

Historical Events of the Institution

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1.	September 13, 1920	The Institution was formally registered in Madras under Indian Companies Act of 1913. Later necessary permission was secured to move the Registered Office to Calcutta. Sir Thomas R J Ward was the first President of the Institution.
2.	February 23, 1921	The formal inauguration of the Institution concurrently with the 1 st AGM was performed by His Excellency Lord Chelmsford, the then Viceroy and Governor General of India in the hall of the Asiatic Society of Bengal on Park Street, Calcutta. Sir Rajendra Nath Mookerjee was the Inaugural President of the Institution.
3.	1922	The first issue of the journal of the Institution was published.
4.	1923	Publication of Bulletin (quarterly) was started.
5.	August 1928	The first Associate Membership examination was held with 4 candidates appearing for the examination.
6.	January 1, 1932	The office of the Institution was moved to the new building at 8, Gokhale Road. (The building now accommodates the West Bengal State Centre and Sir R N Mookerjee Engineering Information Service Centre).
7.	September 1935	The Royal Charter was granted to the Institution at the Court at Buckingham Palace of His Majesty King & Emperor George V.
8.	January 11, 1937	The first Bye-laws of the Institution, made under the Royal Charter, were approved at the General Body meeting held in Bombay.
9.	October 21, 1937	The first Bye-laws were approved by the Privy Council to come into force.
10.	1940	A marble bust of Sir Rajendra Nath Mookerjee, Inaugural President of the Institution, was erected at the premises of the Institution.
11.	December 27, 1945	The formal inauguration of Silver Jubilee Celebration was held by His Excellency the Viceroy Field Marshal Lord Wavell.
12.	1951	Bulletin was changed to monthly publication.
13.	1955-1956	The Institution of Engineers (India) recognized the following B Tech Degree courses of Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur as exempting from Sections A and B Examination of IEI: Agricultural Engineering; Civil Engineering; Electrical Engineering; Mechanical Engineering; Metallurgical Engineering; Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering.
14.	July 1958	The highest legal opinion in the country, that of Mr M C Setalvad, the then Attorney General of India, confirmed that the Institution, constituted as a Body Corporate, by the Royal Charter granted in 1935 continued to be a Body Corporate in the eyes of law, notwithstanding the changes in the Indian constitutional structure.

15.	November 12, 1966	His Excellency the President of India, Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan unveiled the Statue of Bharat Ratna Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya, erected in Andhra Pradesh State Centre.
16.	January 1, 1968	Dr Zakir Hossain, His Excellency, the President of India, inaugurated the nine-storied building of IEI HQ at Kolkata.
17.	February 5, 1970	Golden Jubilee Celebration at Calcutta inaugurated by Mrs Indira Gandhi, the then Hon'ble Prime Minister of India.
18.	February 14-20, 1980	Diamond Jubilee Celebration at Calcutta was inaugurated by Vice President of India, His Excellency M Hidayatulla, on February 17, 1980.
19.	February 17, 1980	Revered Mother Teresa was conferred the Honorary Life Fellowship of IEI by Shri M Hidayatullah, Vice President of India, during the Diamond Jubilee Celebration of IEI held at Calcutta.
20.	January 9-13, 1987	The First Indian Engineering Congress was held at Calcutta which was inaugurated by the then Honorable Prime Minister of India, Shri Rajiv Gandhi.
21.	1992	Bulletin was replaced by multi-coloured monthly tabloid, "IEI NEWS".
22.	March 26, 1992	Shri R C Shukla, Indian Ambassador to Qatar inaugurated the Qatar Chapter of IEI.
23.	September 22, 1992	Bi-lateral Agreement between American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) and IEI was signed at the ASCE Headquarters in New York.
24.	December 3, 1992	Association of IEI Members opened at Kathmandu, Nepal, which was inaugurated by Mr Bal Bahadur Rai, Minister, Public Works Department, Government of Nepal. Mr G P Lal, President, IEI and Mr K N Majumdar, Secretary & Director General, IEI, attended the ceremonial opening of the Association.
25.	February 12-16, 1993	Shri V C Shukla, Union Minister for Water Resources and Parliamentary Affairs, Government of India, inaugurated the 7 th Indian Engineering Congress at Bangalore.
26.	June 5, 1993	Shri P R Kumaramangalam, Union Minister for Science and Technology, Government of India, inaugurated the 9 th National Convention of Chemical Engineers at Visakhapatnam.
27.	October 15-18, 1993	The First IEI Convocation was held at Ranchi. The Convocation was inaugurated by His Excellency Dr A R Kidwai, Governor of Bihar.
28.	January 1, 1994	Dr Balram Jakhar, Union Agriculture Minister, inaugurated the 8 th Indian Engineering Congress held at New Delhi. Shri Madan Lal Khurana, Chief Minister of Delhi presided over the function.
29.	May 15, 1994	IEI participated in Silver Jubilee Celebration of Nepal Engineers' Association.

30.	September 20, 1994	Shri Shivraj V Patil, Speaker of Lok Sabha, inaugurated the Platinum Jubilee Year Celebrations of IEI at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi.
31.	November 17-18, 1994	International Conference on Energy - Theme 'Energy for Tomorrow's World : Concerns and Issues of Developing Countries' hosted by IEI (IMC-WEC), at New Delhi.
32.	December 17, 1994	His Excellency Dr Shankar Dayal Sharma, President of India, inaugurated the Platinum Jubilee Celebration and Ninth Indian Engineering Congress of IEI held at Calcutta. Shri K V Raghunath Reddy, Governor of West Bengal along with Chief Minister Mr Jyoti Basu attended the Congress. IEI conferred Honorary Fellowship on Dr Sharma. Shri K C Pant, former Union Minister, Government of India; Dr J Patil and Dr D Swaminadhan, Members, Planning Commission, Government of India, delivered memorial lectures during the Congress.
33.	February 10, 1995	Shri Shivraj Patil, Speaker of Lok Shabha, inaugurated Seminar-cum-Exhibition on 'Environmental Effects and Corrosion in Aviation Vehicles and Aircraft', held at New Delhi. Dr A P J Abdul Kalam, Scientific Adviser to the Ministry of Defence, Government of India, delivered the Keynote Address.
34.	April 7, 1995	Dr J J Irani, Managing Director, Tata Steel, inaugurated the 10 th National Convention of Metallurgists and Materials Scientists at Jamshedpur.
35.	December 20, 1995	His Excellency Dr Shankar Dayal Sharma, President of India, inaugurated the 10 th Indian Engineering Congress at Jaipur. Shri G V Ramakrishna and Dr S Z Qasim, Members, Planning Commission, Government of India; Prof V S Ramamurthy, Secretary, Department of Science and Technology, Government of India; Shri Rajendra Singh, CMD, NTPC; delivered various memorial lectures. Prof. S K Khanna, Chairman, AICTE; Dr V Kurian, the architect of White Revolution in India and Chairman, National Dairy Development Board and Prof (Dr) D Swaminadhan, Member, Planning Commission, Government of India, were felicitated.
36.	March 18-20, 1996	IEI delegation participated in the Fiftieth Anniversary Conference organized by the Commonwealth Engineers' Council (CEC) at the premises of the Institution of Civil Engineers, UK.
37.	April 25, 1996	IEI - the pioneer in the field of non-formal education in engineering within the country signed 'Memorandum of Understanding' with Indira Gandhi Open University (IGNOU), New Delhi.
38.	August 1996	Shri N C Vaish, President IEI accompanied by Maj Gen S P Mishra (Retd), Secretary & Director General of IEI paid a courtesy call on his Excellency Dr Shankar Dayal Sharma, President of India at Rashtrapati Bhawan.
39.	August 17, 1996	IEI had the privilege of conferring the 'Honorary Fellowship' – its highest Honour, on Shri H D Deve Gowda, the Prime Minister of India.

40.	November 15-17, 1996	Shri H D Deve Gowda, the Prime Minister of India, inaugurated the International Conference entitled 'Asia Energy Vision – 2020' on the theme 'Sustainable Energy Supply in Asia' organized by IEI at New Delhi.
41.	December 20-24, 1996	11 th Indian Engineering Congress was inaugurated by Dr Raja Ramanna, Director, National Institute of Advanced Studies, at Bangalore. Dr K Kasturirangan, Chairman, ISRO and Secretary, Department of Space, Government of India; Shri V K Saraswat, Project Director, 'PRITHVI', DRDL, Hyderabad; Prof P Ramachandra Rao, Director, National Metallurgical Laboratory, Jamshedpur; Dr N Sheshagiri, Special Secretary, Planning Commission, Government of India delivered memorial lectures during the Congress.
42.	December 1-2, 1997	International Conference on Habitat on the theme 'Habitat and Sustainable Development' was organized by IEI under the aegis of WFEO at New Delhi. The Conference was inaugurated by Shri Yerrannaidu, Minister for Rural Areas and Employment, Government of India. Shri G Venkataraman, Minister for Transport, Urban Affairs and Employment, Government of India, presided over the function.
43.	January 9-13, 1998	12 th Indian Engineering Congress was inaugurated by Air Marshal S S Gupta, AVSM, VSM, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief (Maintenance Command), Indian Air Force at Nagpur on January 10, 1998. Dr J J Irani, Managing Director, Tata Steel, was felicitated.
44.	February 3-5, 1998	Fifth Pacific Rim International Conference on 'Economic and Eco-friendly Water Jet Techniques for Construction and Cleanliness' at New Delhi. Prof V S Ramamurthy, Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Science & Technology (DST), New Delhi, inaugurated the Conference. [IEI was one of the Co-sponsorer of the Conference]
45.	May 2, 1998	Prof A K Ghose, President, IEI, has been elected for a two-year term as the President of Federation of Engineering Institutions of South and Central Asia (FEISCA) at its Eighth General Assembly, hosted by the Punjab & Chandigarh State Centre of the Institution at Chandigarh.
46.	August 7-8, 1998	FEISCA Regional Workshop on 'Improving the Availability of Power in South Asia – Search for Optimal Technological Options', held at Dhaka, Bangladesh, which was inaugurated by Mr A H Chowdhury, Minister of State of Foreign Affairs, Government of People's Republic of Bangladesh.
47.	August 31, 1998	IEI signed Agreement of Co-operation with the Association of Engineers and Architects in Israel (AEAI), Tel-Aviv, Israel. The agreement was signed by Prof Ajoy K Ghose, President, IEI and Prof Yuval Neeman, President, AEAI.
48.	September 22, 1998	IEI signed Agreement of Co-operation with the Federation of Technical and Scientific Societies (MTESZ), Budapest, Hungary.
49.	September 28, 1998	IEI signed Agreement of Co-operation with the Polish Federation of Engineering Association, (NOT), Poland.

50.	February 18, 1999	IEI and the Institution of Civil Engineers (UK) signed MoU at New Delhi, in the presence of Dr M P Chowdiah, President, IEI and Mr R Sainsbury, President, ICE, UK.
51.	April 25, 1999	13 th Indian Engineering Congress was inaugurated at Chandigarh. Padmashri Dr R A Mashelkar, Director General, CSIR, New Delhi and also Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, New Delhi; Prof V C Kulandaiswamy, former Vice Chancellor, IGNOU, New Delhi, delivered memorial lectures.
52.	August 1999	“IEI salutes the Brave Indian Soldiers” As a tribute to those defence personnel whose sacrifices had protected the sovereignty of our motherland in Kargil, Dr M P Chowdiah, President, IEI, handed over a cheque of Rs. One lac to Shri George Fernandes, Union Minister for Defence, Government of India.
53.	August 23, 1999	IEI and The Institution of Structural Engineers (ISE), UK, signed Memorandum of Understanding. The MoU was signed by Prof I A Clark, President, ISE, and Prof M P Chowdiah, President, IEI.
54.	January 29-31, 2000	Shri K C Pant, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission, Government of India, inaugurated the 14 th Indian Engineering Congress at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. Shri V R Vaish, DG, CPWD, New Delhi; Dr A S Arya, Former Pro-Vice Chancellor, University of Roorkee, were felicitated on this occasion.
55.	January 20-23, 2000	Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Prime Minister of India, inaugurated the World Congress on ‘Sustainable Development’ organized by IEI on the theme ‘Sustainable Development – Engineering and Technological Challenges of 21 st Century’, under the aegis of WFEO at Science City, Calcutta. His Excellency Shri Viren J Shah, Governor of West Bengal; Shri Joyti Basu, Chief Minister of West Bengal; Shri K C Pant, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission, Government of India; Prof (Dr) Ing Jose Medem Sanjuan, President, WFEO, graced the occasion. Shri V K Agarwal, Chairman, Railway Board; Shri Prahlada, Director, DRDL; Dr A E Muthunayagam, Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Ocean Development; Prof Ashoka Chandra, Special Secretary, Ministry of Human Resources Development; Dr Anil Kakodkar, Director, BARC, Mumbai, delivered memorial lectures
56.	December 18-22, 2000	15 th Indian Engineering Congress held at Hyderabad. The Congress was inaugurated by Shri Nara Chandrababu Naidu, Chief Minister, Andhra Pradesh. Bharat Ratna Dr A P J Abdul Kalam, Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India; Padmashri Dr Narla Tata Rao, former Chairman, Expert Group on Development of Power Technology, Planning Commission, Government of India; delivered memorial lectures.
57.	April 04-05, 2001	Mr Bill Clinton, former President of the United States, visited earthquake affected areas of Kutch District of Gujarat. Mr Clinton was welcomed by Shri H P Jamdar, Principal Secretary (Roads and Building) to the Government of Gujarat and the President of IEI.

58.	December 01-04, 2001	16 th Indian Engineering Congress held at IIT, Kharagpur.
59.	October 28, 2001	First National Convention of Women Engineers was organized by the Pune Local Centre. The Convention was inaugurated by Ms J Joglekar, General Manager, Wipro Technologies Ltd, Pune.
60.	March 19-21, 2002	Prof A K Ghose, Vice Chairman, IOC-WMC and Past President, IEI attended meeting of IOC-WMC at Poland.
61.	July 2002	IEI congratulated Bharat Ratna Dr A P J Abdul Kalam, the architect of missile technology in India for his election to the office of President of India.
62.	August 09, 2002	IEI delegation comprising Prof (Dr) Samiran Choudhuri, President, IEI; Shri G P Lal, Past President and Vice President, WFEO and Shri O P Goel, former Vice President and Council Member, IEI met Bharat Ratna Dr A P J Abdul Kalam, the President of India at Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi, and presented a citation.
63.	December 19-22, 2002	17 th Indian Engineering Congress held at Patna.
64.	June 14, 2003	IEI has been granted Provisional Membership (for India) of Engineers Mobility Forum (EMF) - an international organization of engineers that facilitates recognition and mobility of engineers across the globe. Indian delegation led by Shri G L Rao, President, IEI, presented India's case at the bi-annual meeting of EMF at Rotorua, New Zealand.
65.	November 1-5, 2003.	Dr A P J Abdul Kalam, the President of India, inaugurated the 19th World Mining Congress and Expo 2003 hosted by the INC-WMC of IEI, at New Delhi. Shri K C Pant, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission, Government of India and Shri Kariya Munda, Union Minister of Coal, Government of India, attended the Congress.
66.	December 18-21, 2003	18 th Indian Engineering Congress held at Lucknow. Dr R Chidambaram, Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India; Dr Pritam Singh, Director, Management Development Institute, Gurgaon; Shri R V Shahi, Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Power; Shri Subir Raha, Chairman and Managing Director, ONGC, delivered memorial lectures.
67.	February 19-22, 2004	Shri Atal Bihari Vajpae, the Prime Minister of India, inaugurated the World Congress on Natural Disaster Mitigation organized by IEI under the aegis of WFEO. Shri K C Pant, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission, Government of India, also attended the Congress. Shri L K Advani, Deputy Prime Minister of India attended the Valedictory Session.
68.	January 16-17, 2004	Shri Yogendra Prasad, Chairman and Managing Director, National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) inaugurated All-India Seminar on 'Currents Trends in Hydro Projects and their Rehabilitation', at Chandigarh.

69.	November 4-6, 2004	International Conference on “Nano-materials : Synthesis, Characterization and Application” was inaugurated by Dr Srikumar Banerjee, Director, Bhaba Atomic Research Centre and Member, Atomic Energy Commission. Prof Bikash Sinha, Director, Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics and Variable Energy Cyclotron Centre (VECC), graced the Valedictory Session.
70.	December 16-19, 2004	19 th Indian Engineering Congress held at Mumbai. Shri Sam Pitroda, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, WorldTel Ltd., USA; Dr Anil Kakodkar, Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission and Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Atomic Energy; Shri N M Nilekani, CEO, President and MD, Infosys Technologies Ltd, Bnagalore; Shri K V Kamath, CEO & MD, ICICI Bank Ltd; Shri B Rajaram, MD, Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd; Shri Ravi Venkatesan, Chairman, Microsoft Corporation India Pvt Ltd, Bangalore, delivered memorial lectures.
71.	February 14-16, 2005	Shri Mani Shankar Aiyar, Minister for Petroleum, Natural Gas and Panchayati Raj, Government of India, inaugurated the Safety Conference on ‘Managing Safety: Challenges Ahead’, organized jointly by Safety and Quality Forum of IEI and Quality Council of India at New Delhi.
72.	December 1-2, 2005	Shri Shasi Kumar, Chairman, Coal India Ltd, inaugurated the 17 th National Convention of Mining Engineers at Nagpur.
73.	December 15-18, 2005	20 th Indian Engineering Congress was inaugurated at Kolkata by Shri Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee, Hon’ble Chief Minister of West Bengal. Shri Pranab Mukherjee, Hon’ble Defence Minister, Government of India, delivered Valedictory Address.
74.	September 6-8, 2006	Shri R V Shahi, Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Power, inaugurated the Safety Convention at New Delhi.
75.	December 21-24, 2006	21 st Indian Engineering Congress held at Guwahati. The Congress was inaugurated by Shri Santosh Mohan Dev, Minister for Heavy Industries and Public Enterprise, Government of India.
76.	January 13, 2007	Engineering Staff College of India (ESCI) – a peripheral body of IEI, wins Golden Peacock National Training Award for its commendable contributions in the field of Quality in Training.
77.	July 2007	IEI Journals are uploaded in IEI Website
78.	November 11-16, 2007	Smt Pratibha Devisingh Patil, Hon’ble President of India, inaugurated the World Congress on “Urban Infrastructure in Developing Countries”, organized by IEI under the aegis of WFEO, at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. Shri Jaipal Reddy, Union Minister for Urban Development, Government of India and Smt Shiela Dixit, Chief Minister of Delhi, also graced the occasion.

79.	December 13-16, 2007	22 nd Indian Engineering Congress held at Udiapur. Shri Montek Singh Ahluwalia, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission, Government of India, inaugurated the Congress. Dr Anil Kakodkar, Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission and Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Atomic Energy; Dr G Madhavan Nair, Chairman, Space Commission and Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Space, delivered memorial lectures.
80.	December 11-14, 2008	23 rd Indian Engineering Congress held at Warangal. Dr E Sreedharan, Managing Director, Delhi Metro Rail Corporation; Mr Lars Bytoft, Chairman, Danish Society of Engineers; Shri S Ramadorai, CEO & Managing Director, Tata Consultancy Services, delivered memorial lectures.
81.	December 12, 2008	Institution launches “IEI Industry Excellence Award” from 23 rd Indian Engineering Congress.
82.	June 17, 2009	In a landmark achievement, IEI obtained Full Membership of the Engineers Mobility Forum (EMF) for India during the bi-annual International Engineering Meetings 2009 held at Kyoto, Japan.
83.	December 10-13, 2009	24 th Indian Engineering Congress held at Mangalore. Shri M Annadurai, Project Director, Chadrayaan – 1 and 2, ISRO Satellite Centre, Bangalore; Prof D P Agrawal, Chairman, UPSC, New Delhi, delivered memorial lectures.
84.	December 9, 2010	IEI Accorded ISO 9001:2008 Certification.
85.	December 16-19, 2010	25 th Indian Engineering Congress held at Kochi. Shri N Murugesan, Director General, Central Power Research Institute; Shri B Prasada Rao, Chairman and Managing Director, BHEL; Dr Nigel J Burton, President, Institute of Engineering and Technology (IET), UK, delivered memorial lectures.
86.	January 28, 2011	ESCI – an Autonomous Organ of IEI, bags Golden Peacock Award fourth time.
87.	June 02, 2011	IEI endorses ASCE’s Vision 2025. Ms Kathy J Caldwell, President; Mr Patrick J Natale, Executive Director and Ms Meggan Maughan-Brown, Director, International Relations and Strategic Planning of American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), visited IEI Headquarters.
88.	August 03, 2011	Mr G Prabhakar, President, IEI, inaugurated R&D Cell at IEI Headquarters.
89.	August 10, 2011	IEI signs Agreement with Springer (India) Pvt. Ltd for Co-publishing IEI Journals.
90.	December 15-18, 2011	26 th Indian Engineering Congress held at Bangalore. Dr V K Saraswat, Scientific Advisor to Defence Minister, Government of India, Dr K Kasturirangan, Member, Planning Commission, Government of India, delivered memorial lectures. On this occasion, Mr B Prasada Rao, CMD, BHEL; Mr N C Jha, Chairman, Coal India Ltd; Dr Srikumar Banerjee, Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission, were felicitated.

91.	February 22, 2012	First issue of IEI-Springer Journal – Series ‘C’ released by Mr S L Garg, President, IEI at IEI Headquarters.
92.	December 14-16, 2012	Shri Pranab Mukherjee, Respected President of India, inaugurated the 27 th Indian Engineering Congress at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. Shri Harish Rawat, Respected Minister for Water Resources, Government of India, delivered the Valedictory Address.
93.	December 20-22, 2013	Shri Pranab Mukherjee, Respected President of India, inaugurated the 28 th Indian Engineering Congress at Hotel The Leela Palace, Chennai.