

TECHNICAL ACTIVITY CARRIED OUT BY CENTRES / OVERSEAS CHAPTERS

Name of Centre / Overseas Chapter:		Durgapur Local Centre	
Title of Activity:		Royal Charter Day	
Activity under Divisional Board (delete which are not applicable):		ICC	
Date:	09/09/2018	Venue:	Visvesvaraya Auditorium, Durgapur Local Centre



Mr R K Roy, Chairman, Durgapur Local Centre delivering his welcome address and seen (l to r): Dr S Bhattacharya, SDG, IEI, Kolkata and Mr M N Bandyopadhyay, Hony. Secretary, Durgapur Local Centre



Dr S Bhattacharya delivering his address

The Institution of Engineers (India), Durgapur Local Centre observed Royal Charter Day on 9th September 2018 at Visvesvaraya Auditorium of IEI, Durgapur Local Centre. Maj Gen (Dr) S Bhattacharya (Retd), VSM, Secretary & Director General, IEI, Kolkata grace the occasion as Special Guest.

The programme was started by screening film show on 'IEI Marches on'.

Mr R K Roy, Chairman, Durgapur Local Centre welcomed Dr S Bhattacharya, SDG, IEI and the august gathering and explained in brief the significance of Royal Charter day which is being observed on 9th September 2018 for the first time by all Centres of IEI. On this auspicious day, IEI was incorporated in Royal Charter by His Majesty, The King and Emperor George V at the Court at Buckingham Palace, London.

Dr S Bhattacharya in his address mentioned that what is royal charter and explained it vividly. He said the British Authority through this Royal Charter gives recognition to any institution e.g. NGO, Hospital, Industry, Military organization etc. It recognizes the standard which governs the institution carefully.

IEI was set up long back as in 1920 by the then Engineers of India and active participation of Sir R N Mukherjee took the organization to such a level that it became famous in India but recognition by British Government was not achieved that time. The first AGM was held at Kolkata and presided by Sir R N Mukherjee at its office at Asiatic Society of India, Kolkata. It was shifted to Chennai from Kolkata later on. On the ground of being registered this organization at Kolkata again it was shifted back from Chennai to Kolkata on legal ground. After long hurdle by our the then active members of the organization IEI could be registered by the British Government and for its incorporation in royal charter continuous struggle was started by the members and Lord Mountbatten met the council members and took the case for its incorporation in Royal Charter in London. Finally at Buckingham palace at London the British Government accepted the appeal for the incorporation and put the seal of Queen Victoria on 13th August 1935.

This gives the recognition of IEI for its standard as educational institution and IEI is the only recipient of this Royal Charter in India.

Royal Charter gives the responsibility to President, Council, Secretary & Director General to carry on the jobs related to development of science and engineering in India. We do not violate royal charter we have to respect the royal Charter.

The day ended with a vote of thanks by the Honorary Secretary, Mr. M N Bandyopadhyay and he praised Dr Bhattacharya for elaborate explanation for royal charter and the honour the IEI received by being incorporated in royal charter. He said that all the members of IEI can boast of it. His interaction session with members was highly accepted by all and really praise worthy.