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## WHY ILCE ?

Are you aware – wastages in the Construction Industry are as much as 30%.

Every one rupee we spend we get real value only seventy paise !!!

*Sources*

*(i)UK Latham Report, (ii)Egan Report, (iii)Singapore Construction 21, (iv)Construction & Building Sub-Committee (CCIT – USA) and many other sources.*

Researchers in UK, USA, Singapore ... have distinctly brought to attention a significant high level of wastages in the construction industry.

Indian construction sector is assessed annually 4,00,000 crores. 30% (perhaps more) - wastages – WHEW!!!

These wastages are activities that absorb resources, human and materials, etc. but create no value.

All over the world, and in particular, the developed countries, have different forums / institutes / researchers / academic institutions for seeking solutions to mitigate these wastages.

Lean Construction is accepted as the solution.

Lean Construction is a “ way to design production systems to minimize waste of materials, time, and effort in order to generate the maximum possible amount of value “(Koskela et al.2002)

India does not have a fully focused Lean Construction forum.

ILCE seeks to fill the gap.

ILCE has been formed by some eminent players in the construction industry – HDFC, Accenture, Arcop, Tata Realty, L & T, Shapoorji Pallonji ,IIT – Chennai.

ILCE is a non profit company

The main objectives of ILCE are to develop and disseminate Lean practices in Indian Construction projects.

ILCE also seeks to provide a neutral networking platform to construction sector stake holders and academic professionals to discuss and develop the Lean Practices in India.

ILCE , further seeks to encourage and expand research activities on Lean Construction subjects.

Operationalising the above objectives – see next Newsletter.

*Thoughts*

**“ Pursuit of the lean ideals is in everyone’s interest except those who live off the waste.”.**