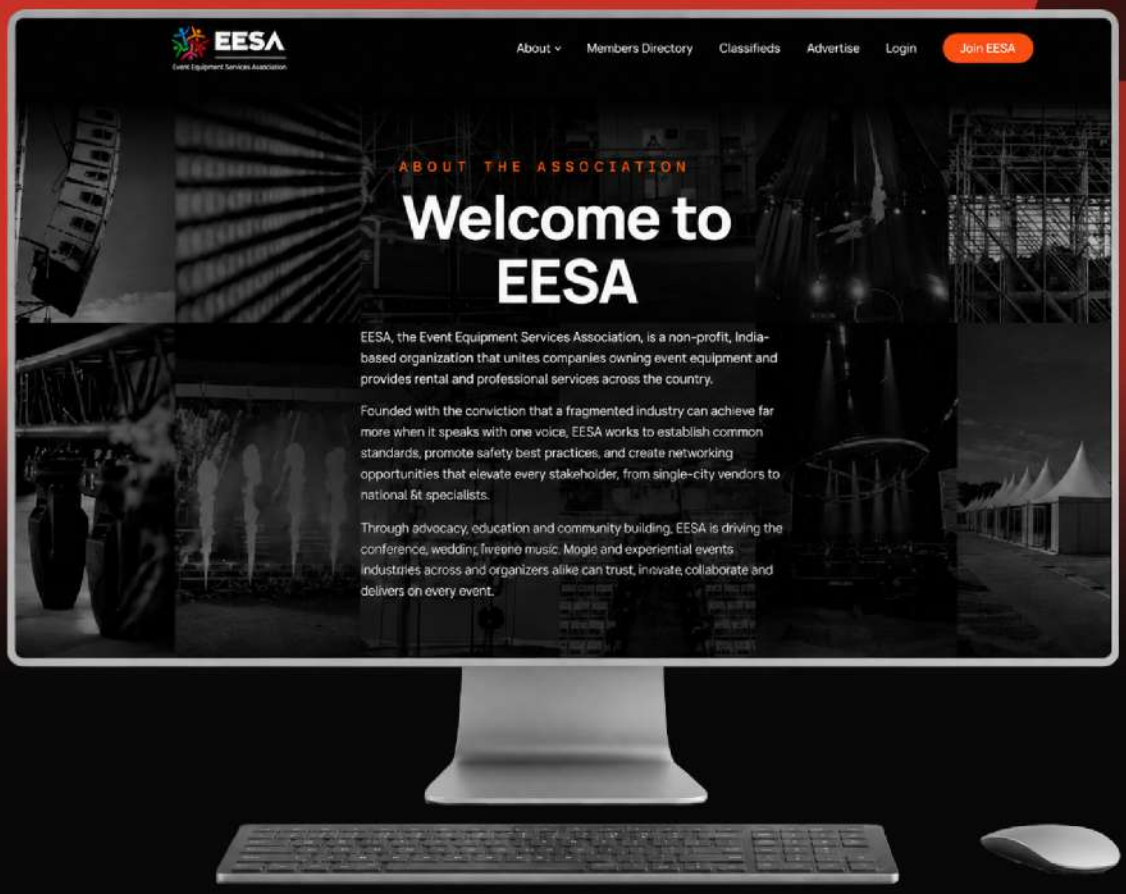
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# Celebrating Excellence

# Shaping The FUTURE

*"From Momentum to Milestones,*

***this edition of EESA Engage reflects on a quarter of growth, collaboration and impact*** while looking ahead to a stronger digital platform, new learning opportunities & **The next chapter of EESA's journey."**

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# Message From

## The General Secretary

# Avishkar Tendle

## *STRONGER TOGETHER:*

### Why Collaboration is the **Heart of EESA!**

What makes an industry truly great? It isn't just the equipment we use or the venues we book—it is the people who come together to share knowledge and raise standards.

It is heartening to see how our community is evolving. Safety has moved from a discussion topic to an integral part of our daily planning. Companies are investing in their teams, training is becoming the standard, and collaboration is the glue holding this progress together.

One of EESA's foundation pillars has always been promoting safety and lifelong learning. Our purpose is to empower you—our members—with the knowledge to thrive. From the hands-on practical skills of the Coatsman Scaffolding Safety Training and the global standards of our Rigging Certification Courses, to the easy accessibility of EESA Enlighten, we are here to support each other's growth.



We are delighted to share that the Coatsman Scaffolding Safety Training in Mumbai was successfully concluded, with participants completing three intensive days of internationally aligned safety training. The response has been exceptional, with the Bangalore programme selling out, reflecting the industry's growing commitment to safety, skills development, and professional excellence.

We were thrilled to see such a fantastic turnout for our recent online masterclass with Vaibhav Kapoor on Electrical Power Distribution, which set an energetic tone for this year's learning season. This is only the beginning of a full year of knowledge-sharing sessions.

A safer, more skilled, and more collaborative industry doesn't happen by accident—it happens because of members like you who show up, learn, and contribute. Let's keep that momentum going. We look forward to seeing you at our next event.

Finally, we are thrilled to announce that our internationally respected 5-Day Rigging Certification Masterclass with Harold Waldack is back!

This is a prime opportunity to invest in your team's professional development. Don't miss your chance to upgrade your rigging knowledge, strengthen your safety practices, and earn one of Asia's most comprehensive rigging certifications. Register now!

Best Regards,

**Avishkar Tendle**
General Secretary, EESA





# *Special* MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



## Mr. Davinder Wadhwa

Promoter & Director of MSS World

### *Celebrating a Lifetime of Excellence!*

Every great industry is shaped by individuals whose vision, dedication, and leadership leave a lasting impact. **This edition, EESA is proud to celebrate one such individual—Mr. Davinder Wadhwa, Promoter & Director of MSS World.**

It gives us immense pleasure to congratulate Mr. Wadhwa on being honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the EEMA Spotlight Awards 2026 a truly fitting recognition for an extraordinary career dedicated to advancing India's events and experiential industry.

Over the decades, Mr. Wadhwa has earned the respect and admiration of peers across the country through his unwavering commitment to excellence, innovation, and professionalism. His leadership has been instrumental in delivering some of the industry's most remarkable projects while inspiring countless professionals who have had the privilege of working alongside him.

For EESA, this recognition carries an even deeper significance. Mr. Wadhwa is not only an industry icon but also a valued member of our community. His continued support, guidance, and willingness to share his knowledge have enriched our association and inspired many of our members.

On behalf of the entire EESA family, we extend our heartfelt congratulations on this well-deserved honour. We are incredibly proud to celebrate this milestone with you and are grateful to have you as a part of our community.

Your journey is a testament to what passion, perseverance, and integrity can achieve. May this prestigious recognition be one of many more accolades to come.

***Congratulations once again, Mr. Davinder Wadhwa.*** *Thank you for your invaluable contribution to our industry and for the inspiration you continue to provide. We wish you continued success, good health, and many more years of shaping the future of the events industry.*

- **Team EESA**



# Member SPOTLIGHT




**WOW Awards 2026**

- **Gold | Best Sound Design**
  Echoes of Earth Festival
- **Silver | Best Sound Design**
  Ben Böhmer India Tour, Bengaluru

**Spotlight Awards 2026**

- **Gold | Best Lighting Company**
  Festivals & Concerts
- **Silver | Best Sound Company**
  Festivals & Concerts

J Davis Prosound & Lighting
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## Mr. Santana Davis

J Davis Prosound & Lighting






# Member SPOTLIGHT




**Indian Recording Arts Academy Awards iRAA**

- Best Dialogue Editor
  -ADR for Documentaries 2026
  -The Greatest Rivalry, Ind-Pak

## Mr. Camille Polycarp

CAMZ




**Spotlight Awards**

- Best Rigging Company

## Mr. K.P. George

Coatsman

# Member SPOTLIGHT




**Spotlight Awards 2026**

- Best Lighting & Trussing Company Award

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## Mr. Akshay

Giant Truss




**The Kerala Government PWD contract**

- Swearing-in Ceremony of the Chief Ministry of Kerala

Pxl MEDIA

## Mr. Pratheesh Michael

Pixel Media

# Product SPOTLIGHT

(Paid Promotion)




# *Industry* SPOTLIGHT

## A Member Perspective

*Real Voices. Real Insights. Real Impact.*



**Mr. Sagar Reddy**

Activ Solutions

# The *Cleanest* Event Wins

**Why OUR INDUSTRY SHOULD JUDGE SUCCESS BY how little waste it leaves behind and how going digital gets us there.**

**By Sagar Reddy**

Walk through any venue the morning after a big event and you see the truth that never goes into the report. Bins full of flex and sunboards, printed for just one day. Piles of unopened brochures that are already out of date. Stacks of single-use cups. And near the loading bay, a diesel generator that ran all night to keep it all going.

We take photos of the stage, the crowd and the lights. We never take a photo of the bin. But the bin is where the real story of an event is told.

So here is a simple idea. We should judge an event not only by the crowd it drew, but by how little it threw away. The best event of the year should be the one that sends the least to the landfill. An event manager standing next to a near-empty bin should feel as proud as one standing on a packed floor. We should even put it on the report — waste created: very low — right next to the footfall number and compete on it.

## Move less, burn less, print less

Take away the glamour, and most of what we do is move things from one place to another. Every kilogram we move burns diesel along the way. The greenest sunboard is the one we never made. The cleanest truck trip is the one that never happened.

Start with the generator — that diesel engine sitting in a corner, burning fuel and drowning out the very event it powers. Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) give the same power, but quietly and cleanly, charged from the grid or from solar. For our rental partners, this is not a threat — it is the next business. The company that rents generators today can rent batteries tomorrow, and clients will pay more for clean, silent power.

Then there is print. We print out of habit — brochures, pamphlets, flex, fabric, sunboards — made in bulk, used for a few hours, then thrown away. And most of it is out of date the moment it is printed. We spend real money and real material to create waste.



## The value was never in the paper

This is the problem I have been trying to solve. At an exhibition, a visitor meets a booth and a booth collects a lead. None of that needs paper.

Picture a different show. A visitor arrives with one QR code on their phone. That single code is their whole event. They walk up to a booth, it gets scanned, and the connection is made — no card handed over, no brochure, nothing to throw away. The visitor leaves with every booth they visited saved on their phone, with details that stay live and can even be updated after the show. The booth owner leaves with a clean list of every real visitor, not a box of cards to type up later and forget. That is the idea behind Active keep the value, drop the waste.

## Good for the country, too

This is not just good for the planet — it is good for the economy. India buys most of its oil from abroad. Every diesel generator we retire cuts that bill and moves demand toward batteries and solar made here at home. Cutting imported paper and ink keeps that money in the country too. And every event that goes digital grows our own software and clean-energy industries. Cleaner events quietly help the trade balance, energy security, and local jobs.

## Measure what matters

So, put simply: let us add one line to how we judge our work — how much waste did this event create? And let us make the empty bin the real trophy.

I build with earth for a living, so I like the idea of doing more with far less and leaving the ground as we found it. Events deserve the same goal. The crowd will not remember the brochure. The planet will not miss the flex. But the morning after, the venue tells the truth — and the cleanest event should be the one we are proudest of.




**Sagar Reddy** is the Founding Director of **Earth Blocks India Pvt. Ltd.**, a factory-scale maker of Compressed Stabilised Earth Blocks, and the creator of **Activ,** a digital event check-in and visitor-exchange platform.

# Mini CLASSIFIEDS

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Yamaha Rivage PM5 with DSP-RX and ROio622
(Bought Between 1-5 years ago)



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(Bought over 5 years ago)



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Avid SC48 Bought in 2018. 48 inputs 32 outputs. Sparingly used
(Bought over 5 years ago)



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**Steel Roof Truss**
A steel roof truss is a structural framework made from steel members arranged in a patterns to support a roof and transfer loads safely to walls or columns.

(New Product)



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**LED Screen Mounting Clamp**
Specially Designed for Vertical / Horizontal Mounting of LED Panels to Truss, Scaffolds & Stands
Comprises of 150mm x 150mm LED Plates Laser Cut to the Required Size and Design Connecting Spacer Bracket 45mm x 150mm Aluminum Atom Clamp for Mounting to 50mm Dia Truss, Scaffolds & Stands Safe Working Load 150 Kg



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Das Aero 50 Complete System
(Bought over 5 years ago)

# News You Could Use

Quarterly Compliance Calendar | July – September 2026

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## Key Extended & Milestone Deadlines

| | |
|---|---|
| 31 Jul 2026 | Form DPT-3 (Return of Deposits) — extended, no late fee |
| 1 Aug 2026 | New E-Way Bill rules take effect (mandatory Ship-To GSTIN, voluntary closure facility) |
| 31 Aug 2026 | CCFS-2026 relief window closes — 90% fee waiver on old AOC-4 / MGT-7 / MGT-7A / ADT-1 backlogs |
| 30 Sep 2026 | Tax Audit Report (Form 3CD) due; last date to hold AGM for FY 2025-26 |
| 31 Oct 2026 | AOC-4 regular due date (30 days from AGM); ITR-6 & audit-linked ITRs (ITR-3/5/7); Form 3CEB |
| 29 Nov 2026 | 29 Nov 2026 MGT-7 / MGT-7A regular due date (60 days from AGM) |
| 31 Jan 2027 | Extended due date for AOC-4 and MGT-7/7A (FY 2024-25 V3 portal relief) |

## Monthly GST, TDS & Statutory Calendar

### JULY 2026

| Due Date | Period | Particulars |
|---|---|---|
| 7 Jul | June | Deposit of TDS & TCS (non-government deductors) |
| 10 Jul | June | Filing of GSTR-7 (TDS) & GSTR-8 (TCS) |
| 11 Jul | June | Filing of GSTR-1 (monthly filers, turnover > ₹5 Cr) |
| 13 Jul | June / Q1 | GSTR-6 (ISD) & GSTR-5 (NRTP); GSTR-1 for QRMP taxpayers (Apr–Jun) |
| 15 Jul | June / Q1 | Payment of ESI & PF contributions; TCS Return Form 27EQ (Apr–Jun) |
| 18 Jul | Q1 (Apr–Jun) | CMP-08 for Composition Scheme taxpayers |
| 20 Jul | June | GSTR-3B (monthly filers); Employee Professional Tax |
| 22 Jul | Q1 (Apr–Jun) | GSTR-3B for QRMP taxpayers (per state category) |
| 30 Jul | Q1 (Apr–Jun)30 Jul | Issuance of Quarterly TCS Certificate (Form 27D) |
| 31 Jul | Q1 / FY 25-26 | Quarterly TDS Return (24Q, 26Q, 27Q); ITR-1 & ITR-2 for individuals; DPT-3 (extended, no late fee) |

### AUGUST 2026

| Due Date | Period | Particulars |
|---|---|---|
| 7 Aug | July | Deposit of TDS & TCS (non-government deductors) |
| 10 Aug | July | Filing of GSTR-7 (TDS) & GSTR-8 (TCS) |
| 11 Aug | July | Filing of GSTR-1 (monthly filers, turnover > ₹5 Cr) |
| 13 Aug | July | Filing of GSTR-6 (ISD) & GSTR-5 (NRTP) |
| 15 Aug | July | Payment of ESI & PF contributions |
| 20 Aug | July | GSTR-3B (monthly filers); Employee Professional Tax |
| 31 Aug | 31 Aug FY 25-26 / 26-27 | ITR-3, ITR-4, ITR-5 (non-audit business/professional income); DIR-3 KYC renewal; CCFS-2026 relief window closes (90% fee waiver) |

### SEPTEMBER 2026

| Due Date | Period | Particulars |
|---|---|---|
| 7 Sep | Aug | Deposit of TDS & TCS (non-government deductors) |
| 10 Sep | Aug | Filing of GSTR-7 (TDS) & GSTR-8 (TCS) |
| 11 Sep | Aug | Filing of GSTR-1 (monthly filers, turnover > ₹5 Cr) |
| 13 Sep | Aug | Filing of GSTR-6 (ISD) & GSTR-5 (NRTP) |
| 15 Sep | Aug / FY 25-26 | Payment of ESI & PF contributions; 2nd instalment of Advance Tax (45% of liability) |
| 20 Sep | Aug | GSTR-3B (monthly filers); Employee Professional Tax |
| 30 Sep | FY 25-26 | Tax Audit Reports (Forms 3CA/3CB & 3CD); Charitable Trust Audits (Forms 10B/10BB); DIR-3 KYC verification |

# REGULATORY HEADLINES

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What changed this quarter MCA, GST E-Way Bill & Income Tax

- **MCA extends Companies Compliance Facilitation Scheme (CCFS-2026) to 31 August 2026**

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs has pushed the CCFS-2026 deadline from 15 July to 31 August 2026 (General Circular 03/2026), after a fire incident on 5 June disrupted its data centre. Companies with pending statutory defaults can clear old AOC-4, MGT-7, MGT-7A and ADT-1 filings by paying normal fees plus just 10% of accumulated additional fees — a 90% waiver — until the new deadline.

- **Form DPT-3 due date pushed to 31 July 2026, no late fee**

The Return of Deposits (Form DPT-3) for FY 2025-26, originally due 30 June, now has a one-month extension to 31 July 2026 with no late fee, tied to the same data-centre disruption behind the CCFS extension.

- **Dormant status and strike-off get steep fee discounts under CCFS**

Inactive companies moving to Dormant Company status (Form MSC-1) get a 50% filing fee discount, and those opting for Strike-off (Form STK-2) get a 75% discount — both valid through the 31 August CCFS deadline.

- **E-Way Bill: Ship-To GSTIN now mandatory, new voluntary closure facility effective 1 August 2026**

GSTN's next E-way bill overhaul, originally slated for 15 June, now goes live 1 August 2026. Bill-To/Ship-To transactions will compulsorily require the actual consignee's GSTIN (or 'URP' for unregistered recipients); leaving it blank will block bill generation. A related, currently-voluntary closure facility lets the supplier, recipient, transporter or driver mark a delivery complete, ideally within a day of physical delivery.

- **E-Way Bill system also gets tighter document and validity caps**

Alongside the GSTIN mandate, the portal will refuse E-way bills against tax invoices, bills of supply or delivery challans older than 180 days, and total validity extensions on any single E-way bill are now capped at 360 cumulative days from original generation. Export transactions remain exempt from the Ship-To GSTIN requirement.

- **AOC-4 and MGT-7/7A (FY 2024-25) extended to 31 January 2027**

For regular annual filings of the previous financial year, MCA had already extended the AOC-4 and MGT-7/MGT-7A deadlines to 31 January 2026 — since further rolled forward to 31 January 2027 — to give companies time to adjust to the V3 portal upgrade.

- **ITR and tax-audit deadlines for AY 2026-27 now set**

Salaried individuals and non-audit taxpayers (ITR-1/2) file by 31 July 2026; non-audit business and professional filers (ITR-3/4/5) by 31 August 2026; all audit-linked and corporate filings (ITR-3/5/6/7) by 31 October 2026; and transfer-pricing cases (ITR-3/6) by 30 November 2026. The Tax Audit Report (Form 3CD) is due 30 September, one month ahead of the linked ITR deadline, and the Transfer Pricing Report (Form 3CEB) is due 31 October.

- **Missed a deadline? Late, revised and updated return windows**

A belated return under Section 139(4) can be filed up to 31 December 2026 (with a late fee up to ₹5,000 under Section 234F); a revised return under Section 139(5) up to 31 March 2027; and an updated return (ITR-U) to disclose missed income up to 48 months from the end of the relevant assessment year — i.e., until 31 March 2031.

*Sources: Data compiled by GTC & Associates - EESA Finance & Compliance Team*

# EESA ACTION

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## Palm-EESA Rigging & Trussing Workshop
## Palm Expo - May 28-30, 2026

Delivered yet another successful edition of the Palm-EESA Rigging & Trussing Workshop! Over three action-packed days, industry professionals came together to learn, share knowledge, exchange ideas, and strengthen the culture of safety and professionalism within the live events industry.

A heartfelt thank you to all our speakers, partners, sponsors, and participants. Your support, expertise, and commitment made this workshop a tremendous success.Together, we continue to raise standards, build skills, and shape the future of our industry.










## EESA MEET & GREET - MUMBAI - 29 MAY, 2026

A vision shared. A commitment renewed.

The EESA Meet & Greet brought members together for meaningful conversations on strengthening our association, supporting our industry, and building a more united future.

Thank you to Giant Truss for generously hosting this event and everyone who joined us, shared their thoughts, and committed to playing a more active role in EESA's journey ahead.

Reflect. Reconnect.Rise Together

## SPOTLIGHT Awards June 19, 2026

EESA proudly partnered as the Supporting Association Partner for the SPOTLIGHT Awards 2026, marking the first meaningful collaboration with EEMA to strengthen industry unity and foster greater collaboration. EESA Brand Ambassadors played an active role in promoting and amplifying the event across the community. The evening was made even more special as our esteemed member, Mr. Davinder Wadhwa, was honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award, celebrating his outstanding contribution to India's events and experiential industry.

Honouring Excellence. Celebrating Success. Strengthening Collaborations.






# EESA ACTION

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## ONLINE WORKSHOP - Temporary Power Distribution for Events by Vaibhav Kapoor, Third Wave Services - 6th July 2026

A fantastic evening of learning!
With 47+ registrations and 40 attendees, the latest EESA Enlighten session was a great success.

A special thanks to Vaibhav Kapoor for an exceptional session. Planned for 2 hours, the workshop extended to 3½ hours, driven by engaging discussions, practical insights, and an enthusiastic Q&A.

The overwhelming response has inspired us to explore an exclusive offline, hands-on workshop at Vaibhav's warehouse, combining theory with practical learning.

Thank you to Vaibhav Kapoor and everyone who participated in making this session a success.

More Learning. More Value. Stronger Together.










## Coatsman Scaffolding Safety Training Mumbai & Bangalore - July 2026

EESA was pleased to support the Coatsman Scaffolding Safety Training as part of our commitment to promoting safer work practices and professional skill development across the industry. The programme concluded successfully with 16 participants in Mumbai and 21 participants in Bangalore, equipping attendees with essential knowledge and practical competencies in scaffolding safety. We extend our sincere appreciation to the Coatsman team for delivering an excellent training programme and to all the participants for their commitment to raising safety standards within our industry.

Building Competence. Elevating Safety. Strengthening Industry.

# Coming UP!

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| DATE | LOCATION | EVENT |
|---|---|---|
| 7-9 August, 2026 | Chennai | EEMAGINE |
| 18-22 August, 2026 | Mumbai | 5-Day Rigging Certification Masterclass With Harold Waldack |
| 4-6 August, 2026<br>11-13 August, 2026<br>1-3 September, 2026<br>8-10 September, 2026 | Mumbai<br>Kolkata<br>Delhi<br>Bangalore | 3-Day Workshop<br>(TENTATIVE - TBD)<br>Event Rigging for Technicians |
| 16-18 September, 2026 | Mumbai | InfoComm India |



# Special ANNOUNCEMENT

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*Introducing*

# The All-New EESA Website

## Message from The President

Dear EESA Members and Industry Friends,

We are delighted to launch the all new EESA website a modern digital platform built to connect our members, showcase our industry and create new business opportunities.

A special thanks to our Secretary, Avishkar, for leading this initiative from the very beginning and ensuring it remained a priority.

My sincere appreciation to our General Manager, Archana Sanjay, for meticulously compiling, organising and verifying the extensive information that powers this platform.

A heartfelt thank you to our National Coordination Committee Member, Sagar Reddy, for his technical and backend support in bringing this vision to life.

**What's New?**

- Verified directory of all EESA member companies
- Search members by company, city, state, services and equipment
- Members only classifieds section for pre-owned equipment
- Interactive map showcasing EESA's presence across India
- Self-service portal to update company profiles and classifieds
- Dedicated platform for industry partners and advertisers
- Mobile friendly, fast and easy to navigate.
- A growing knowledge hub featuring newsletters, workshops, member spotlights and industry updates

This is more than just a website, it's a platform designed to strengthen our community, create opportunities and add greater value to every EESA member.

We invite you to explore the website, update your company profile and share your feedback as we continue to make it even better.

Thank you for your continued trust and support.

Warm Regards,

**Santana Davis**
President, EESA