

Mailer 3 - 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



March 10, 2026

Dear ASCE Student Chapter of the ASCE India Student Conference:

This is your 2026 **ASCE** India Student Symposium Mailer 3, the last of three informational packets to be sent to each of the participating ASCE Student Chapters in our Student Conference.

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

- Mailer 3 Confirmation and registration reminders,
- Safety-first culture information,
- Competition safety information,
- Business Meeting information,
- Maps, directions, and parking information,
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- Hotel information.

*Receipt of this mailer should be confirmed by completing the Mailer 3 Acknowledgment Form by **March 14, 2026**.
Please note the individual registration deadline is **20 March, 2026**.*

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at our general student symposium e-mail address, listed below. All symposium information such as events, mailers, policies, rules, etc. will be posted on our 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

Mailer 3 - Registration

REGISTRATION REMINDERS

STEP 1 – Student & Faculty Individual Registration Form - *required*

Student & Faculty Individual Registration Form is due before February 15, 2026 (Still accepting till 20th March 2026).

Please visit our symposium website at <https://asceforms.wufoo.com/forms/rmy2u400vk11oy/> to register for the 2026 ASCE India Student Symposium.

The Student & Faculty Individual Registration Form must be filled out by *ALL individuals* attending the symposium including chapter members, team competitors, chapter spectators, guest teams, faculty advisors and staff. The Student & Faculty Individual Registration 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.

***Please note that judges and volunteers have a separate registration form that will be shared from the host university.*

STEP 2 – Student & Faculty Individual Registration Payment - *required*

Early attendee registration is Rs. 2000 per person.

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.
2. This fee doesn't include the transportation of the canoe from your state to Chandigarh, i.e., transportation of the canoe is to be taken care of by the team themselves.

Online payable to include a Google or rason-pay payment link ([Payment Link](#))(Click-able).

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

Safety-First Culture Information

ASCE and Host Universities are encouraging a Safety-First Culture during the student symposium. We encourage all symposium participants to embrace this concept by thinking about safety in their activities coming to, returning from, and while at our symposium. We want **every** symposium participant to return home safe and healthy.

To generate a Safety-First Culture, we have designated **Dr. Arshdeep Singh (PEC) and Mr. Surendar Varadharajan (UPES)** as our symposium safety officer. Further, be on the lookout for safety information at or in advance of the symposium, such as the location of first-aid supplies, who in the crowd has first-aid training and Safety Moments.

What is a Safety Moment? A Safety Moment consists of a quick discussion on an activity-specific, site-specific, or general safety topic. The Safety Moment may be presented by the leader of an activity, the symposium safety officer, or a member of the host symposium planning team. We ask that all participants give their undivided attention to the Safety Moment discussion and embrace the safety-first concept.

If an injury does occur during the symposium, it should be reported to the competition head judge, symposium safety officer, or activity leader immediately so that appropriate action can be taken based on the injury.

Contact information for the symposium safety officer and key host school representatives is listed below. Please keep this list close during the symposium and we encourage you to program the symposium safety officer's phone number into your cell phone.

Faculty Advisor Host School (UPES)

Name – Dr. Saswati Datta

Email – saswati.datta@ddn.upes.ac.in

Symposium Safety Officer (UPES)

Name – Mr. Surendar Varadharajan

Email – v.surendar@ddn.upes.ac.in

Faculty Advisor Host School (PEC)

Name – Dr. Har Amrit Singh Sandhu

Email – hassandhu@pec.edu.in

Symposium Safety Officer (PEC)

Name – Dr. Arshdeep Singh

Email – arshdeepsingh@pec.edu.in

Closest Hospital/Urgent Care (PEC) – PGI, Sector 12, Chandigarh /In-Campus Dispensary

Closest Hospital/Urgent Care (UPES) – Dr. KKBM Subharti Hospital, Dehradun / In-Campus Infirmary

As a best practice, we strongly recommend that faculty advisors keep and maintain on-hand a list of emergency contact information for their university and participating students. ASCE and the student symposium host do not collect emergency contact information from registrants.

In the spirit of a Safety Moment, here are some safe driving habits to keep in mind as you travel to the student symposium:

- Driving at the speed limit has proven to save lives.
- Do not drive when tired. Swap drivers often.
- Minimum of two people awake at all times when wheels are rolling.
- Be aware of how larger/heavier vehicles behave when stopping or turning.

Competition Safety Information

Please see the competition rules for full details. If there is a discrepancy between the rules and the information listed below, the competition rules are to be followed.

ASCE Concrete Canoe Competition: Safety gear (closed-toe water shoes) for each paddler is the responsibility of each team. ([Exhibit 8: Race Regulations & Safety](#))

ASCE Surveying Competition: Team members are responsible for providing their own required safety equipment including closed-toe shoes and safety-colored shirts or vests to participate in the field tasks. ([Section 6: Safety](#))

ASCE Sustainable Solutions Competition: This competition primarily involves design presentations and poster displays. Teams should ensure safe handling and setup of display materials, poster stands, and electronic equipment. All participants must follow general event safety protocols within the venue. ([Section 3.2: Safety](#))

ASCE 3D Printing Competition: Teams are responsible for providing their own eye protection, work gloves, and closed-toe shoes, which must be worn by all active participants handling the bridge and during loading and testing. ([Section 5.4.3: Safety](#))

BridgeWorks Competition: During bridge load testing, all participants must maintain a safe distance from the testing apparatus. Only designated team members and event officials are permitted near the structure during loading. Closed-toe shoes must be worn by all participants handling structural components. Teams must follow all instructions provided by the competition coordinators.

UpThrust Competition: Participants must follow all safety instructions when working near water testing areas. Only authorized team members may place or retrieve floating models from the water. Closed-toe footwear is required to prevent slipping hazards. Teams must maintain a safe distance during testing operations and follow instructions from event coordinators.

Business Meeting ([Eligibility Requirement](#))

The Hybrid Business Meeting is scheduled to take place on **Friday, March 27, 2026, at 18:00 IST.**

BUSINESS MEETING - ASCE IS STUDENT SYMPOSIUM 2026

Friday, March 27 · 17:45 – 19:15 IST

Time zone: Asia/Kolkata

Teams Meeting info: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/2926773064533?p=00Hdg7qOLivL8EDIK6>

Note that the business meeting is officially the business 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. Each student delegate must be a member in good standing with their student chapter and the Society. 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.

Agenda will be sent separately.

[Click here for ASCE Eligibility Requirements](#)

Maps, Directions, and Parking Information

Map to UPES



Directions to UPES Campus – Public Transport Options

Airport to UPES:

Jolly Grant Airport (Dehradun Airport) is the nearest airport to UPES.
Taxi and cab services such as Ola, Uber, and local taxis are available from the airport to UPES.

Distance: Approximately 35–40 km
Travel Time: 60–75 minutes (depending on traffic)

Participants may also take local taxis or shared cabs from the airport directly to UPES Bidholi Campus.

Bus Stand (ISBT Dehradun) to UPES:

Participants arriving at ISBT Dehradun Bus Terminal can reach UPES using local buses, shared autos, or taxis.

From: ISBT Dehradun
To: UPES Bidholi Campus

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Local buses and shared autos operate regularly from ISBT towards Prem Nagar / Bidholi area, from where UPES campus can be easily reached by auto or taxi.

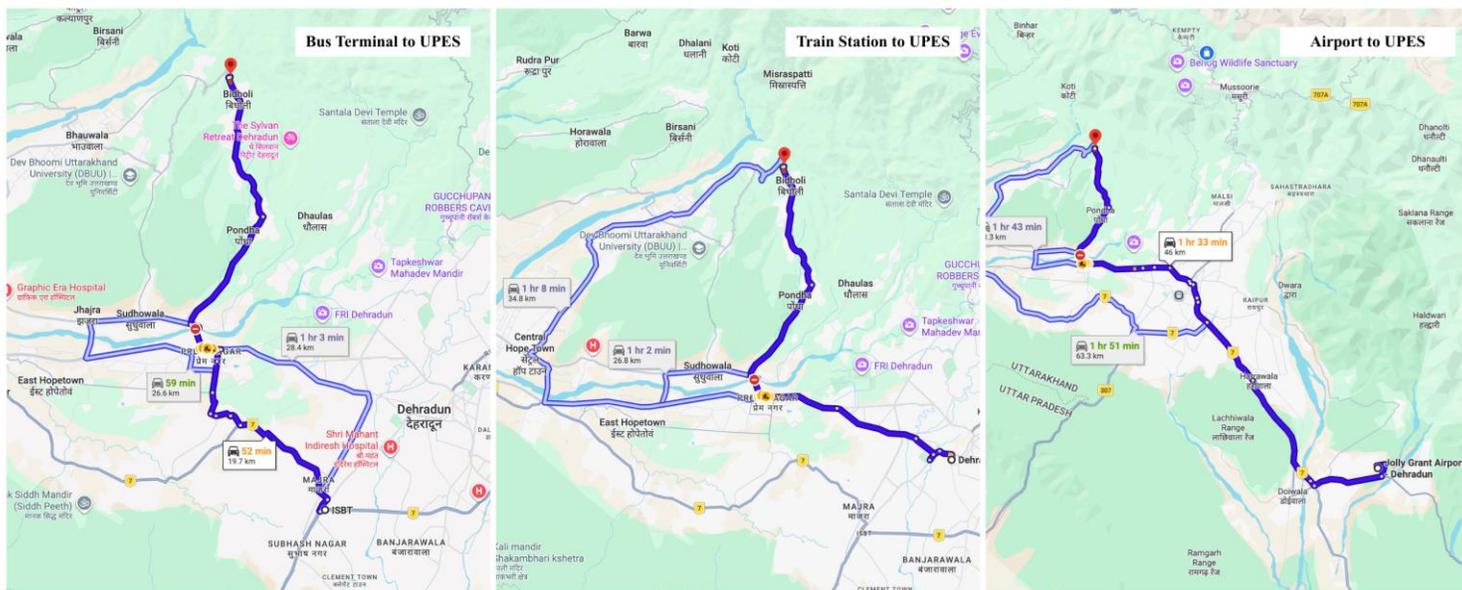
Distance: Approximately 18–20 km
 Travel Time: 40–50 minutes

Railway Station (Dehradun) to UPES:

Participants arriving at Dehradun Railway Station may use local taxis, auto-rickshaws, or app-based cab services to reach the UPES campus.

From: Dehradun Railway Station
 To: UPES Bidholi Campus

Distance: Approximately 17–18 km
 Travel Time: 35–45 minutes



Map to PEC



Directions to PEC Campus – Public Transport Options

Airport to PEC:

Airport Shuttle Bus Service (Bus No. 38 AS) at an interval of 30 mins (06:00 am to 11:00 pm) from IXC Airport to ISBT 17.

BUS Stand (ISBT 17 / ISBT 43) to PEC:

'tricityBus' App available on App Store and Play Store

Choose Option-Search Buses by Bus Stops:

From: ISBT-43 or ISBT -17

To: Sector 11A / PEC

Railway Station (Chandigarh) to PEC:

'tricityBus' App available on App Store and Play Store

Choose Option-Search Buses by Bus Stops:

From: Railway Station (Chandigarh)

To: Sector 11A / PEC

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Non-Competition Event Information

Registration: March 25, 2026 from 8:00 am – 9:00 am at UPES

Welcoming Ceremony: March 25, 2026 at 9:00 am.

Cultural Event: March 27, 2026 05:00pm.

Closing/Awards Ceremony: March 28, 2026 05:00pm. Senate Hall, Second Floor, Admin Block, Punjab Engineering College, Chandigarh. Expected attire (**Business casual or Casual**) and other important information.

Business Meeting: 27 March, 2026 at 18:00 IST.

Competition Presentation & Display Information

All Competitions: Each student team that presents is required to bring their digital presentation on a USB. The host will provide laptop and projector equipment.

Please see the competition rules for full details. If there is a discrepancy between the rules and the information listed below, the competition rules are to be followed.

ASCE Concrete Canoe Competition: Teams are responsible for providing all necessary materials for the display portion of the competition. ([Section 7: Prototype Display Requirements](#)).

Surveying Competition:

Topographic Map Display: It is the responsibility of each team to bring one (1) 24-inch by 36-inch paper copy set of the topographic mapping project to the symposium and give to the student symposium host at check-in, which will be used for public display at the student symposium ([Section 7.3, Paper Copy Submittals](#)). The sheets of the paper copy must match the electronic submission.

(This copy is for the public display and does not replace the required online submission due on February 23, 2026, by 5:00 pm EST.)

- Teams are encouraged to bring a standard 6ft tablecloth displaying your school's name, logo, or chapter name for the Topo Map Display Session (*not required*).
- Teams should plan to stay with their topo map public display to discuss their project with spectators.

Field Task Equipment: Please refer to [Appendix D, Equipment List, in the rules](#) for a full list of required items for the competition. All items must be supplied by each individual team at the symposium competition.

Sustainable Solutions:

For teams competing in the Sustainable Solutions Competition: we will provide the easel for the poster presentation.

- ◆ Teams will be expected to stay with their poster during the display to discuss their project with spectators.

ASCE 3D Printing Competition:

For teams competing in the ASCE 3D Printing Competition: the host will provide the Bulletin Board / Pin Board for the poster presentation.

ASCE Construction Institute Competition:

All teams should come prepared with a laptop. Laptops or computers will not be provided at the competition. [Section 8:3](#) of the rules state: *Teams may bring reference materials, templates, laptops, and planning tools*, but **no outside assistance** from faculty, professionals, Artificial Intelligence tools or other students is allowed during the competition session.

Each team will deliver an 8–10 minute presentation followed by approximately 5 minutes of judge Q&A, and all team members must participate in the presentation.

Student Symposium Paper Competition: Presentations will be judged online, and the dates are 21 March 2026. Student submitting the paper will be sent an email for the meeting link.

Each person will deliver an 5-minute presentation, followed by approximately 5 minutes of judge Q&A.

Social Network Information

WhatsApp Group and E-mail will be the main form of communication between schools before, during and after the symposium. The **WhatsApp Group** can be accessed by following the link below or scanning the provided QR code.

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/EWtXdAOLRaJAVaQ3GpOp6j>



Final Student Symposium Schedule

Drug and Alcohol-Free Events

The use of drugs and alcohol is prohibited at all ASCE Student Symposium events.

Tentative Schedule

Day 1	25 March 2026 – UPES	Venue
Registration Desk	8 am – 9 am	1 st Block
Opening Ceremony	9 am – 11 am	MAC
Timber-Strong Design Build Competition	11 am – 1 pm	
Lunch	1 pm – 2 pm	1 st floor, Cafeteria
Sustainable Solutions	2 pm – 4 pm	Trust, Hubble
Bridge Works	4 pm – 6 pm	Old Amphitheatre
High Tea	6 pm – 7 pm	1 st floor, Cafeteria
Day 2	26 March 2026 – UPES	Venue
Surveying Competition	9 am – 12:30 pm	Dunga Road, Near Campus Main Gate
Lunch	12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	1 st floor, Cafeteria
Panel Discussion	1:30 pm – 3 pm	MAC
UpThrust	3 pm – 5 pm	Old Amphitheatre
High Tea	5 pm – 6 pm	1 st floor, Cafeteria
Closing of UPES Events & Departure to PEC	6 pm Onwards	MAC

Day 3	27 March 2026 – PEC	Venue
Construction Institute	8:30 am – 1 pm	Seminar Hall, SPIC Building
Lunch	1 pm – 2 pm	Himalya Hostel(Boys) & Kalpana Chawala Hostel(Girls)
Archi-Tek	2 pm – 4 pm	Football Ground
RetroFitX	4 pm – 5 pm	Seminar Hall, SPIC Building
Cultural Event	5 pm – 6 pm	Auditorium
Business Meeting	6 pm – 7 pm	Senate Hall, 2 nd Floor, Admin Block
Day 4	28 March 2026 – PEC	
Concrete Canoe	9 am – 1 pm	Flotation Test Pond
3D Printing	2 pm – 4 pm	Seminar Hall, SPIC Building
Closing Ceremony	5 pm onwards	Senate Hall

Final Deadlines

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

March 1	Student Symposium Paper Competition submission due.
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>
March 7	Mailer III Receipt Confirmation due from each student chapter.
March 10	Mailer 3 (final) sent to each student chapter.
March 20	Hostel Reservations Cut-off
March 21	Final Date for Late Registrations
March 25-28	2026 ASCE India Student Symposium

Society Competition Information

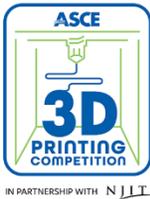
SOCIETY COMPETITION RULES CAN BE FOUND AT:

[HTTPS://WWW.ASCE.ORG/COMMUNITIES/STUDENT-MEMBERS/CONFERENCES/RULES](https://www.asce.org/communities/student-members/conferences/rules)

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	<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>

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>

Local Competition Information

Competition	<p style="text-align: center;">RetroFitX</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Archi-Tek</p> 
Location & Date	<p style="text-align: center;">PEC 27 March 2026</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PEC 27 March 2026</p>
Information	<p>RetroFitX is a civil engineering design challenge focused on the sustainable retrofitting of historic infrastructure. In this competition, teams will be assigned three historic Indian monuments exhibiting structural vulnerabilities due to environmental degradation, aging materials, and long-term structural stresses.</p> <p>Participants must analyze the structures, identify deterioration mechanisms, and propose a technically sound retrofitting strategy that improves structural stability while preserving the architectural heritage.</p> <p>The proposed solution should balance structural safety, economic feasibility, and environmental sustainability, reflecting real-world structural engineering decision-making.</p>	<p>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.</p>
Details	<p>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.</p> <p>Team Size: 4–6 members</p> <p>Eligibility: Open to all student teams. Multiple teams from the same institute are allowed.</p> <p>Problem Statement Release: 22 March 2026 3:00 PM</p> <p>Teams will be provided with three monuments/structures experiencing structural</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Min Team Size 3 members • Max Team Size 6 members • Required Span 3 feet • The Organizing Committee will provide materials (25 bricks per team).

	<p>deterioration due to environmental factors. Participants must analyse the challenges and propose sustainable and economically feasible retrofitting strategies for the given cases.</p> <p>Submission (Round 1): Deadline – 26 March 2026 12:00 Noon</p> <p>Teams must submit a Project Report (PDF, max 4 pages) including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Structural deterioration analysis ◆ Proposed retrofitting methodology ◆ Sustainability considerations (durability, environmental impact, carbon footprint reduction) ◆ Approximate cost estimation/budget analysis ◆ Relevant diagrams or conceptual sketches <p>Shortlisting: The best submissions will be shortlisted by the judges.</p> <p>Final Round – Technical Presentation: 27 March 2026 4:00–5:00 PM PEC</p> <p>Shortlisted teams will present their retrofit proposal through a PPT presentation before the judging panel.</p> <p>Teams should carry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Laptop for presentation ◆ Backup copy in pen drive ◆ Printed copy of the submitted report <p>Evaluation Criteria: Innovation, technical feasibility, sustainability impact, and economic optimisation.</p> <p>Prizes: Top teams will compete for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd positions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Empirical Load testing will be performed, with gradually incrementing load on the keystone. • Multiple Teams may participate per student Chapter
<p>Registration Links</p>	<p>https://forms.gle/ha2tfmVXXT9j8seD8</p>	<p>https://forms.gle/uECC3kkRd53UW2UU6</p>

<p>Competition</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">BridgeWorks</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Upthrust</p> 
<p>Location & Date</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">UPES 26 March 2026</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">UPES 25 March 2026</p>
<p>Information</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>

<p>Details</p>	<p>ASCE Chapter teams and non-ASCE student teams are eligible. There are no prerequisites of any sort.</p> <p>Note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum Team Size: 2 members • Maximum Team Size: 6 members • Bridges must be constructed using ice-cream sticks and adhesive materials only (provided by the organizers). • Maximum bridge span requirements will be specified during the competition briefing. • Bridges will undergo incremental load testing to determine structural efficiency and failure load. • Teams will be evaluated based on strength-to-weight ratio, structural stability, design efficiency, and innovation. • Multiple teams may participate from the same student chapter. 	<p>ASCE Chapter teams and non-ASCE student teams are eligible. There are no prerequisites of any sort.</p> <p>Note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum Team Size: 2 members • Maximum Team Size: 6 members • Teams will design and fabricate floating boat models using the prescribed materials (Plastic bottles) provided by the organizing committee. • Models will be evaluated through flotation testing in a water body. • Performance will be judged based on buoyancy, load-carrying capacity, stability, and design efficiency. • Only authorized team members will be allowed near the testing area during the experiment. • Multiple teams may participate from the same student chapter.
<p>Registration Link</p>	<p>https://forms.gle/fJbivyCKsEEExgCEv5</p>	<p>https://forms.gle/WjRGwqUSUhHCsFM4A</p>

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.

The topic for the **2026 ASCE India Student Symposium Paper Competition: Daniel W. Mead Prize for Students** Topic – [click here for topic.](#)

Papers submitted after the March 1st deadline will be accepted and permitted to present at the student symposium. Late submissions may be subject to a deduction and will not be eligible for consideration for the National Daniel W. Mead Prize for Student Competition, regardless of final placement at the student symposium. Late submissions may be subject to a deduction.

- **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). Presentations will be judged online on 21 March 2026. Teams submitting the paper will receive an email with the meeting link.

****All papers must have a statement at the bottom attesting that, except where otherwise cited, the submission is the work of the student author and not AI or NLP. Submissions without this statement will not be considered for recognition.**

For student chapters participating in their regional student symposium, papers must be submitted to the student symposium host by March 1, 2026, using the host's preferred submission process as outlined above. A separate submission to ASCE is not required for the Daniel W. Mead Prize for Students Competition, as the student symposium submission will serve as the official entry for both the Student Symposium Paper Competition and the Mead Paper Competition. The winning paper from each student symposium will advance to the Society competition for final review, with the official national winner announced in May 2026.

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

Both the Student Symposium Paper Competition 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 finals competitions. Competitions **requiring** participation include:

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

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

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 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 1, 11:59 p.m. EST.**

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 Competition:

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 1, 11:59 p.m. EST.
 - b. Have submitted their student chapter's **full Annual Report**, **no later than February 1, 11:59 p.m. EST**, **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 finals competition; 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.

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**.

March 24, & 25, 2026

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*](#)

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