

REPORT ON CELEBRATION OF 164TH BIRTHDAY CEREMONY OF SIR RAJENDRA NATH MOOKERJEE



The Institution of Engineers (India) celebrated 164th birthday ceremony of Sir Rajendra Nath Mookerjee on 23.06.2017 in a big way at its Headquarters campus at 8, Gokhale Road, Kolkata 700020. A large number of engineers, intellectuals from various sections of society in Kolkata including Deputy Director General, Director (Technical), Director(Membership), Director(EEA) and Director (Finance) of IEI were present on the occasion and shared the work done by this legendary engineer, Sir Rajendra Nath Mookerjee.

The function was inaugurated by Shri S C Rudra, Vice President, IEI and Chairman of Sir R N M Library (Engineering Information Service Centre) along with Shri Sisir Kumar Banerjee, Member, Finance Committee, IEI and Dr Anil Kumar, Deputy Director General, IEI.

While welcoming the guests, Dr Kumar shared that Sir R N Mookerjee was not only a great engineer but also a great businessman and equally was great at heart. Sir Mookerjee was the President of Indian Science Congress in 1921 and 1931. He was the first Indian President of the Institution of Engineers (India) during the session 1920-21. The Calcutta University conferred upon him the Honorary Degree of D.Sc. (Engineering). He was knighted by the British Empire for his great contribution to the plan, design and construction of the Monument - Victoria Memorial at Kolkata, one of the great heritage monuments of the city.

Shri S C Rudra, while talking on the contributions of Sir R N Mookerjee, explained he was a businessman/industrialist and trading conglomerates. He worked tirelessly for all round developments of the society and the country. Shri Sisir Kumar Banerjee, Member, Finance Committee explained that he laid down the foundations of various industries in West Bengal like Martin Burn & Co. , the Indian Iron & Steel Company at Burnpur and Martin Light Railways.

Shri Tarun Kumar Rana, editor of the book, "The Legendary – Sir Rajendranath Mookerjee", shared his research findings on the life and contribution of Sir R N Mookerjee to the society, industry and technical profession overall .

Shri Rabin Chakraborty while sharing his views explained how Sir Mookerjee became the champion of the masses by virtue of his contributions in all walks of life.

Shri Pranoy Roychoudhury, Public Health Engineer talked about Engineering Achievement of Sir Rajendranath Mookerjee.

Ms Falguni Pal, Librarian of Sir R N Mookerjee Library while thanking the guests expressed that she feels proud and honoured being involved in work for birthday celebration of such a legendary of the country - Sir R N Mookerjee, leaving his impact and imprints on the masses of Bengal as well as the country.