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Dear Sunita

The new issue of Engine (Issue No. 8, Nov-Dec 2009) is now released and can be viewed at www. engine.com. The 'focus' is on British-American Bridge models that have much in common and seamlessly merge into each other. Edited by Dr Kumar, the section presents interesting vignettes from both the sides. In the 'Feature' section we present the fascinating design of the short FOBs edited by Alak. It takes a brief look at the short FOB forms in British civil engineering history. The regular sections of Structure dynamics articles, book-reviews, strength of materials add to the rich blend of fare on offer.

There has been a delay of almost a week in the release of this Issue, mainly due to work in the family. We regret this delay and hope that it will only be a one-time occurrence. I am thankful to my colleague Anandi, who gamely took on the onerous task of editing the Issue in my absence. Not being too comfortable with the technical aspects, she literally had to dare through the rough tide. She was ably supported by Anjan from the US and Chandrsekhar from Hyderabad. We are grateful to both of them.

Our next issue – the Anniversary Issue – will take a look at recent trends in Indian Structural Works, under the editorship of Prof G Raj of JNU, Delhi. We invite our members to contribute to the section. These will hereafter become annual features to be presented in the Jan-Feb 2010 issue.

With kind regards

Sravan

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