

# Presidential Address delivered by Dr. M. Bhattacharyya

Hon'ble Sree Provash Roy, Minister-in-Charge, Irrigation & Waterways Dept., Govt. of W. B., Dr. B. Sen, Director of Technical Education, W. B., Dr. S. R. Das, Director-General, National Test House, Delegates, Members, Ladies and Gentlemen :

Our President Dr. R. K. Chakrabarti is at present in the United States and therefore as the senior most Vice-President I am to deliver the customary presidential address.

Our Secretary has already given you an account of the work of the Association that it has been pursuing with all humbleness and sincerity. True that we might have limitations and we have been rendering services to the cause of engineering profession, as a matter of fact to the cause of our motherland within the precincts of our limitations. You might be well aware that we are the first professional institute to come forward with the Associateship examination for the Diploma holders in Mechanical, Electrical and Civil Engg.—the diploma so awarded on these examinations, we have been assured by the concerned Department of the Government, would be equated to graduation in the concerned branches. It is amazing and interesting that some other

institution has copied our ideas without even any formal acknowledgement to this Oldest Association which was founded as early as in 1919 having the tradition of fighting for the cause of the profession in pre- and post-independence days.

The Association also noted that there is dearth of theoretical training facilities for the apprentices and the Association considered it a noble task to arrange for imparting theoretical training.

The Association has started consultancy cells, encourages authors to write books for technical and engineering students, which it publishes and sells at cost price and proposes to hold a number of seminar in a year. We cannot expand the library for dearth of room ; of course, in years to come, we may be able to organize these types of conferences in the Association's Own Hall in the Salt Lake City.

With your participation and blessings, I have no doubt that the Association will grow in size and still retain the purpose for which it was founded.

Jai Hind.

Dear Member,

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Secretary