

Mailer 2 - Individual Registration & Symposium Information
2026 ASCE India Student Symposium
Hosted by Punjab Engineering College, Chandigarh &
University of Petroleum and Energy Studies (UPES), Dehradun
March 25 – March 28, 2026



January 16, 2026

Dear Student Chapter of the ASCE India Student Conference,

This is 2026 ASCE India Student Symposium **Mailer 2**, the second of three informational packets sent to each participating ASCE Student Chapter in this Student Conference.

Please carefully read this information and forward copies to all members in the ASCE Student Chapter and team members for each team competing in this symposium. Do not delete this mailer as information given within may not be repeated in subsequent mailers. Enclosed you will find the following information:

- Attendee Participation Form and Registration,
- Upcoming deadlines,
- Business Meeting,
- Student Symposium Paper Competition,
- ASCE Eligibility Requirements,
- Tentative Symposium Schedule,
- Brief Information About Competitions,
- ASCE Society Competition information,
- Accommodation information

Receipt of this mailer should be confirmed by completing the **Mailer 2 Acknowledgement Form** by 25 Jan, 2026.

Please note the individual registration deadlines mentioned on the next page.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at the student symposium e-mail address listed below. All symposium information, such as events, mailers, policies, rules, etc., will be posted on the website and are also listed below. We look forward to your participation in the 2026 ASCE India Student Symposium and providing an opportunity to engage with other student chapters and ASCE Region Leadership.

Sincerely,

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ASCE Student Symposium website	https://studentsymposium.asce.org/india/
General Symposium Email Address	asceindiastudentsymposium2026@gmail.com
WhatsApp Group	https://chat.whatsapp.com/EWtXdAOLRaJAVaQ3GpOp6j

Attendee Participation Form & Payment

STEP 1 - Individual Participation Form - **required**

Follow the link below to complete the Attendee Participation Form by February 15, 2026.

[Attendee Participation Form](#) (click-able)

Or you may copy the following link and directly enter it into your web browser
<https://asceforms.wufoo.com/forms/rmy2u400vk11oy/>

This form must be filled out by **ALL individuals** attending the symposium, including chapter members, team competitors, chapter spectators, guest teams, and faculty advisors. The Attendee Participation Form contains liability waiver information required by ASCE that must be reviewed and acknowledged by every individual attending, participating, and/or spectating at the symposium.

STEP 3 - Attendee Registration Payment - **required**

Very Early Registration	(18/01/2026 to 15/02/2026)	: 2000 INR
Early Registration	(16/02/2026 to 01/03/2026)	: 2200 INR
Regular Registration	(02/03/2026 to 20/03/2026)	: 2400 INR
Very Late / On site	On or After 21 st March'2026	: 2600 INR

1. Includes Breakfast, Lunch & Transport from UPES to PEC during the symposium.
2. This registration to be paid individually and valid for all events
- 3. Transportation of the canoe is to be taken care of by the team itself.**

[Registration Payment Link](#) (click-able)

If your chapter will NOT be participating in the 2026 ASCE India Student Symposium, please email
asceindiastudentsymposium2026@gmail.com

Important Upcoming Deadlines

We highly recommend that you share this information with your chapter, including any competition captains.

2026 DEADLINES

January 6, 3:30 am IST	Surveying Competition Topographic Mapping Project released to teams by 3:30 am IST in the ASCE UESI Surveying Competition Collaborate Site .
January 15	Mailer 2 sent to each student chapter.
January 20	Mailer 2 Receipt Confirmation due from each student chapter.
February 2, 10:29 a.m. IST	ASCE Student Chapter Annual Reports are due by 10:29 a.m. IST to ASCE. (<i>More information on Annual Reports can be found here. If you have questions on your Annual Report, email student@asce.org. Submitting the ASCE Student Chapter Annual Report is an eligibility requirement to compete at the student symposia competitions and to advance to Society-wide finals competitions. See the eligibility requirements for details.</i>)
February 2, 10:29 a.m. IST	ASCE Student Chapter annual dues must be paid, as received by ASCE, no later than 10:29 a.m. IST. <i>Paying ASCE Student Chapter annual dues is an eligibility requirement to compete at the student symposia competitions and to advance to Society-wide finals competitions. See the eligibility requirements for details.</i>
February 3	ASCE Construction Institute Student Symposium Competition Team Form is due. <i>Links to the form will be sent from ASCE to team captains and faculty advisors per information provided on intent forms.</i>
March 1	Registration is due.
February 13, 3:30 a.m. IST	Concrete Canoe Technical Execution Package, Mix Design Sheets, & Materials Notebook due. (<i>Upload to respective folder link provided in the rules</i>)
February 20	Timber-Strong Design Build Phase 1A & 1B Project deliverables are due. (<i>Unique and secure link to be provided to each team from ASCE that will be used for all Timber-Strong submissions.</i>)
March 1, 3:30 a.m. IST	Surveying Competition Topographic Mapping Project Plans due by 3:30 a.m. IST (<i>Unique and secure link to be provided to each team from ASCE.</i>)
March 1	Mailer 3 (final) sent to each student chapter.
March 1	Student Symposium Paper Competition submission due and sent to asceindiastudentsymposium2026@gmail.com
March 4	Mailer III Receipt Confirmation due from each student chapter.
March 4	Sustainable Solutions Competition Technical Design Proposal, Envision Checklist and Criteria Justification, Public Outreach Poster, and Sketchup files are due. (<i>Unique and secure link to be provided to each team from ASCE.</i>)

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March 6	Timber-Strong Design Build Phase Two Project deliverables are due. <i>(Unique and secure link to be provided to each team from ASCE that will be used for all Timber-Strong submissions.)</i>
March 20	Final Date for Late Registrations
March 25-28	2026 ASCE India Student Symposium
Note: Please see competition rules for RFI deadlines (justification on deduction of marks after deadline) and competition components that are submitted/required at the student symposium.	

Business Meeting (*Eligibility Requirement*)

The Business Meeting is tentatively scheduled to take place on **27 March, 2026 at 18:00 (IST)**. Watch for the draft business meeting agenda that will be distributed via email to student chapters for review before the symposium. The business meeting is the annual meeting for the Student Conference Board of Delegates. The Board of Delegates consists of two student delegates (*preferably a senior or junior in an ASCE leadership position and a sophomore in or aspiring to an ASCE leadership position*) and the faculty advisor from each student chapter. The draft agenda will include such items as any unresolved discussion topics from the 2025 Business Meeting, the host rotation, new business, discussion of the Conference Policy and Procedures document, as needed, and other topics specific to the ASCE India Student Conference.

Each student delegate must be a member in good standing with their student chapter and ASCE. Each student chapter in the Student Conference has one vote. **At least one member of your ASCE student chapter must participate in the Business Meeting as part of the eligibility requirements to advance to finals for Concrete Canoe, Steel Bridge, Sustainable Solutions, and Surveying.**

[Click here for ASCE Eligibility Requirements](#)

Student Symposium Paper Competition

The ASCE Student Symposium Paper Competition emphasizes the importance of being able to write and present a paper as essential communication skills for all engineers and often necessary for advancement in your career. The competition consists of a paper submission and a presentation at the student symposium.

Submission deadline is: March 1, 2026

Submission email/link is: asceindiastudentsymposium2026@gmail.com

Rubric: [Click here for the 2026 Student Symposium Paper Competition Rubric](#)

Time Limit for Presentations: 5 minutes (with 5 minutes of judges Q&A)

TOPIC: Engineering the Public Welfare: How Civil Engineers Engage and Advance Communities Through Ethical Infrastructure Design in accordance with the ASCE Code of Ethics

Note: Any papers/presentations created for any other competition do not count as an entry into the Student Symposium Paper Competition.

*****SOCIETY-WIDE FINALS ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT*****

Both the paper submission and the presentation are mandatory for any ASCE Student Chapter participating in the 2026 ASCE India Student Symposium that wishes to be eligible to advance to ASCE Society-wide competition finals. Competitions requiring participation include:

- ASCE Concrete Canoe Competition
- ASCE Sustainable Solutions Competition
- ASCE UESI Surveying Competition, and

ASCE Society Competition Eligibility Requirements

Competitions that advance to an ASCE Society-wide finals competition include the ASCE Concrete Canoe Competition, ASCE Sustainable Solutions Competition, and ASCE UESI Surveying Competition.

The purpose of student competitions is to provide student members with career-enrichment opportunities to gain hands-on, practical experience and leadership skills. Society Competitions are an important and special opportunity to showcase the engineering and professional skills of student teams. As such, mutual respect is required for all stakeholders, including competitors, judges, hosts, and guests. Invitations to the Student Symposia and the Society-wide finals competitions/ASCE Civil Engineering Student Championships are a privilege, not a right. Failure to act professionally can result in sanctions, disqualifications, and loss of invitations. Please note that the requirements for eligibility for Society-wide finals competitions are more stringent than the requirements for participation at the student symposia competitions.

ELIGIBILITY FOR STUDENT SYMPOSIUM COMPETITION

The following qualifications are required of all ASCE Student Chapters to compete at the Student Symposia Competitions:

An ASCE Student Chapter must:

1. Be in good standing with ASCE:
 - a. Have paid their annual dues, as received by ASCE, **no later than the start of their Student Symposium**.
 - b. Have submitted their student chapter's full Annual Report or EZ Annual Reporting Form **no later than February 2, 2026, at 10:29 a.m. IST**.

ELIGIBILITY FOR ASCE SOCIETY-WIDE FINALS COMPETITION

The following qualifications are required of all ASCE Student Chapters in order to advance to the ASCE Society-wide Finals Competitions:

An ASCE Student Chapter must:

1. Be in good standing with ASCE:
 - a. Have paid their annual dues, as received by ASCE, no later than **February 2, 10:29 a.m. IST**
 - b. Have submitted their student chapter's full Annual Report, no later than February 2, 10:29 a.m. IST, and have received a minimum score of 25 points out of a possible 100. **Student Chapters that submit an EZ annual reporting form do not qualify** to advance to competition finals; and
2. Attend and participate in their assigned Student Symposium as shown through their school's:
 - a. On-time attendance and active participation by a member of the ASCE Student Chapter at the Student Symposium Business Meeting.
 - b. Participation in the Student Symposium Paper Competition, including submission and presentation by a member of the ASCE Student Chapter. Note that any papers/presentations created for any other competition do not count as an entry into the Student Symposium Paper Competition.

Questions regarding eligibility should be directed to student@asce.org.

Important Notice for Non-ASCE Student Chapter teams:

We welcome teams from institutions without an established ASCE Student Chapter to participate in the 2026 ASCE India Student Symposium. However, please note the following regulations regarding Society-wide and Pilot Competitions:

- ASCE Sustainable Solutions Competition
 - Section 2.2 “Team Requirements”
 - [ASCE Sustainable Solutions Competition Rules 2026 Rev 1](#)
- ASCE UESI Surveying Competition
 - Section 2.2 “Team Requirements”
 - [2026 ASCE UESI Surveying Competition Rules](#)
- ASCE Concrete Canoe Competition
 - Exhibit 3 “Student Chapter and Participant Eligibility”
 - [2026 ASCE Concrete Canoe Competition Request for Proposals](#)
- ASCE Construction Institute Competition
 - Section 2.2 “Team Requirements”
 - [2026 Construction Institute Competition Rules](#)
- Timber-Strong Design Build Competition
 - Section 4.3.” Participation and Eligibility Requirements
 - [ASCE Student Symposia TSDB Rules 2026 FINAL.docx](#)
- 3D Printing Competition
 - Section 3 “Participation and Eligibility”
 - [2026 ASCE 3D Printing Competition Rules](#)

Local Competitions: For all Local Events unique to this symposium, Non-ASCE Student Chapter Teams are fully eligible to win ALL positions (including 1st Place) and all associated awards.

Symposium Schedule

Date	Location	Events
25 – 26 March, 2026	UPES, Dehradun	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Timber-Strong Design-Build Competition – Visual Aid Display (no build)• ASCE UESI Surveying Competition• ASCE Sustainable Solutions Competition• Local Event - BridgeWorks• Local Event - Upthrust
27 – 28 March, 2026	PEC, Chandigarh	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ASCE Concrete Canoe Competition (full event)• ASCE 3D Printing Competition• ASCE Construction Institute Competition• Local Event - RetroFitX• Local Event - Arch-I-Tek

Brief Information About Competitions

We are excited to share that the ASCE India Student Symposium 2026 will be co-hosted by Punjab Engineering College (PEC), Chandigarh, and University of Petroleum and Energy Studies (UPES), Dehradun. This collaborative effort is designed to enhance the symposium by integrating the academic and cultural strengths of both institutions, promoting diversity in competitions, and providing participants with exceptional opportunities for networking and knowledge exchange. The competitions have been allocated between PEC and UPES to ensure a seamless experience. Please refer to this document for specific event details, including the designated institute for each competition, as indicated in the "Location" column. The symposium schedule has been carefully planned to avoid concurrent events, allowing participants to engage fully in all activities. Arrangements will be made to facilitate travel for participants from UPES Dehradun to PEC Chandigarh for the remaining events and the valedictory session. Further information regarding individual registration, transportation, accommodation, food, and other logistical arrangements will be shared through subsequent mailers. These details will be provided well in advance to support effective planning and ensure a smooth experience for all participants. *All participants are requested to regularly check their official email inbox to stay informed and ensure timely compliance with the required procedures.*

LOCAL COMPETITIONS AT THE 2026 ASCE INDIA STUDENT SYMPOSIUM

Competition	RetroFitX 	Archi-Tek
Location & Date	PEC 27 March 2026	PEC 28 March 2026
Information	This competition invites teams to submit a comprehensive 3 page theoretical report and accompanying technical presentation. Participants must analyze the structural deterioration of historic Indian monuments caused by environmental factors and propose a retrofitting solution that is both economically optimized and environmentally sustainable.	The Archi-Tek Competition challenges student teams to apply principles of structural engineering and historic masonry through the construction of a three-foot span arch. Utilizing a traditional brick and sand mortar composition, participants will explore the relationship between geometry and load-bearing capacity. The competition culminates in a live empirical load test, where weights will be incrementally suspended from the arch's center (apex) to determine its structural integrity and ultimate failure point.
Details	ASCE Chapter teams and non-ASCE student teams are eligible. There are no prerequisites of any sort. Complete rules and links will be released in Mailer 3.	ASCE Chapter teams and non-ASCE student teams are eligible. There are no prerequisites of any sort. Complete rules and links will be released in Mailer 3.

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Competition	BridgeWorks 	UpThrust 
Location & Date	UPES 25 March 2026	UPES 26 March 2026
Information	Students design and construct model bridges using ice-cream sticks to achieve maximum structural efficiency. The competition challenges participants to apply principles of structural analysis, load distribution, and material optimization under defined constraints. Teams are evaluated based on load-carrying capacity, strength-to-weight ratio, structural stability, and design innovation. It provides a hands-on platform to translate theoretical knowledge into engineering solutions while fostering teamwork, creativity, and problem-solving.	UpThrust is a buoyancy-based design challenge where teams design and fabricate floating boat models using prescribed materials. The competition emphasizes the application of fluid mechanics, buoyancy principles, and stability analysis. Structures are tested for flotation efficiency, load-carrying capability, and overall performance in water. It encourages participants to balance engineering precision with innovative design while gaining practical insight into engineering concepts through experimentation and real-time testing.
Details	ASCE Chapter teams and non-ASCE student teams are eligible. There are no prerequisites of any sort. Complete rules and links will be released in Mailer 3.	ASCE Chapter teams and non-ASCE student teams are eligible. There are no prerequisites of any sort. Complete rules and links will be released in Mailer 3.

Society Competition Information

SOCIETY COMPETITIONS AT THE 2026 ASCE INDIA STUDENT SYMPOSIUM

Please refer [competition rules](#)

Competition	ASCE Sustainable Solutions Competition	ASCE UESI Surveying Competition	ASCE Concrete Canoe Competition
Location & Date	UPES, 26 March 2026	UPES, 25 March 2026	PEC, 27 March 2026
Information	Teams develop sustainable infrastructure designs in response to a real-world RFP, guided by the Envision framework. Deliverables include a design report, poster, and presentation. The event emphasizes integrating environmental, social, and economic considerations while preparing students to tackle modern infrastructure challenges with creativity, innovation, and holistic problem-solving.	This competition highlights the importance of surveying in civil engineering. Teams perform fieldwork, mapping, and technical presentations using standard equipment. Judging is based on accuracy, efficiency, and professionalism. It bridges classroom knowledge and real-world practice, preparing participants to collaborate with surveyors and apply precise measurement skills to engineering projects.	Students design, build, and race canoes made entirely of concrete. The challenge blends structural design, materials science, and creativity. Teams are evaluated through technical reports, presentations, and performance races. This iconic competition tests engineering innovation, teamwork, and project management while offering hands-on experience with unique materials and hydrodynamic principles.
Intent form link	ASCE Sustainable Solutions Competition Statement of Intent to Compete	ASCE UESI Surveying Competition Statement of Intent to Compete	Submission of Proposal and Qualifications Package due (uploaded to ASCE server, see rules)
Due date	November 4, 2025, at 3:30 a.m. IST Still accepting Intent Forms.	November 4, 2025, at 3:30 a.m. IST Still accepting Intent Forms.	November 4, 2025, at 3:30 a.m. IST Still accepting submissions (with deductions.)
Add'l info	Must be completed by team captain and faculty advisor(s). Each person will submit a separate form. Completing this form is necessary to receive the unique link for uploading the competition submissions. ASCE will send the links to the team captain in mid-February.	Must be completed by team captain and faculty advisor(s). Each person will submit a separate form. Completing this form is necessary to receive the unique link for uploading the topographic mapping project. ASCE will send the links to the team captain in early February.	Please visit the 2026 ASCE Concrete Canoe Request for Proposals - Rules to review the required forms and submission information.

ASCE SOCIETY PILOT COMPETITIONS

Competition	ASCE Construction Institute Competition	Timber-Strong Design-Build Competition	ASCE 3D Printing Competition
Location & Date	PEC 27 March 2026	UPES 25 March 2026	PEC 28 March 2026
Information	<p>This competition simulates real-world construction projects, where teams act as firms responding to an owner's request. Students must deliver solutions considering budget, scheduling, and resource constraints. It emphasizes technical accuracy, planning, and communication. Participants gain practical experience in construction management, problem-solving, and decision-making under professional time and resource constraints.</p>	<p>Teams design a two-story, light-framed timber structure, supported by complete project documentation. In the first year offering this competition, teams will compete in the virtual components only with no in-person build. This includes online submission of the project report, structural drawings, BIM Model (and associated graphics), and presentation materials. Emphasis is placed on structural safety, sustainability, and creativity. Students prepare budgets, analysis, and plans.</p>	<p>This event introduces additive manufacturing to civil engineering. Teams design and fabricate 3D-printed structural components within defined constraints. Entries are judged on strength, stiffness, assembly, and creativity. The competition encourages exploration of innovative fabrication technologies, preparing students for future applications of 3D printing in infrastructure design and construction.</p>
Intent form link	ASCE Construction Institute Competition Statement of Intent to Compete	Timber-Strong Design Build Competition Statement of Intent to Compete	ASCE 3D Printing Competition Statement of Intent to Compete
Due date	November 4, 2025, at 3:30 a.m. IST Still accepting Intent Forms.	November 4, 2025, at 3:30 a.m. IST Still accepting Intent Forms.	November 4, 2025, at 3:30 a.m. IST Still accepting Intent Forms.
Add'l info	<p>Must be completed by the team captain and faculty advisor(s). A separate form will be submitted by each person. Completing this form is necessary to receive the unique link for uploading the project deliverables.</p>	<p>Must be completed by team captain and faculty advisor(s). A separate form will be submitted by each person. Completing this form is necessary to receive the unique link for uploading the competition submissions. ASCE will send links in early February.</p>	<p>Must be completed by team captain and faculty advisor(s). A separate form will be submitted by each person.</p>

Accommodation Information

Please be advised that lodging is not included in the registration fee. Accommodation is available as an optional service and will be **provided strictly upon request on a paid basis**.

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Available Options to Stay:

1. Stay in designated PG: Experience the UPES culture by staying in designated accommodation. Perfect for teams who want to be steps away from the competition site.

*Check-in Starts March 24 @ 00:00 hrs at a nominal rate of 800 INR per day.

2. Stay Nearby: A variety of hotels in Dehradun are just a short ride away from the UPES Main Gate.

March 26, 27, & 28, 2026

Available Options to Stay:

3. Stay On-Campus: Experience the PEC culture by staying in our campus hostels. Perfect for teams who want to be steps away from the competition site.

*Check-in Starts March 26 @ 00:00 hrs at a nominal rate of 350 INR per day.

4. Stay Nearby: A variety of hotels in Chandigarh are just a short ride away from the PEC Main Gate.

Accommodation Registration And Payment Link

(click-able)