

REPORT FOR IIMS INDIA REGION

It was with a lot of hope that we welcomed 2021 but alas we were being too optimistic. I suppose we were being naive. Corona had hit businesses badly in 2020 what with the lockdown over four months but it seemed to have been controlled. However the kind of problems we have seen this year has been very trying with the virus hitting hard.

At the present moment as far we surveyors are concerned work volumes are very low. Added to this a number of states in the country are under lockdown or under tough restrictions on movement of persons. Inter-state movement is very difficult and in a number of states even movement within districts of the same state are heavily restricted. All this has resulted in loss of opportunity and an additional burden in costs specially travelling costs.

However, all these difficulties have resulted in people innovating and learning. I have learnt that the only constant in the present environment is constant change. To be able to survive in this kind of a challenging environment, people and organizations will have to be nimble and adapt to survive.

However, to do well we will have to take this change as an opportunity and be the change instead of waiting for others to make the change.

In my opinion this is the challenge that the Marine Surveying Fraternity in India has to confront in the coming years to grow and thrive

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