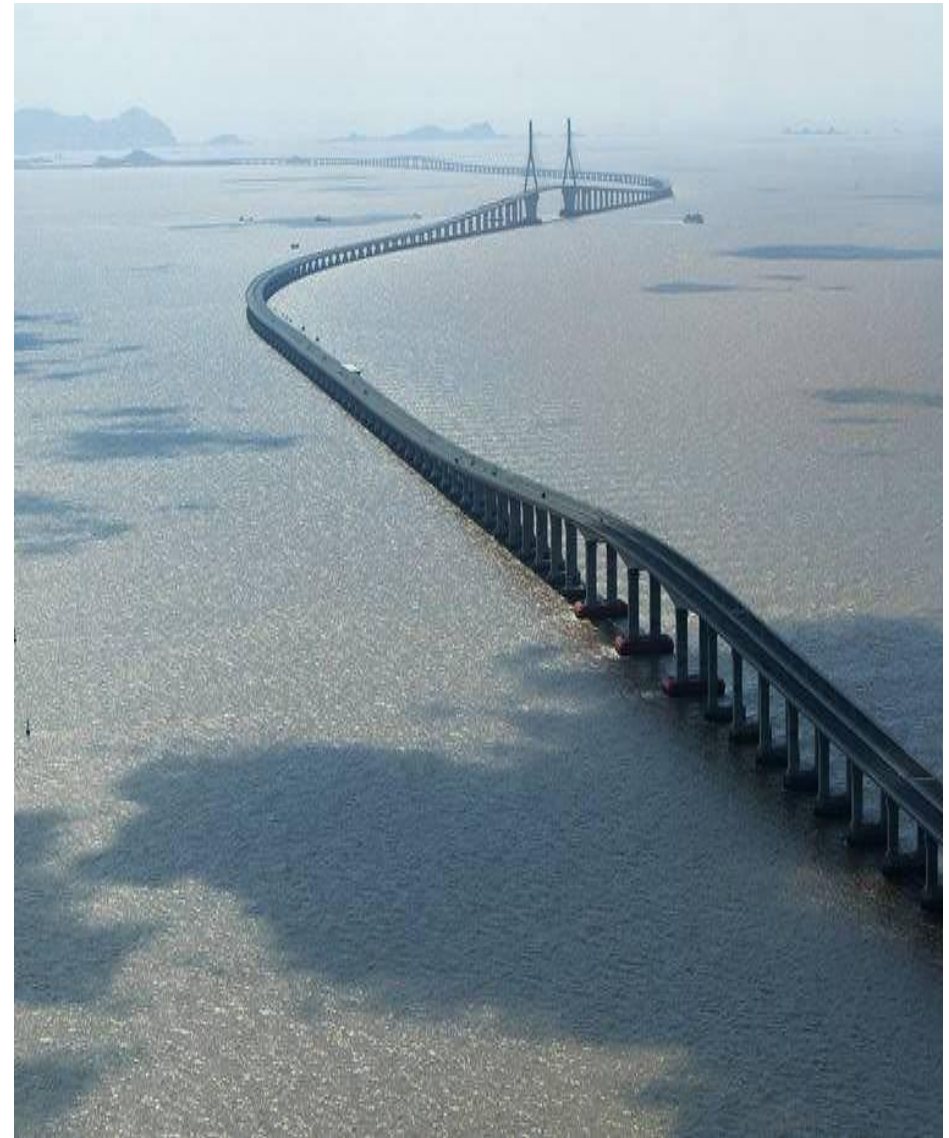
# Structural Engineering Cont..

- It needs the knowledge of structural dynamics.
- A civil engineer has to not only give a safe structure but he has to give an economical structure also.
- Hence, there is need for studying mathematical optimization techniques.
- All these aspects of analysis and design fall under structural engineering field.



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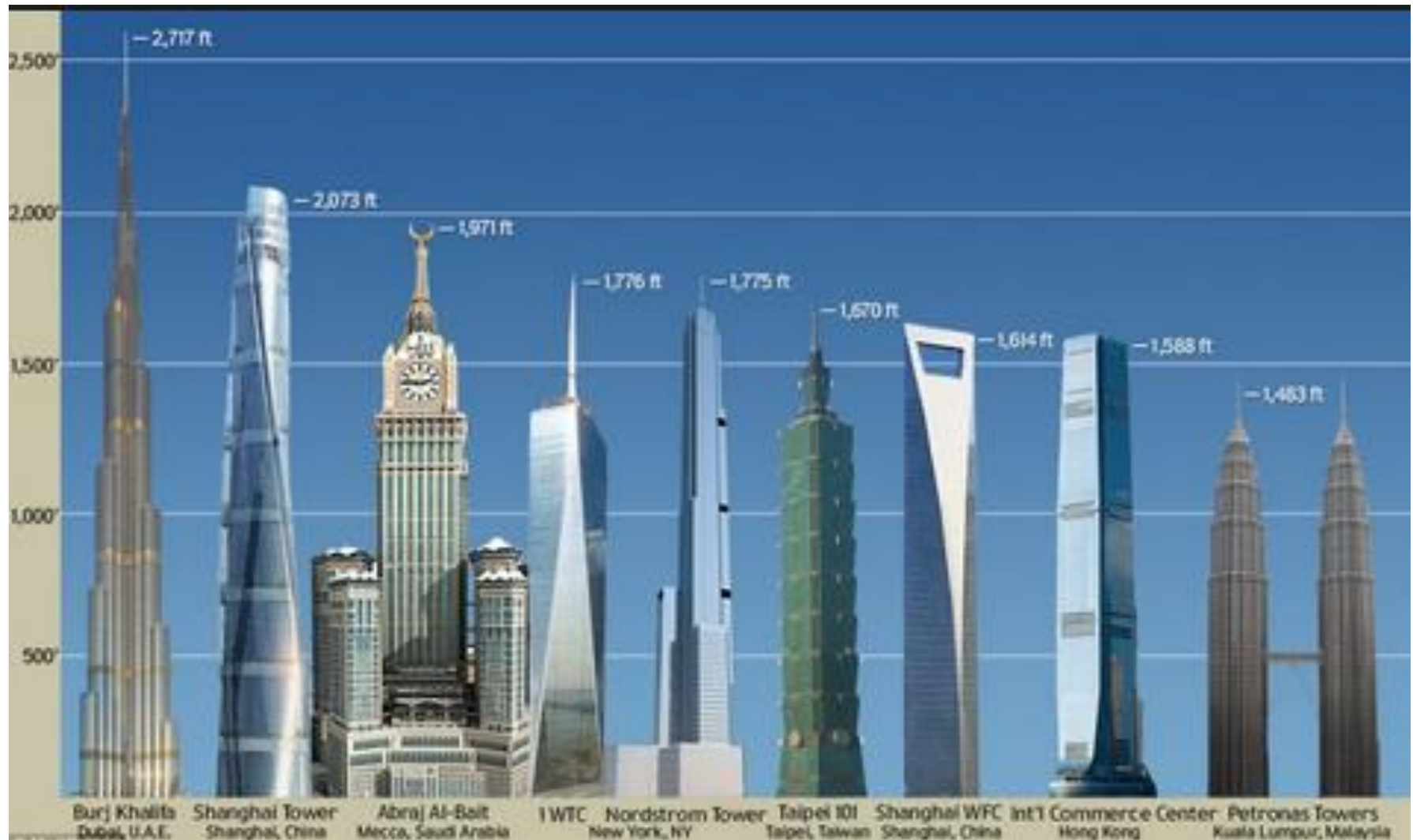
## **World's Longest Bridge**



**Danyang–Kunshan Grand Bridge, Nanjing, Shanghai**



# Know it.....!!!



## Worlds Tallest Buildings



# Know it.....!!!



**1.Burj Khalifa  
(828m)**



**2.Shanghai Tower  
(632m)**

**3.Abraj Al-Bait  
Clock Tower  
(601m)**



**4.One World Trade Center  
(541.3m)**

## Worlds Tallest Buildings



# Geotechnical Engineering

- Geotechnical Engineers analyze the subterranean rock and soil to determine its suitability to support extreme loads.
- Geotechnical Engineering is essential for a safe and secure structure.





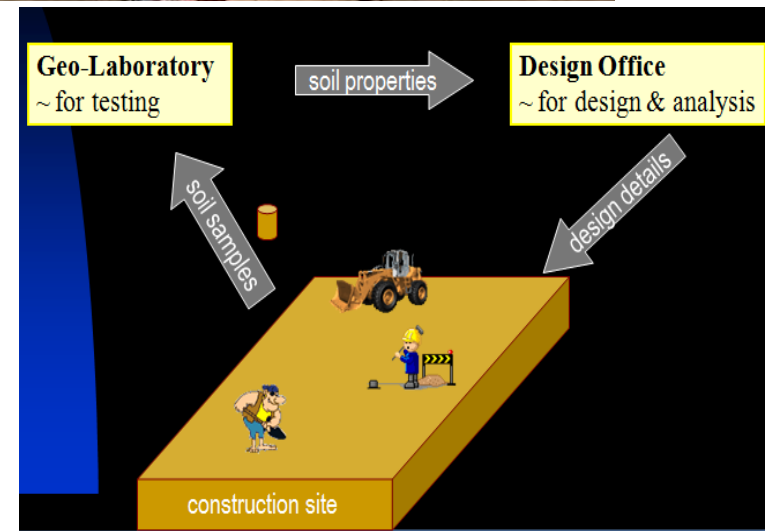
# Geotechnical Engineering

- All structures have to finally transfer the load acting on them to soil safely
- Soil property changes from place to place
- Even in the same place it may not be uniform at different depth and in different seasons
- Hence, a Civil Engineer has to properly investigate soil and decide about the safe load that can be spread on the soil



# Geotechnical Engineering

- This branch of study in civil engineering is known as geotechnical engineering
- Apart from finding safe bearing capacity for foundation of buildings, geotechnical engineering involves various studies required for the design of pavements, tunnels, earthen dam, canals and earth retaining structures



# Water Resources and Irrigation Engineering (Hydraulics)

- Hydraulic engineering is a sub-discipline of civil engineering concerned with the flow and conveyance of fluids, principally water





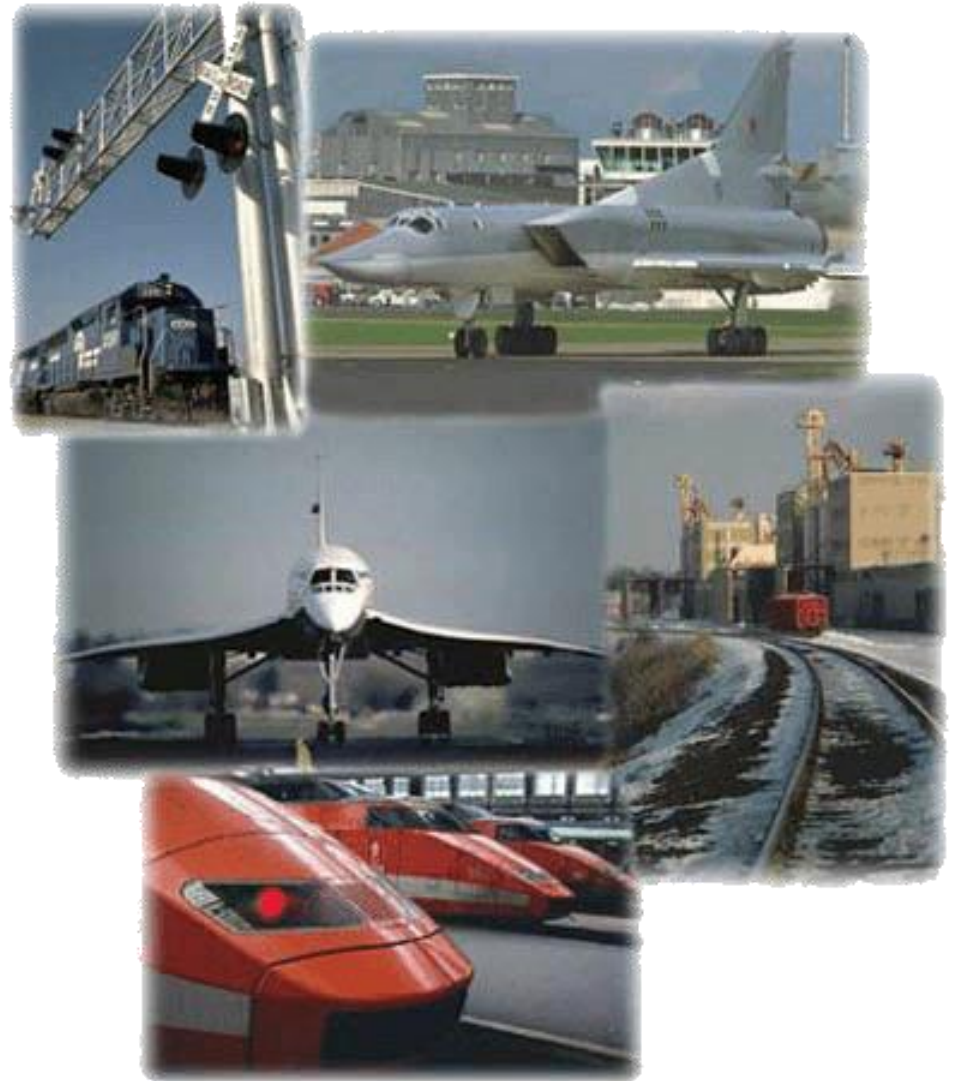
# Transportation Engineering

- Transport Engineering involves construction and maintenance of transportation infrastructure which includes canals, roadways, rail systems, airports, ports, and mass transit systems



# Transportation Engineering

- Transportation Engineers design and analyze
  - Highways,
  - Railways,
  - Airports,
  - Urban and Suburban Road Networks,
  - Parking Lots, and
  - Traffic Control Signal Systems.





# Environmental Engineering

Environmental Engineering deals with

- Supply of pure water
- Treatment and disposal of waste water
- Solid waste
- Air pollution problems



# Environmental Engineering

- Wastewater treatment Engineers are Civil or Environmental Engineers trained to design or analyze water treatment plants.
- Water treatment plants are categorized as follows:
  - Sanitary waste treatment facilities,
  - Industrial waste treatment facilities,
  - Potable (drinking) water treatment facility.



# Architecture and Town Planning



It deals with planning of Towns ,cities and aesthetically designed structures



# Architecture and Town Planning

- With the growth of population and industries new towns are coming up and existing ones are growing.
- Proper town planning is to be made by Civil Engineers.
- Structures should be aesthetically good also.
- Architecture covers this area.
- This field of Civil Engineering has grown up so much that it has become a separate branch of Engineering





# Role of Civil Engineer

**A Civil Engineer will involve in various Engineering activities such as**



Surveying and preparation of estimates

# Role of Civil Engineer

Planning , designing and construction of,

- Houses
- Apartments
- Office Buildings
- Commercial establishments and factory building



## Planning and design of transportation facilities such as highways and Railways



## Construction of ports and harbours, Railway stations, bus and truck terminals, airports and helipads





# Construction of dams and canals for irrigation



**Planning, design and construction of pollution control facilities such as sewage**





# Role of Civil Engineer

- Measure and map the earth's surface
- Plan new townships and extension of existing towns
- Build the suitable structures for the rural and urban areas for various utilities
- Build tanks and dams to exploit water resources
- Build river navigation and flood control projects
- Build canals and distributaries to take water to agricultural fields
- Purify and supply water to the needy areas like houses, schools, offices etc.



# Role of Civil Engineer

- Provide and maintain communication systems like roads, railways, harbours and airports
- Devise systems for control and efficient flow of traffic
- Provide and maintain solid and waste water disposal system
- Monitor land, water and air pollution and take measures to control them



# Impact of infrastructural development in the economy of the country

Civil engineering activities in the infrastructural development are,

- Assured water supply
- A good drainage system
- Pollution free environmental conditions
- A well planned and built network of roads and road crossings
- Railways connections to all important cities and towns
- Airports and harbours of national and international standards



# Impact of infrastructural development in the economy of the country

## Effect of infrastructure facilities are:

- Connecting producing centers to marketing places minimize exploitation of producers by middlemen. Imports and exports became easy and as a result of which whole world becomes a village.
- Improved irrigation facility enhances agricultural products and hence producers as well as consumers are benefitted.
- Infrastructural facility develops scope for a number of industries and it creates job opportunities.
- Improved education and health care give rise to skilled and healthy work force. Quality of life of the people is improved.





# Impact of infrastructural development in the economy of the country

- Utilization of manpower for the benefit of mankind brings down antisocial activities.
- In case of natural calamities assistance can be easily extended to the affected areas and misery of affected people minimized.
- Infrastructural facility improves defense system and peace exists in the country.
- Improved economical power of the country brings a respectable status in the world.



# Summary

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