

# SEMINAR

The Golden Jubilee Committee organised the following seminars in the auditorium of C. M. P. O at Rabindra Sarani, Calcutta.

Two essayists' seminars, one in English and the other in Bengali were held on 10th and 11th July, 1969 respectively. Professor Khounish Chandra Roy, Chief engineer, Howrah Improvement Trust, presided over the English seminar on the 10th July. The participants included Sri U. P. Mallick, Dr. Balaram Bose of Jadavpur University, Sri S. P. Chowdhury of Medical Journal and Sri A Deb.

Sri Mallick wanted more engineers and technologists to take to writing and the cult of writing should be acquired from school days by writing what is seen. Dr. Bose stressed the need for establishment of central lending library and co-operation of industry for sponsoring projects which would induce engineers to make research and produce more writing matters. Sri Chowdhury stated that standard of writing has deteriorated these days, as we are not learning the languages with care. Sri Deb narrated the handicaps of publishing the writing as the authors are at the disposal of publishers who see the profit motive only. Small journals do not get patronage of industry by way of advertisements. The president, in winding up the seminar, dwelt on the various aspects of writing, publishing, distributing technical essays. He believed that a writer is born, not made. The dissemination of knowledge can be best achieved by having a barter system of exchange among various writers and organisations.

Sri S. Basu offered introductory remarks and Sri T. K. Basu, Secretary, Reception Sub-Committee, Golden Jubilee Committee offered vote of thanks.

Sri Narayan Sanyal the eminent engineer—writer and the recent recipient of Rabindra Puraskar presided over the Bengali seminar on the 11th July. The Speaker Sri Sudhananda Chattopadhyay, chief engineer, C. M. P. O gave a summary of the evolution and stressed on the achievements made by the Missionaries of Serampore during the 18th century. Sri Rambalav Chakraborty, Director, Calcutta Metropolitan Water and Sanitation Authority stressed on the importance of writing technical books in Bengali for the artisans and "mistris" who have no basic education in technology. Sri Sudhagnsu Prokash Chowdhury of the Medical Journal observed that the standard of Bengali technical and scientific literature is getting low and if sufficient care and caution is not taken at this stage the situation will make more harm to the community than it is doing good to them. Sri Robin Bandopadhyay said that general people are getting more interested in reading scientific and technical articles. Sri Binoyendra Dam mentioned the valuable role played by the Association of Engineers in the past in the development of Bengali terminology of English words. Sri Santosh Ghosh advised the Engineering Associations to popularise the subject. The Chairman in his speech gave a short resume' of the post-independence development of scientific and technical literature in Bengali. He emphasised that there should be no rigidity in using a particular Bengali terminology for an English word. More commonly used understandable words should only be used. He also requested the Association of Engineers the prepare a plan-of-action to start the revolution for producing technical and scientific literature in one's own mother language. The seminar ended with a vote of thanks by the Reception Secretary Sri T. K. Basu,

## LECTURE

A lecture was organised in the CMPO auditorium, on 14th July, 1969.

Professor N. Majumder of All India Institute of Hygiene and Public Health dealt with the subject 'Sanitation of working environments in industries'. Physical aspect of public health, as affected by air, water, food, effective temperature, relative humidity, air velocity were lucidly explained. He also answered inquisitive queries from the audience.

Professor Dr. Balaram Bose of Jadavpur University, dealt with 'Problem of noise and noise control' and explained with the help of slides, the gravity of the problem. He also answered various questions bearing on the subject to the satisfaction of the audience.

A lecture was organised in the auditorium of USIS on 3rd July, 1969 when Sri R. B. Chakrabarty talked on 'History of Irrigation in Bengal.

## PRESS CONFERENCE

The first conference was held on 24 April, 1969. Sri S. Basu, Sri A. Deb, and Sri S. Neogi briefed the Press about the plan and programme of the Golden Jubilee Celebration.

Hand-outs were issued from time to time to the Press, which were well covered. Articles and notes were also published by various newspapers. Ananda Bazar Patrika, in its issue of 8. 6. 1969, wrote as under.

### “একটি আদর্শের সুবর্ণ-জয়ন্তী

ভারতের প্রাচীনতম ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং সমিতি দি অ্যাসোসিয়েশন অব ইঞ্জিনিয়ার্সের সুবর্ণ-জয়ন্তী হবে আগামী মাসে। এটা শুধু একটা প্রতিষ্ঠানের জয়যাত্রা নয়, একটা আদর্শের।

১৯১৯ সালে এই জাতীয় সংস্থাটি প্রতিষ্ঠিত হয়েছিল, সম্পূর্ণ ভারতীয়দের উদ্যোগে। নেটিভদের বাড়াবাড়ি দেখে তখনকার দিনের বিলিতি ইঞ্জিনিয়ারদের গৌঁ চাপে এটা অঙ্কুরে বিনাশ করার। তাঁরা ইংলণ্ডের ইন্সটিটিউশন অব ইঞ্জিনিয়ার্সের একটি শাখা খুললেন ভারতে এবং সাদা চামড়ার প্রতাপে অনেক দেশী ইঞ্জিনিয়ারকে এর সদস্য হতে বাধ্য করলেন। অনেকেই অবশ্য চাকরি বা পদমোত্তির লোভে এর সদস্য হলো, মার খেতে লাগলো জাতীয় সমিতিটি। মার খেয়েও মরেনি। কিছু সংখ্যক স্বাধীনচেতা ইঞ্জিনিয়ার তবু অদম্যভাবে কাজ চালিয়ে যেতে লাগলেন—এবং এক সময় যাদবপুরের কাউন্সিল অব ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিংকে যেমন ইংরেজ বিরোধিতা করে বেঁচে থাকতে হয়েছিল, সেই প্রতিষ্ঠানটিও সেইভাবেই টিকে রইলো। এ বছর সেই প্রতিষ্ঠানের সুবর্ণ-জয়ন্তী।”

Akashvani also made a news reel on our Golden Jubilee.

## THANKS

Thanks are due to all patrons, advertisers, ministers of W. B. Govt. and other agencies and members associated with our Golden Jubilee.

## GOLDEN JUBILEE PROGRAMME

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### PLACE : CLACUTTA

27th September, 1969

Saturday

- 9-30 A. M. : Registration of Delegates  
10-30 A. M. : Inauguration at Rabindra Sadan  
*President : Dr. B. D. Nag Choudhury,*  
*Member, Planning Commission*  
*Chief Guest : Sri Sushil Kumar Dhara,*  
*Minister, Commerce & Industries, West Bengal*  
12-00 Noon : Light refreshment  
6-00 P. M. : Film Show at USIS Auditorium

28th September, 1969

Sunday

- 10-00 A. M. : Seminar Session at G. S. I. Auditorium.  
27, Chowringhee Rd.  
Sub : a) Education and Training of  
Engineers  
b) Specialisation  
*President : Sri P. R. Guha, Ex-Chairman.*  
*Institution of Engineers, Bihar Centre*  
*Chief Guest : Sri Biswanath Mukherjee,*  
*Minister, I & W, West Bengal*  
11-15 A. M. : Coffee Break  
1-00 P. M. : Lunch  
2-00 P. M. : Visit to Industries  
6-00 P. M. : Drama "ALEEK BABU" at Calcutta  
Information Centre

29th September, 1969

Monday

- 10-00 A. M. : Seminar Session at G. S. I. Auditorium  
Sub : Technologists, Industry & Agriculture  
*President : Dr. A. N. Ghosh,*  
*Director General, Indian Standards Institution, New Delhi*  
*Chief Guest : Sri Somnath Lahiri, Minister,*  
*Development & Planning, West Bengal*  
11-15 A. M. : Coffee Break  
2-00 P. M. : Visit to Industries  
7-00 P. M. : Dinner at Park Hotel

30th September, 1969

Tuesday

- 10-00 A. M. : Seminar Session at G. S. I. Auditorium  
Sub : Unemployment Problems amongst  
Engineers  
*President : Sri R. G. Deo, Director General,  
Mines Safety, Government of India.*  
*Chief Guest : Sri Jyoti Bhusan Bhattacharjee,  
Minister, Information & Public Relations, West Bengal*
- 11-15 A. M. : Coffee Break  
1-00 P. M. : Lunch  
3-00 P. M. : Seminar Session at G. S. I. Auditorium  
Sub : a) Problems of Professional Technical  
Bodies  
b) Importance of Joint Engineering  
Council for Technical Societies  
*President : Sri R. B. Chakraborty, Director,  
C.M.W.S.A., Calcutta*  
*Chief Guest : Bhabatosh Soren, Minister-  
in-Charge of Forest, West Bengal*
- 5-00 P. M. : Tea  
6-30 P. M. : Dance Drama "MAHUA" at Academy of  
Fine Arts Auditorium

## INVITATION

### The Association of Engineers

requests the pleasure of your presence at the Inaugural Session of its Golden Jubilee celebrations to be held at Rabindra Sadan, Cathedral Road, Calcutta, on Saturday, the 27th September, 1969. at 10-30 a. m.

Shri Sushil Kumar Dhara, Minister-in-Charge, Commerce and Industries, Government of West Bengal, has kindly consented to grace the occasion as Guest-in-Chief and inaugurate the Session..

Dr. B. D. Nag Chaudhury, Member, Planning Commission, Government of India, has kindly consented to preside over the ceremony.

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