

Editorial

This issue of the Journal is deemed as the Souvenir volume for the Fifth All India Conference on Engineering Materials and Equipments to be held on 27th and 28th of November, 1974 at Calcutta.

The past four conferences sponsored by the Association of Engineers, India met with spontaneous response from the Engineering Communities, both public & private, Educational Institutions, autonomous bodies like CMDA etc. The Collaborators & the Government of West Bengal had always lent their helping hands towards the success of the past conferences and we are sure that the same would be forthcoming on the eve of the Fifth Conference as well.

Engineers, now-a-days, are faced with typical problems connected with day-to-day living. They are also trusted by public at large all over the world as the right people to make this earth a better place to live on by providing solution to the problems threatening the comfort and sometimes even the very existence of life.

Water is life—a term not denied by any sensible human being and as such affairs connected with the supply and distribution of the same warrant proper discussion on professional forum and Our Association has taken

an honest endeavour towards this by arranging discussion of the same in two technical sessions of the Fifth Conference.

The third technical session will be on Mechanised Construction—a subject of Controversies and contradictions. It is hoped that a lively discussion on the subject by the specialists may be helpful in having an insight into the topic.

Last, but not the least, we welcome all delegates & participants to the conference. Our heartfelt thanks are due to all the advertisers who have been very kind to release their insertions in our Souvenir, C. M. D. A. and West Bengal Government for financial assistance and such other organisations who have wished our conference a success.

We sincerely hope that the discussion and deliberations will be lively, interesting and timely. We also intended to send the recommendation of the Conference to the authorities concerned for favour of their consideration.

This volume has to be rushed through the press and consequently there might be a few errors & some of the article-abstracts had to be shortened. These are deeply regretted.