

FROM THE EDITOR. . . .

Tsunami is history now. In a few months time it will celebrate its first birthday. The origination of a tsunami, its propagation and final calamities it creates when reaching shallow waters and a land mass is all covered by Engineering theory. So we know practically all about the apocalypse that engulfed us on that fateful day of 26th December 2004.

The devastation and tragedy as it is, left us Engineers an immensely valuable repository of information, if one knows how to extract such. Our research publications should have been flooded with research articles and presentations on this particular subject area. However, the response is till meager.

Secondly, and more importantly, Engineers should have been the driving force behind the reconstruction of post-tsunami structures, early warning systems as well as mitigatory measures, since Engineers are the only professionals with the wide knowledge and expertise required. However, here too it is dismaying to see, not so considerable involvement of Engineers due to various non-technical and non-scientific reasons.

It is time Engineers took the reins in all technical aspects, pertaining to post-tsunami recovery, as the most capable and competent professionals. Our commitment and capability in this regard was exemplified to the world, without any doubt, by the re-commissioning of the devastated coastal railway in record time.

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