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Programme

10-00 A.M. Address by Col. H. C. Vijn. Chairman, Reception Committee.
10-10 A.M. Inauguration by His Excellency The Governor of West Bengal.
10-25 A.M.	...	...	... Presidential address by Padma Bhushan Prof. M. S. Thacker.
10-40 A.M.	...	...	... Speech by Mr. J. M. Parsons, President, Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry.
10-50 A.M.	...	...	... Vote of Thanks by Ing. H. Kothari, Convenor.

BUSINESS SESSION

11-00—11-30 A.M.	...	...	... Education & Training of Engineers.
11-30—12-00 P.M.	...	...	... Engineers & Industries.
12-30—1-00 P. M.	...	...	... Duties and Social Responsibilities of Engineers.
1-00—2-30 P. M.	...	...	... Lunch Break. (Spence's Hotel)
2-45—3-15 P. M.	...	...	... Development of Indigenous Consultancy Service.
3-15—3-45 P. M.	...	...	... Status of the Engineer.
3-45—4-15 P. M.	...	...	... Recognition of Professional bodies.
4-15—4-45 P. M.	...	...	... Joint Council of Professional Engineering Organisations.
4-45—5-30 P. M.	...	...	... Conclusions
5-30 P. M.	...	...	... Vote of Thanks.

Retrospection

One early morning.....nearly 6 months ago.....headlines in the daily newspapers said 40000 Engineers are unemployed and the authorities are thinking of curtailing admission in the Engineering colleges. It gave me a thought to do something for the profession. The thought grew into an idea and it was conducted to my other Engineer friends. Within a month the idea came out to be an item in the Agenda of the Council of the Association of Engineers. The idea was appreciated by the members and I was asked to transform it into an action.

The idea travelled.....travelled to the Engineers all around the country and to the office bearers of the Professional Institutions. Discussions with the Presidents and Secretaries of various Institutions followed and with the passing of time, the idea took a shape.....shape of the 1st All India Engineers Conference. Every engineer was anxious to do something for the Profession. The Profession became united. Industry was approached for financial assistance in the form of advertisements for the Souvenir. Support came and the idea became a project. The success of the project however can only be judged by the outcome of the Conference today.....How far we can help ourselves ?

I am, however, grateful to our Governor Sri Dharma Vira for kindly consenting to inaugurate the Conference, to the dignitaries who have come here to be with us today, the Engineers, the Professional Engineer's Organisations and to the Advertisers for their kind co-operation and support.

Ing. H. Kothari
Convenor.

