

## ASSOCIATION NEWS

### Activities of The Association of Engineers, India during January-July 2019

The Association of Engineers, India has celebrated the **Centenary Year** in the best possible way with zeal and enthusiasm during 2018-19. The Centenary Celebration started on April 18 2018 and ended on April 20 2019. A number of events have been organized since January 2019 as a part of this celebration and brief reports of the same and some other events are given in the following paragraphs. The Association has an addition of seven Corporate Members during January-June 2019. The Journal of The Association is also published as a regular feature.

#### A. Regular courses conducted by the Association

The course on '**Advanced Diploma in Industrial Safety**' affiliated to West Bengal State Council of Technical Education & Vocational Training and Skill Development is conducted by the Association with an intake of 40 candidates. It is worth noting that most of the 34 students continuing in this ADIS course have got placed in 2019.

#### B. Promoting Rain Water Harvesting

The Association of Engineers, India (AEI) promotes rainwater harvesting since 2007 considering the imminent scarcity of potable water. For raising awareness about rainwater harvesting, different social networking sites such as Facebook, etc. are used.

#### C. Organisation of a Picnic

Students of the course on Advanced Diploma in Industrial Safety organized a picnic at the roof of the Training Centre of the Association at Salt Lake City, Kolkata on January 06 2019 involving the teachers and members of the Association. Good teacher-student relationship was witnessed by the persons present.

#### D. Organized National Conference on Trends and Advances in Mechanical Engineering (TAME 2019)

National Conference on Trends and Advances in Mechanical Engineering (TAME 2019) was organised during 15-16 February 2019 at Kalyani Government Engineering College, Kalyani, West Bengal. It was organized jointly by The Association of Engineers, India, Kalyani Government Engineering College, Kalyani and Global Institute of Management and Technology, Krishnagar. More than sixty technical papers were presented in this two-day conference in four parallel sessions apart from nine Keynote Speeches and two Invited Lectures.

It was inaugurated on the 15<sup>th</sup> in the presence of dignitaries like Er. R. C. Bhattacharya, Chairman of the Organising Committee, Prof. Dr. Saikat Maitra, Vice Chancellor of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad University of Technology, West Bengal, Prof. Dr. S. K. Ghosh, Vice Chancellor of The University of Kalyani, Dr. Sourabh Kumar Das, Principal of Kalyani

Government Engineering College, Dr. Barun Haidar, Principal of Global Institute of Management and Technology, Prof. Dr. G. L. Datta, Guest of Honour, Prof. Dr. A. B. Chattopadhyay, Guest of Honour, and Prof. Dr. Suman Chakraborty, Guest of Honour. The inaugural song was sung by the students of Kalyani Government Engineering College. Prof. Dr. Saikat Maitra inaugurated the event by formally lighting of the lamp accompanied by other guests. Thereafter, a minute of silence was observed to pay homage to late Prof. Dr. Rajat Kumar Chakrabarti, immediate Past President of The AEI.

Er. R. C. Bhattacharya, Prof. Dr. Saikat Maitra, Prof. Dr. S. K. Ghosh, Dr. Sourabh Kumar Das and Dr. Barun Haidar delivered speech. Prof. Dr. G. L. Datta, Prof. Dr. A. B. Chattopadhyay and Prof. Dr. Suman Chakraborty also addressed the gathering. Er. S.N. Basu Ray, Honorary Secretary of The AEI briefly discussed about the activities of the Association. Prof. Dr. Santanu Das, Convenor of the conference, gave the vote of thanks at the end of the Inauguration Ceremony.

Next, Keynote Lectures were delivered by Prof. Dr. Suman Chakraborty, Prof. Dr. Bijoy Bhattacharyya, Prof. Dr. Bijan Sarkar and Prof. Dr. Swarnendu Sen. Four Parallel Technical Sessions were conducted In the afternoon. A cultural programme was organized in the evening by students and staff members of Kalyani Government Engineering College.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> morning, Keynote Speeches were delivered by Prof. Dr. Subhasis Bhaumik, Prof. Dr. Prasanta Sahoo, Dr. Prosenjit Das, Prof. Dr. Tapan Kumar Pal and Prof. Dr. Partha Pratim Bandyopadhyay. Invited Speakers were Mr. Sandip Mitra and Er. Bimal Mukhopadhyay. After the lunch break, again four parallel technical sessions were there followed by the Valedictory Session. At the end, Prof. Dr. Santanu Das, Convenor of the conference, made closing remarks and declared the event closed.

#### **E. Organizing the Concluding Session of the Centenary Year of The Association**

The concluding session of centenary celebration of The Association of Engineers, India was organized on 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 at the Training Centre of The AEI at IA/11, Salt Lake City, Kolkata. The Chief Guest of the ceremony was Prof. Dr. Sajal Dasgupta, Vice Chancellor of the University of Engineering and Management, Salt Lake, Kolkata. After the inaugural song sung by Er. Manas Kumar Saha, Er. R.C. Bhattacharya, the Chairman of the Centenary Committee and Vice President of The AEI, delivered welcome address. Then Prof. N.R. Banerjee, Vice President of the AEI, Er. S.N. Basu Roy, Honorary Secretary and Er. M.K. Basak, Treasurer of The AEI delivered their welcome address. Prof. Santanu Das, convener of the Centenary Committee, made a power point presentation related to the activities of the centenary celebration throughout last one year.

Then Prof. Dr. Sajal Dasgupta addressed the audience highlighting the present scenario of Engineering and Technological education in West Bengal and the remedial measures needed. Then Dr. Sanchayan Mukherjee performed a light joke. Few members expressed their views regarding future activities of the association. Er. Manas Kumar Saha sang the concluding song towards the end of this event. Prof. Santanu Das, Convener of Centenary Committee, gave a Vote of Thanks to all concerned, and finally, Er. R.C. Bhattacharya declared closure of the Centenary Celebration of this Association.

#### **F. Holding the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of The AEI**

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of The Association of Engineers, India was held on June 29 2019 at the Registered Office of the Association at 24, Netaji Subhas Road, Kolkata -700001. After the regular agenda wise discussions, a new Executive Council and its Office Bearers were elected. Dr. Gautam Bandyopadhyay became the New Honorary Secretary of the AEI.

#### **G. Archive of the Journal of the Association of Engineers, India Made**

Published articles in the Journal of the Association of Engineers, India that are available since the year 1937 were digitized and archived in the website, [www.i-scholar.in/index.php/jaei](http://www.i-scholar.in/index.php/jaei). Readers may please go through the same to have the idea what active role the Association took in the past during pre-independence and post-independence period to serve the engineering fraternity and towards nation building. M/s. Informatics Publishing Limited, Bangalore is thanked for completing this task.

**Honorary Secretary**

#### **NEW ENROLMENT OF MEMBERS DURING JANUARY - JUNE 2019**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Grade</b>
1.	Er. Dipanwita Biswas	Life Fellow
2.	Er. Debasish Biswas	Life Fellow
3.	Er. Subrata Mallick	Life Member
4.	Er. Bidhan Chandra Biswas	Life Associate Member
5.	Er. Rajiv Ranjan Singh	Annual Member
6.	Dr. Debojyoti Mitra	Life Fellow
7.	Er. Chandra Chudha Bhattacharya	Upgraded to Life Fellow
8.	Er. Soumojit Dasgupta	Annual Fellow