

Editorial

This issue of the journal synchronises with the holding of the Fourth All India Conference on Engineering Materials and Equipments. This issue is therefore deemed as the Souvenir volume for the Conference also.

The past three conferences, sponsored by the Association of Engineers, met with spontaneous response not only from the Engineering Community but also from Industry, Educational Community, Public undertakings, autonomous bodies—CMDA to mention in particular. The collaborator, the State Govt, particularly the West Bengal Government gave fillip which contributed a lot to the success of the

past conferences. This conference is a bit delayed for reasons beyond our control. Nevertheless, we hope, the same enthusiasm and co-operation would be forthcoming as in the past.

Engineers in these days are passing through hard days, not only for spiralling of price of consumer and engineering goods but also for shortfall or lack of realistic planning for supply of raw materials for Industry. The foremost thing of the moment is augmentation of productivity, less of politics and more of performance.

Engineers in their official orbit are faced with the complexities of relation with non-technical administrator in technical department.

It is argued and rightly so why the specialists are denied the responsibility to run their show in matters technical. This argument is not only for us or state of West Bengal or India but all the World over. We have Hanumantiya Commission here; Foulton report in U.K. We only hope that better sense will prevail and everyone would be given their dues.

We welcome all delegates, participants to the conference. We thank all advertisers who have used this journal as media. We thank the collaborators and West Bengal Govt. for financial assistance. We hope the discussion and deliberations will be interesting and useful.