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AROUND THE WORLD: Sydney's M6 Motorway Tunnel



Near-complete twin tunnel of Sydney's M6 motorway are facing a standstill. Construction consortium CGU has paused work as of June 30 2025, due to emerging sinkholes and the detection of a rare high-angle reverse fault in the bedrock-unforeseen during initial geotechnical surveys. The project, 90% done and originally set to open in 2025 (now delayed to 2028), now risks further delay or redesign.

Brisbane Olympics; Geotechnical Vigilance Ahead



Planning for venue construction at Victoria Park (Brisbane 2032) is already underway. Concerns about future geotechnical challenges (e.g. unstable soils, groundwater issues) are being acknowledged proactively to prevent delays.



UK Ground Engineering Awards 2025

The 2025 Ground Engineering Award(UK) honored several Geotechnical Innovations: Marshall Drilling, Arup-Fuse and ProjectGPT, JSM Group Services, Fehily Timoney et. al.



Jeddah Geotechnical Conference (June 16)

ACTS Experts showcased advanced soil testing, foundations, slope stability techniques and earthquakeresitant foundation design.



ICEGT-2025, Paris (June 17-19)

Held on June 17-19 in Paris, it was announced in ISSMGE news, that registrations have opened for energy geotechnics discussions.

FROM THE INDIAN SUB-CONTINENT: LANDSLIDE IN NAGALAND, INDIA

Heavy monsoon rains in Nagaland caused landslides that damaged infrastructure and collapsed a section of National Highway 2 near Phesama. While several trucks fell, no casualties were reported. Over 100 trucks are stranded, and authorities have opened an alternate route and planned temporary and long-term road solutions.



TRAGIC BUILDING COLLAPSE IN MATHURA, INDIA



A building collapse occurred on June 15, 2025, in Mathura's Shahganj area due to nearby excavation work. Six houses fell, killing three people and possibly trapping others. Rescue efforts are ongoing, and safety inspections are planned.

BUILDING COLLAPSE IN SHIMLA, INDIA



On June 30, 2025, a 5-storey building collapsed in Shimla's Bhattakufar area after heavy rain, but no casualties occurred as it was evacuated earlier. The collapse may have been caused by unstable ground from nearby construction and heavy machinery use. Nearby buildings were also evacuated, and investigations and relief efforts are ongoing.

India Unveils World's Tallest Single-Arch Railway Bridge: Chenab Bridge

India has inaugurated the Chenab Railway Bridge in Jammu and Kashmir, now the world's tallest single-arch railway bridge at 359 meters above the Chenab River. Connecting the Kashmir Valley to the rest of India, the bridge took 20 years to build overcame and tough engineering challenges. Made with over 28,000 tonnes of steel, it's designed to handle extreme weather using advanced construction techniques.

