

*PMN # 566 (Feb. 9, 2011)*

## NASA "PM Challenge 2011"



Adesh Jain seen with the legendary Astronaut Edwin Aldrin

Adesh Jain, Honorary President, PMA was invited to attend the NASA "PM Challenge 2011" at Long Beach, California. He had earlier delivered a talk at the NASA "PM Challenge 2010" at Galveston, Texas, US on "Breaking boundaries - the key to innovation". It was a great honor for Adesh Jain to meet Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin who was the 2nd person to land on moon in July 1969 after Neil Armstrong. Buzz shared some of his experiences about landing on the moon with Adesh.

*PMN # 567 (Feb. 11-13, 2011)*

## IPMA Level C/B Certification

The 5<sup>th</sup> batch of IPMA Level C/B certification was held from 11-13 Feb. 2011 at Noida. A Radhakrishna, Project Director, L & T Power, was the Lead Assessor, Arvind Agarwal, Managing Director, Project Management Certification Institute was the Co-Assessor and Manoj Dubey, DGM, NTPC was an Observing Assessor for this certification round. IPMA Level A, B & C certification scheme is based on Assessment comprising of an Exam, Workshop, Interview & Paper Assessment. In comparison to India, China has 300 times more Certified Project Managers at IPMA level C, 35 times more Certified Senior Project Managers at IPMA Level B and 7 times more Certified Project Director at IPMA Level A being the highest. **We need to bridge the gap.**



*PMN # 568 (Jan.-Mar., 2011)*

## CIPM Training at Lanco Infratech Ltd. Total 10 Batches in 3 months - Congratulation for this initiative



Certificate In Project Management (CIPM) is one of the well known credentials in the field of project management. Lanco Group has taken a major initiative in introducing CIPM across its various business units. In the first quarter of 2011 itself, 10 workshops were organized by LANCO (at Gurgaon & Korba) - Lanco Construction (2), Lanco EPC (2) and Lanco Power (6) to train their professionals for CIPM. Each workshop was for 5 days – 4.5 days training followed by the CIPM exam on the last day. Centre for Excellence in Project Management (P) Ltd. conducted the training and they left no stone unturned to ensure that the candidates understood the contents thoroughly. All were very appreciate of the training imparted to them.



To better assess the knowledge up-gradation through the 5 day training, a novel approach was used. A Project Management Knowledge Quotient (PMKQ™) test comprising of 20 questions was given to each participant of Lanco prior to the commencement of the training. **At the end of the training, for each participant the CIPM exam score from the related areas that were covered in the PMKQ test was extracted to compare each persons performance against their PMKQ score. A report was prepared at individual, group and division levels to identify strengths and weaknesses at all levels.**

For Lanco there was an overall improvement ranging from 84% - 120% in the PM skills and knowledge – between pre and post training. This clearly demonstrated the effectiveness of CIPM training in enhancing PM skills and knowledge.

More than 400 Companies have their employees certified with the CIPM Credential. From the LANCO GROUP alone, more than 200 candidates have acquired the CIPM credential in the very short duration from Sep-2010 till Mar-2011. LANCO GROUP has become a Corporate Life Member of PMA, India.

PMN # 569 (Jan. 16-17, 2011)

## 6<sup>th</sup> International Project Management Conference at Teheran

Adesh Jain was invited to give the Keynote speech at the 6<sup>th</sup> International Project Management Conference, held at Teheran in January 2011. He spoke on “Creating Boardroom agenda for creating project oriented company” and his talk covered the new dimensions in corporate strategies to enhance project management competencies.

PMN # 570 (Jan. 23, 2011)

## PMA Chandigarh Chapter Inaugurated



Anil Razdan lighting the Inaugural lamp

The 6<sup>th</sup> Chapter of PMA was opened in Chandigarh on Jan 23, 2011 and was attended by more than 100 professionals. Anil Razdan, Consultant (Energy Technologies) to Principal Scientific Advisor, Govt of India (PSA to GoI) and Former Secretary, Ministry of Power, Inaugurated the Chapter. Adesh Jain, National President, PMA and a legendary figure in the field of Project Management globally, was present along with several dignitaries, projects and business managers. Tremendous news coverage was received in the national dailies like TOI, HT Live, Chandigarh Tribune, Amar Ujala, Dainik Tribune to name a few.

In his inaugural address, Anil Razdan, said that project management is the key for India to sustain growth. It is important that we have sound planning processes taking into account all the possible risks and then an aggressive approach in execution. There would be hurdles and our challenge is to overcome them as fast as possible. Delivery is the essence of societies to have a competitive advantage.

Underlining the importance of timely completion of projects, Adesh Jain, in his address said that completion of a project even one day earlier than the deadline can result in savings of crores. In today's context of one marketplace, only those having a proven track record in controlling 'time' would thrive. He said that China has 300+ times more certified project managers than India at IPMA Level C. The Certificate In Project Management (CIPM) and IPMA 4 Level Certifications are providing a great choice to Indian project professionals for acquiring project management certification enhancing their careers and also to organisations to achieve higher levels of project management capabilities.



A B Agrawal, Chairman, Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) was elected as the Honorary President, H K Sharma, CMD, Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam Ltd. and Ashok Thapar, Chief Engineer - Generation, Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) was elected Honorary Vice President and Treasurer. (designations at the time of opening)

### Members of the Managing Committee of the PMA Chandigarh Chapter are:

- A Palanivel, Registrar, IIT, Ropar, • B S Anand, Director, Jupiter Aqua Lines Ltd., • Dr. Geetika Thapar, Dean Academic Affairs, SUS College of Engg. & Tech. • J N Vohra, Secretary General, Chandigarh Management Association • K S Mahal, President, Mohali Industries Association • Suresh Jain, Director Technical, Haryana Power Generation Corporation Ltd., • Yogesh Lawania, Sr. Manager (Projects and Purchase), Ranbaxy Laboratories Ltd.

**PMN # 571 (Jan. 7, 2011)**

**BITSAA Global Meet 2011**



BITS-Pilani Alumni Association organized their Global Meet on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2011. Arvind Agarwal, an alumnus of BITS-Pilani and MD, Project Management Certification Institute, the Certification Body of PMA-India, played a very active role in this meet.

The Inaugural Address was given by Shri Prithviraj Chavan, Honorable Chief Minister of Maharashtra and Alumnus of BITS Pilani. The Global meet was attended by more than one thousand participants from India as well as abroad. Some of the noted dignitaries who attended the meet were Sam Pitroda, Advisor to PM, Dr. Kumar Manglam Birla, Chairman Aditya Birla Group, Baba Kalyani, Chairman - Kalyani Group, G. Mirchandani, MD, MIRC Electronics and Prem Jain, Co-Chairman, Silicon Valley, United States. The event was a grand success and gave a lot of visibility amongst the Global Network of BITSians who are eminent entrepreneurs and leaders.

Arvind interacted with the visitors through a dedicated booth of the Project Management Certification Institute displaying the process of acquiring the IPMA 4 Level Certification and the well known Certificate In Project Management (CIPM) credential. The meet had participation from corporates like Aditya Birla Group, Cisco, Oracle, Yes Bank etc.



**PMN # 572 (Feb. 26, 2011)**

**PMA Vadodara Chapter Inaugurated**



**Dr. G S Krishnan**  
Program Executive, NASA, USA

The 7<sup>th</sup> Chapter of PMA was inaugurated in Vadodara on Feb 26, 2011. The Chapter was inaugurated by Dr. R C Panda, Member, Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT), Dr. G S Krishnan, Program Executive, NASA gave a Special Invited Address. Ravi Uppal, Member of the Board & President (Power), L&T Ltd. gave an Invited Address on the importance of project management. He mentioned that 80% of L & T Group's activities are project management related. L & T is one of the few companies in India, which has certified project professionals at all levels of IPMA 4 Level Certification scheme and Certificate In Project Management (CIPM).

Ravi Uppal, Member of the Board & President (Power), L & T Ltd was elected as the Honorary President; P Sur, Executive Director, Gujarat Refineries, IOC and S K Negi, Managing Director, Gujarat Energy Transmission Corporation Ltd (GETCO) were elected as the Honorary Vice President and Treasurer, respectively, of PMA Vadodara Chapter.

**Members of the Managing Committee of PMA Vadodara Chapter are:**

- Ms. Anupama Singh, Head, Project Management & Business Strategy, L&T S&L, • Ms. Avi Sabavala, President, Vadodara Chamber of Commerce and Industry • Devanshu Vaishnav, MD, Nirvi Marketing • Himanshu Agarwal, VP-Marketing, Zydex Industries • P Vijayaraghavan, Site President, Vadodara Manufacturing Division, RIL, • P H Rana, MD, Gujarat State Electricity Corporation • Ms. Pallavi Agarwal, Asst. Professor, Babaria Institute of Technology



## JIMS – National Seminar on 'Achieving Excellence in PM' Guest of Honor Address by Adesh Jain

PMN # 573 (Mar. 1, 2011)



Rajiv Sachdeva, MD, Siemens Power Engineering Pvt. Ltd. gave the Inaugural address. He outlined the importance of project management in Siemens and Siemens has adopted IPMA 4 Level Certification supplemented by its own certification system.

Adesh was invited as Guest of Honor by Jagannath International Management School, New Delhi, at the National Seminar, jointly organized by JIMS and PMA, to address the students of their institute. Adesh spoke on "Revisiting Management Practices in Post-Global Recessionary Scenario". The seminar was attended by over 130 students.

PMN # 574 (Mar. 10, 2011)

## CII – Western UP Annual Function

CII Western UP organized its Annual Function on 10-Mar-2011 at Hotel Radisson, Noida. As an Invited Speaker, Adesh spoke on the topic 'Challenges in managing infrastructure projects'. He outlined the importance of up front planning in a more diligent way rather than rushing for execution. More than 80 participants attended the function.



PMN # 575 (Mar. 16, 2011)

## 4th Infrastructure Today International Conference 2011



The Honorable Governor of Andhra Pradesh Inaugurated the 4<sup>th</sup> Infrastructure Today International Conference 2011 on March 16. PMA, India was one of the sponsors of the Conference.

Adesh Jain was invited by J D Stuart Macaskie, CEO, Maxwell and Stuart Project Management Pvt Ltd, Bangalore, to give a Special Guest Address on Day 1 of the two day conference – '4<sup>th</sup> Infrastructure Today International Conference' held on 16-17 March, 2011 at Hotel Taj Banjara, Hyderabad, on the topic 'Project Management: Building Replicability and Predictability in Infrastructure Projects'.

Within this topic, Adesh outlined the importance of sound and detailed planning at the beginning of the project. Risk management in his view contributed to about 50% of the total project management success. Adesh's talk evoked very enthusiastic response from the audience.

Dignitaries like Dr. Pronab Sen, Pr. Adviser, Planning Commission, Sidharath Tuli, President (HR) - Punj Lloyd, Madhu P Pillai, Chairman - International Marketing Committee - AACE International, USA etc were some of the other speakers.



**PMN # 576 (Feb.. 9, 2011)**

**MoU with MCEF signed**

Magarpatta City Educational Foundation (MCEF), the parent body of Magarpatta City Institute of Management and Technology, Pune represented through its President, Satish D. Magar has signed an MoU with CEPM Pvt. Ltd. and Project Management Certification Institute for promoting project management training and certification in Magarpatta I.T. City and affiliated Institute located at Pune. This will help in PM training in the small and medium sized IT companies located in Magarpatta I.T.City and it is a major initiative to create a Project Oriented India (POI)

**PMN # 577 (Mar. 25-27, 2011)**

**IPMA Level C Certification**

The 6<sup>th</sup> batch of the IPMA Level C certification covering examination, workshop interview and project report assessment was held on 25-26-27 March, 2011. Thirteen candidates from BrahMos Aerospace, HPCL, Indian Oil Corporation and EDAC Engineering participated in this batch.



**PMN # 578 (Mar. 27, 2011)**

**PMA Panipat Chapter Inaugurated**



In a major initiative taken by the management of Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) in creating awareness in the discipline of project management through the help of PMA Local Chapters, Panipat Chapter was the first Chapter established in the industrial belt. PMA, India is chartered to establish 10 major local chapters where we have presence of large industrial base and where the projects are being undertaken. Paradeep in Orissa is slated to be the second industry based PMA Local Chapter.

PM News congratulates the foresight of two of its top-notch professionals – R S Butola, Chairman & Managing Director and B N Bankapur, Director (Refineries) to initiate such a major step. This would create a new direction in creating massive awareness in India about the implications of sound project management.

The 8<sup>th</sup> Chapter of PMA was inaugurated in the industrial city of Panipat on Mar 27, 2011. The chapter was inaugurated by Dr. R C Panda, Member, Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT), Govt. of India. B N Bankapur, Director (Refineries), IOC who is certified at IPMA Level A, gave the Keynote Address. The Theme Address was given by Adesh Jain, National President, PMA. The event received wide publicity in the media – HT, Dainik Jagran, Amar Ujala.

S N Choudhary, Executive Director (PJ-PNCP), IOC was elected as the Honorary President; Ashwani Sharma, Executive Director, IOC and Dr. A K Shah, Director, Panipat Institute of Engineering and Technology, were elected as the Honorary Vice President and Treasurer, respectively, of PMA Panipat Chapter.



**Presentation on Project Management at  
Railway Staff College, Vadodara**

**PMN # 579 (Mar. 30, 2011)**

At the 'Strategic Management Course for Principal HODs' organized by the Railway Staff College, Vadodara, a premier Institute of Indian Railways, CEPM (P) Ltd., gave a presentation on the topic 'Major causes for failures of projects'. The presentation was very much appreciated by the Principal HODs of various Divisions of Indian Railways and other participants. CEPM is one of the foremost training companies of India.



PMA National President, Adesh Jain's dynamic leadership has resulted in opening of Nine PMA Chapters (Bengaluru, Bhubaneswar, Chandigarh, Chennai, Hyderabad, Panipat, Pune, Ranchi and Vadodara). PMA's mission is to open a PMA Chapter in every major city of India, in the next 3 years. The opening of PMA Chapters received wide publicity in the media. Some excerpts are given below:

## PMA's Chandigarh chapter inaugurated

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January 23, 2011

**CHANDIGARH:** "India today needs five Es—energy, environment protection, equity, efficiency and enterprise, to guide its future," said Anil Razdan, energy consultant to scientific advisor to the Union government and former secretary, ministry of power, while inaugurating the Chandigarh chapter of Project Management Associates (PMA) here on Sunday.

Emphasising that project management is an important aspect of ushering in progress, he said, "Let Project Management be the key factor in the 12th Five Year Plan to achieve its targets in time."

While replying to a question about northern India's energy scenario Razdan said: "A gas pipeline needs to be laid to Jammu and Kashmir and Uttarakhand so that people there do not cut trees to meet their energy needs."

Saying that coal would remain the major source of energy generation, he said that we would need to come up with clean energy. "A memorandum of understanding in this regard has been



Project Management Associates national president Adesh Jain addressing the gathering during the inauguration of Chandigarh chapter of PMA at PHD Chambers in Chandigarh on Sunday. HT PHOTO

signed between Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL), National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) and Indra Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research (IGCAR) to develop advanced super-critical technologies that would be produce clean energy that would be less harmful for the environment,"

he added.

Adesh Jain, national president, Project Management Associates, said that the vision of PMA, which he founded in 1993, is to be an apex agency for promotion of project thinking in India and world for enhancing delivery potential of individuals and organisations.

Jain also announced that Bhakra Beas Management Board chairman Anand Behari Agrawal was elected president; SJVN Limited chairman and managing director HK Sharma was elected as vice-president and BBMB chief engineer Ashok Thapar as treasurer of the Chandigarh chapter of PMA.

PMN # 581 (Mar. 27, 2011)

## Project Management body opens Panipat chapter

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March 27, 2011

**PANIPAT:** Project Management Associates (PMA), a non-profit body of project and business managers aimed at creating awareness about saving expenditure by timely execution of mega industrial projects in India, opened its chapter in the industrial town of Panipat on Sunday.

The PMA promotes and disseminates modern project management knowledge, four-level certification on project management and guides industry, NGO's corporate and government organizations on various issues related to managing development and transformational projects.

Mega Indian corporate players including the NTPC, IOCL, SAIL and L&T have volunteered to be part to the movement.

Inaugurating the local chapter at the Indian Oil's Refinery campus here Dr. R C Panda, a member of the Central Administrative Tribunal, said project management was a significant toll for India to sustain growth.

He said that timely execution of various projects would save great amounts of national resources. Dr. Panda laid emphasis on adopting sound planning process to take into account all possible risks followed by aggressive approach execution.

A leading management guru and the national president of PMA, Adesh Jain

said that India should learn lessons from China in the planning and timely implementation of industrial projects. Jain said that completion of a project even a day earlier than the deadline could save crores of rupees. He said that China has more than 300 times more certified project managers than India.

Jain said that by introducing Certificate In Project Management (CIPM) and IPMA 4-level certification. China was marching ahead.

Jain stressed on sensitising CEOs and academia regarding the importance of balancing time, cost and meeting the diversified expectations of various stakeholders

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17 November 2011 (Thu)

PM 7: Interaction with Senior Officials of NASA, USA

Some of them are:



**Christopher J Scolese**, NASA Associate Administrator  
- the agency's highest ranking civil servant position

**Dr. Edward Hoffman**, NASA, Academy for Program/Project and Engineering Leadership  
responsible for the development of program / project leaders and engineers within NASA.

**Gregory L Robinson**, NASA Dy. Chief Engineer  
responsible for developing and implementing engineering Excellence and improving  
program and project management.



18 November 2011 (Fri)

PM 8: Industry visit, USA

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- All those involved in managing the future through projects.

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| ✓ Economy                                     | ✓ Society                  |

### Highlights of previous Global Symposiums



(2010) Smt. Sheila Dikshit, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Delhi giving the Inaugural Address



(2009) Montek Singh Ahluwalia, Hon'ble Dy. Chairman, Planning Commission, giving the Inaugural Address.

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