

## REGIONAL REPORT – INDIA



## The World of Project Management in India

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This is the first in the series of reports on the world of project management in India.

There are 7 Chapters of the Project Management Institute (PM®) in India – in New Delhi, Mumbai, Pune, Hyderabad, Bangalore, Chennai and Trivandrum. The International Project Management Association (IPMA) is represented in India by Project Management Associates at New Delhi which has one Chapter at Pune.

During end of March 2007, Mr. Chris Fristad (Past president – PMI Washington DC Chapter or [PMI-WDC](#)) visited India and PMI chapters in Mumbai, Hyderabad, Bangalore and Trivandrum .



Mr. Chris Fristad (in photo)

This was part of the Chapter-to-Chapter initiative between PMI WDC and Team India (Team India is an initiative by all PMI Chapters in India with an India focus). Mr. Fristad spoke on *Teamwork, Leadership and Communications (TLC) the Key to Project Success*.

At Bangalore, Mr. Fristad and I visited and met officials of the [Indian Space Research Organization](#) or ISRO. This was to solicit a Speaker from India's Moon mission or [Chandrayaan](#) to speak along with NASA officials at the PMI – WDC monthly meetings. This was part of the Speaker Exchange program between PMI-WDC and PMI Chapters in India.

On 20<sup>th</sup> April there was a one day Project Management colloquium in Bangalore organized by [Quality Assurance Institute](#) India. I had an opportunity to present a brief talk on an 'Introduction to Total Cost Management – An IT perspective'. On the topic of applying cost management for IT here was a view that while some organizations apply cost based concepts a greater emphasis on cost management is required in others. Other papers included subjects related to Six sigma, Balanced score Card, practical aspects of preparing schedules, Knowledge management etc. A large audience from the IT industry was present. For details please refer [http://www.qaiasia.com/Conferences/PML07/pml\\_redux.htm](http://www.qaiasia.com/Conferences/PML07/pml_redux.htm)

On the infrastructure front, an ambitious project was announced with an investment of about US \$ 50 billion for an industrial corridor between Mumbai and Delhi. This initiative is with Japanese support and investment. Work is expected to start in Jan 2008 and the project is slated to take 7 years. It will include development of a 4000 MW power plant, 3 ports and 6 Airports. For details – refer to Breaking News in PM Forum  
<http://www.pmforum.org/blogs/news/2007/04/ambitious-infrastructure-project-in.html>

India's space program achieved a *significant milestone* on 23 April 2007 when it successfully put into orbit a commercial satellite for the Italian Space Agency. Though the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle or [PSLV](#) has launched rockets a number of times, this is first time that it had done so for commercial purposes and based on international rates. This marks the entry of India in the commercial rocket launch business and it joins countries like the United States, Russia, France, China and Japan. More details can be found at  
[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/south\\_asia/6582773.stm?ls](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/south_asia/6582773.stm?ls)



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