

# Welcome Address by Professor B. Bose

Mr. President, Shree Probhas Roy, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Irrigation & Waterways, Government of West Bengal, Dr. B. Sen, Director of Technical Education, Government of West Bengal, Dr. S. R. Das, Director General, National Test House, Government of India, Prof. C. S. Jha, Educational Adviser (Technical), Government of India, Distinguished Delegates, Fellow Members, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my proud privilege and honour to welcome you all at the 11th All India Conference on Engineering Materials & Equipment organised by the Association of Engineers, India in collaboration with the Department of Science & Technology, Government of India and West Bengal Science & Technology Committee, Government of West Bengal. We welcome you Hon'ble Minister for your kind acceptance of our invitation to grace this Inaugural Session as distinguished guest of honour inspite of your busy schedule. We welcome you Dr. Sen for your kind acceptance of our invitation to inaugurate this 11th All India Conference on Engineering Materials & Equipment. We welcome you Dr. Das for your kind acceptance of our invitation to come to this Inaugural Session as Chief Guest. We welcome you Professor Jha for your kind acceptance of our invitation and make it convenient to grace this Inaugural Session inspite of your heavy commitments and busy schedule. We welcome you all distinguished delegates, guest and fellow members to this 11th AICEME.

Friends, the All India Conference on Engineering Materials & Equipment where we

have assembled to-night is the 11th Conference. It is in fact the beginning of a new decade since we have successfully completed the 1st Decade of the AICEME on last January in this very auditorium. You are aware that this All India Conference has been serving as a forum where scientists, engineers and technologists from all over the country meet and discuss the problems confronting the Profession and for that matter the society and exchange their views. And with this "motto" the AICEME will march on to serve the causes of the Profession and the Nation.

At the end of 10th AICEME the Association published the "Recommendations" of the Congregation in the form of a "white paper" which has been circulated to all concerned at home and abroad. We will be happy to know the outcome of this little effort we have undertaken.

During the AICEME we had organised Seminars on wide range of topics mentioned earlier. This year also we have arranged Seminars, which will be held to-morrow. The topics of the Seminar are :

- i) Computer Aided Design.
- and ii) Integrated Approach in Water Resources Planning & Development.

The topics have been selected keeping in view the problems in front of the Profession and society. Computer has got to be accepted even in our society in order to keep pace in development with the rest of the scientific community of the world. The last topic is of special importance to us in the country for we

have floods and droughts almost simultaneously in different parts. It is indeed a great pity that inspite of our vast water resources we could not provide half of our population with safe and clean water to drink. Our only hope that the deliberations at the Seminar will throw more light to this end.

Friends, we have received help and still have been receiving help from different Directorates and Departments of both State and Central Government, different Institutions and Organisations, different Industrial & Commercial houses in various ways in our efforts to organise this All India Conference. We thankfully acknowledge the help we received from them all and hope we will receive their help and co-operation in future as well.

The Association of Engineers, India, as you all know, is the oldest Professional Body in the country founded with the spirit of nationalism and dedication during alien rule as early as in 1919. The Association has since been serving the cause of Profession and for that matter National Development within its own might but with honour and dignity. We are proud to say that the Association will be doing so in its march forward. Long live the Association of Engineers, India.

Before I finish I welcome you all once again on my personal behalf and on behalf of the Association and on behalf of our Collaborators to this 11th All India Conference on Engineering Materials & Equipment.

Jai Hind !

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