

# **Activities/Action Taken by IBC (2024–2026)**

## **Indian Buildings Congress (IBC)**

### **1. Introduction**

Since July, 2024, the Indian Buildings Congress (IBC) has initiated a series of transformative measures that have significantly strengthened governance, financial discipline, technical capacity and national outreach. Decision making process has been streamlined based on transparency, accountability and broad consultative approach. Due care has been to retain the original tenets of IBC as well as vision and mission of IBC. The period 2024–26 has been marked by notable expansion of State Centres, Technical activities; systematic reforms in financial and service rules, and proactive engagement with Government and institutional stakeholders. The initiatives undertaken since July 2024 represent a scale and depth of activities countrywide remarkably, positioning IBC on a stronger national platform.

### **2. Governance & Coordination**

#### **a. Internal Governance Reforms**

IBC has institutionalized structured governance mechanisms across the country, ensuring accountability and responsiveness:

- A **proper filing system** in HQ ensures smooth processing of notes from section-in-charges to higher authorities.
- **Weekly online meetings** of President, Hon. Secretary, Executive Director, and Section-in-Charges to track progress in real time.
- The **Membership Scrutiny Committee** meets twice monthly, accelerating the acceptance of new members which is subsequently recommended by the Membership Committee to the Executive Council for acceptance & subsequent ratification in Governing Council. And the acceptance in/c issuance of Identity Card & Certificate are being made within targeted time.
- Formation of **17 committees including 6 zonal committees**, has created a robust monitoring framework for assigned technical domains and focussed activities of centers respectively involving all EC/GC members & also authority representatives of IBC Centres covering the areas of Finance, Publication, Membership, Technical, Training, Asset & Building, Legal, Bye laws, Award & Medal. Recently, two more committees have been constituted for Grievance redressal Committee & Election Procedure framing Committee.
- **Monthly online reviews** with all committees & EC/GC Members & IBC Centres representatives ensure accountability and action planning.

These measures have elevated coordination and responsiveness to a level not seen before and match the need of time to make IBC dynamic and progressive.

#### **b. National Visibility & Coordination**

During the last two years, IBC has actively organized **Quarterly Governing Council and Executive Council meetings** in conjunction with National Seminars being hosted by the State Govt Deptt in collaboration with IBC Centres, ensuring both technical enrichment and organizational visibility. These programmes were managed by host centres using their own resources with support of respective State Governments. The surplus funds after the programme are shared equally between HQ and the host Centers.

- During this time, Governing Council (GC) meetings were held at **Raipur, Hyderabad, Agartala, Nagpur, Kochi and Bhopal**. Next will be held at Chandigarh/Pachkula.
- During this time, Executive Council (EC) meetings were conducted at **Patna, Chandigarh, Chennai, Gandhinagar, Bhubaneswar, Bengaluru, Nagpur, Shimla, Kota, Itanagar and Ranchi**. Next will be held at Portblair.
- Zone-wise coordination meetings were organized:
  - **Dec 2025:** Guwahati (North-East), Ranchi (East), Bhopal (West).
  - **Jan 2026:** Panchkula (North), Hyderabad (South).

The Zonal Committees of IBC are co-ordinating with the Centres under their Zone. State Government departments co-organized these events, with eminent national resource persons delivering keynote addresses. The scale and frequency of such programmes reflect IBC's enhanced national footprint.

During this year, All the 35 Centres have been requested to organise at least one National Seminar with the support of the State Govt.

### **3. Professional Development & Publications**

IBC has placed strong emphasis on **capacity building and knowledge dissemination**. Regular training programmes were conducted at IBC HQ every month, aligned with a training calendar, and to be extended to State capitals on requisition from Centres and State Government departments. These programmes not only enhanced professional skills but also generated additional resources for the organization.

Parallely, the quarterly publication of *Built Environment* has continued, carrying theme based technical articles and reports of IBC activities, including those from Centres. The IBC website has been regularly updated, with further development work underway to improve digital outreach.

**Key highlights include:**

- **Monthly training programmes held at HQ** aligned with a training calendar.
- **State-level training programmes** are planned to be conducted on requisition from Centres and Government departments.
- Quarterly publication of *Built Environment* continues with technical articles and activity reports.
- Website updated regularly, with development work in progress.

#### 4. Expansion & Technical Committees

The network of IBC Centres has expanded to **33 States/UTs and 2 Local Centres**, all functioning with regular reporting and monthly coordination.

Technical capacity has been significantly enhanced:

- **8 technical sub-committees** formed on various topic to prepare documents ; 3 sub committees completed documents (to be presented June 2026), 5 sub committees report are nearing completion.
- **3 more new sub-committees** recently added, expanding scope as desired by the State Govt authority..
- Focus on **modern construction management** topics such as Green Buildings, CDE, BIM, and Lean Construction.

This structured approach has ensured that technical committees not only initiate work but also deliver outputs within defined timelines — a marked improvement in organizational delivery compared to earlier practices.

#### 5. Resource Mobilization

To sustain activities and manage expenditure, IBC adopted a structured **resource mobilization strategy**. Members were requested to contribute through advertisements, specially by EC members for raising @ ₹50,000 each and GC members for raising @ ₹30,000 each. Response have been received from the members & it is perused regularly.

Additionally, clear guidelines were framed for GC meetings to ensure transparency and uniformity:

- Registration fees: ₹500 for all EC/GC members , ₹2,000 for other members of IBC & ₹3,000 for non members depending on category.
- Accommodation: Free for EC/GC members & Past Presidents; independent rooms available against addl charges.

- TA reimbursement: Provided to EC members for EC/GC meetings & GC members for GC meetings (except AGM/Annual Convention). No TA will be given during Annual Convention.
- Hosts reimbursed TA for keynote speakers.

Trust status of IBC has been restored for 10 years and ensuring donation tax exemption for 5 years. This structured mobilization has allowed IBC to sustain its expanded activities while maintaining financial discipline.

## 6. Financial Discipline

Financial reforms have been a cornerstone of this tenure:

- Framing of **Financial Rules** for HQ and Centres, **TA Rules & Guidelines**, and initiation of **Service Rules for staff**.
- Finance Committee clearance of all matters of bill/payment ensures transparency.
- **Corpus Fund strengthened:**
  - Upto July 2024: ₹2.83 crore.
  - Added ₹53 lakh ( July,2025) + ₹37 lakh (May 2026).
  - **Total corpus now: ₹3.73 crore**
- Membership proceeds deposited as Corpus fund. During this year, it is resolved that the total membership subscription should be kept as Corpus fund as termed deposit.
- **Annual grants increased for IBC Centres** , with 10% of membership subscription given to Centres as additional incentive.

This consolidation has provided IBC with financial resilience.

## 7. Strategic Engagements

IBC has strengthened its **strategic linkages** with both Union and State Governments. A notable outcome was the discussion with the Union Urban Development Minister, which led to the formation of a Technical Sub-Committee on *Prefabricated Structures* with a defined submission timeline.

At the state level, PWD/Works/Construction Departments have been actively connected through Centres, with office space provided at State Capitals. Institutional memberships have also been consolidated — CPWD renewed its full life membership in April 2026, while BMTPC, ICT, and several other State Departments cleared their fees.

Equally significant was IBC's successful contestation of the Income Tax Department's move to cancel its Trust status. Following sustained representation, the Trust status was extended for 10 years, and donation tax exemption continued for 5 years — a major recognition of IBC's credibility.

#### **Highlights:**

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- **Institutional memberships consolidated:** CPWD renewed full life membership (April 2026); BMTPC, ICT, and several State Departments cleared fees.
- **Trust Status Protection:** Successfully contested Income Tax Dept. move; Trust status extended for 10 years, donation tax exemption continued for 5 years.

These high-level engagements during 2024–26 have elevated IBC's stature in policy circles, ensuring recognition at both Union and State levels.

#### **8. Staff & Infrastructure**

Operational efficiency has been institutionalized, with biometric attendance ensuring accountability and rental income providing financial stability for IBC. Meetings of Chief Engineers and Centre Chairmen were organized during council sessions to strengthen coordination and monitoring.

#### **Key improvements:**

- Biometric attendance introduced.
- Chief Engineers' and Centre Chairmen's meetings organized during council sessions for better coordination.

#### **9. Conclusion**

The period 2024–26 has thus marked a decisive leap forward for IBC. The breadth of reforms, financial consolidation, technical outputs, and national outreach under the present leadership have positioned IBC as a proactive and credible partner in India's infrastructure development — far surpassing earlier levels of activity.

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