

From the Desk of the Editor

We feel very proud to be a part of The Association of Engineers, India (AEI), the oldest professional organisation of engineers in India, celebrating its Centenary Year in 2018-19. In this year, volume 88 No.3-4 (July-December) 2018 issue of The Journal of the Association of Engineers, India is being brought out.

After celebrating the New Year, 2019, we suddenly got the sad news that on January 03 2019, Prof. Rajat Kumar Chakrabarti has passed away at an age of 93 years. He was the Immediate Past President of The Association of Engineers, India and was a highly regarded Professor of Mechanical Engineering at Jadavpur University, Kolkata. We feel really missing of a guardian. An Obituary in memory of him is there in this journal issue.

Few days back, a Seminar on “Challenges and Prospects of Engineering Professionals in India” has been organized by the AEI at Government College of Engineering and Ceramic Technology, Kolkata on November 17 2018 in association with this college. Thanks to the college authority, faculty, staff and students for extending whole-hearted support for making the seminar a grand success. This has been a big event after the Inauguration of the Centenary Celebration of the Association on April 18 2018. Detailed report on this Seminar and its outcome are included in this issue.

We really feel the magnanimity of the rich history of the activities of the Association that is present in black and white in the published journals of the Association. It is found that the then President of our Association met Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose, the Mayor of Calcutta, on December 16 1939 with a request to patronise this organisation, and Subhas Chandra readily accepted the proposal to become a Patron of the Association.

In the current issue, a number articles presented in the Seminar is also published after suitable extension and editing, along with the regular sections. A Case Study is also included in this issue which is worth-noting.

Next, a National Conference on Trends and Advances in Mechanical Engineering (TAME-2019) is being organized jointly by The Association of Engineers, India, Kalyani Government Engineering College, Kalyani and Global Institute of Management and Technology, Krishnagar on February 15-16 2019 at Kalyani

Government Engineering College, Kalyani. Let us hope that this conference will also be a grand success. Papers presented in this conference would be published in this as well as some other journals.

Comments and discussion on the published articles are welcome in the form of '**Letter to the Editor**' to publish in the journal. Members may please communicate their achievements to publish in the column, '**Member in the News**'.

'**Association News**' lists different activities undertaken by the Association. The **Membership Form** of the Association is included at the end. New members are invited to get associated with this organisation which is celebrating the Centenary Year in 2018-19. **The Admission Fee is waived if one wishes to become a member of this Association within this Centenary Year.** An organization can also become an Institutional Member by applying for the same on its letterhead.

The available articles are abstracted and digitized and are present in the website, www.i-scholar.in/index.php/JAEI. You may please go through the same. We have started plagiarism checking of the submitted articles using **Crossref system promoted by iThenticate** facility. Authors are requested to use '**ResearchGate**' and similar other social networking sites for circulating their papers widely among the world community.

Articles are invited for consideration for publication in the Journal of the Association of Engineers, India. Authors are requested to follow '**Author Guideline**' given at the end of this issue. They would have to submit a '**Declaration**' before publication of the article in the journal. A conference paper may also be published in this journal after appropriate extension and revision through the process of peer review. Conference organizers may contact the Editor in this regard. Detail of the Author Guideline, Declaration Form, Subscription Form and Advertisement Contract Form are available in the Association website, www.aeindia.org.in.

Wish you all a warm Centenary Greetings and New Year 2019 !!

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