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Editorial

The First All-India Engineers' Conference was held on 27, December, 1968 at the hall of Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

The suggestion for convening such a conference, originated in this column and the council of the Association of Engineers translated this into action. It is really gratifying to see the culmination in the holding of the conference of our own. None is more happy than the scribe who broke the ice. The Science Congress Association holds an annual chapter on engineering—cum—metallurgy and an engineer holds the chair of the section (13) in alternate year. With the gaining of ground, the engineering chapter of science congress may be married to the Engineers' conference. The convenor of the next conference would do well to keep this in view.

The last item on the business agenda, namely, Joint Council of Professional Engineering Organisations, was the most important issue as it foresees the welding of all Professional bodies in India, with the common objective to achieve professional proficiency and occupational security. In America and in England, such a body has been formed. We, in India, are late in this respect. Thanks to the conference, we are better late than never. We wish the Joint Council of Indian Engineering Institutions godspeed and at the same time assure all co-operation . Not only so, we wish the Central Government to give immediate recognition to this council. Rastrapati sent best wishes for the success of the conference and it is hoped his Government would reciprocate by recognition of the Joint Council and nominate its representative to the Rajya Sabha, in token of the recognition.

Our Government accept one as Engineer, if he states so in the census and this analogy may be extended from individual to group, when a group of engineers form an association/society/institution in futherance of the cause of engineering Profession and Engineers.

In honour of the conference, we are devoting this issue of the journal as the "conference number."