

# EDITORIAL

In the 10th AICEME we saw some departures from existing practices followed in a Conference or Seminar. The Technical Sessions were very lively all through. We were fortunate for the presence of an knowledgeable and critical audience, who not only inspired the speakers but also brought the best out of them. Even at the Inaugural Session the Hon'ble Minister Shri Chittabrata Majumder, Minister-in-charge, Cottage and Small Scale Industries, Government of West Bengal, attempted to answer questions put to the "official authorities" during the Secretary's report. Instead of being quiet, Shri Majumder broke the age-old practice of maintaining 'golden silence'. We welcome this novel gesture from the people at helm of affairs !

In the Technical Sessions we discussed three important matters namely, water, computer and productivity, associated with our National Development.

The Congregation at the 10th AICEME came to a consensus that the "issues" raised during the deliberations of the Seminar should be brought out in the form of a "Set of Recommendations" for the benefits of all concerned.

In the light of this we are publishing a "White Paper" as per the decision of the Congregation at the 10th AICEME. We will try to bring them to the notice of all concerned.

This is a huge job and we solicit help from all quarters to fulfil this sacred "Crusade". The Science and Technology Committee of the Government of West Bengal granted us Rs 3,000/- towards meeting up the expenses to publish the Proceedings of the 10th AICEME. We thank them sincerely. We also thank our Co-sponsors and patrons for their help, co-operation and assistance.

Scientific community as a whole are too much involved with themselves. In the country their activities hardly diffuse through the strong walls of their laboratories. Seldom they could press their points and ideas or drive them in the appropriate goal or channel. It is our sincere hope and desire that the 10th AICEME would open a new avenue of professional awareness and involvement. It may be too early to foresee the far reaching impacts of our approach. However, we along with our Co-sponsors feel proud for our efforts and success of the 10th AICEME.

Jai Hind !