

# Proceedings of the 58th Annual General Meeting

The 58th Annual General Meeting of The Association of Engineers, India was held on the 23rd April, 1977 at the auditorium of Bengal National Chamber of Commerce & Industry, P-11, R. N. Mukherjee Road, Calcutta—700001. Er. K. Roy presided over the meeting. Prof. Dr. Rajat Chakraborty, M.P. was the Guest of Honour.

Er. N. R. Banerjee, Secretary in his Annual Report highlighted the various activities the Association undertook during 1976 which included inter alia assistance provided to the Govt. of West Bengal in arranging theoretical classes for apprentices engaged under the Apprenticeship Act, 1961, publication of technical books for engineering students at cheaper rates, management development programmes for shop floor managers in industry.

Er. K. Roy, President called upon this premier body of nationalist engineers to give their best in the reconstruction of the nation and promised all-out support to the Union Govt. and other State Govts. with whatever expertise the Association possesses.

Prof. Dr. Rajat Chakraborty, M. P. in his speech advised the Association to go ahead with the AMAE Examination, Sections A and B for diploma holders in civil, electrical and mechanical engineering. At present only in Jadavpur University diploma holders in these

three branches of engineering have facilities of furthering education to become graduates in engineering. He further advised the Association to conduct regular classes for diploma holders in different parts of the country so that they may well-equip themselves for the AMAE Examination.

Prof. Dr. Chakraborty took up the issue of recognition of the AMAE examination as equivalent to degree in engineering with the erstwhile Education Minister, Prof. Nurul Hassan. Govt. of India in the Ministry of Education then advised the Association to approach the Ministry for such recognition after conducting three examinations. It has accordingly been decided to conduct the examination in June, 1977; December, 1977; and June, 1978. Prof. Dr. Madhusudan Bhattacharyya, Jadavpur University reporting as Convener of the Board of Examination stated that Prof. Dr. Rajat Chakraborty, M.P. has kindly agreed to be the Chairman of the Board of Examination.

The General Body decided to meet Prof. Dr. Pratap Chandra Chandra on this issue and to request the Union Govt. to accord recognition to the oldest association of engineers which is overdue.

Er. M. B. Ghose, President—Elect proposed a Vote of thanks.