

**HISTORY OF ESTABLISHMENT OF SILCHAR LOCAL CENTRE
OF
THE INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS (INDIA) SILCHAR, ASSAM**

Silchar Local Centre of The Institution of Engineers (India) started its journey through formation of an Adhoc Committee under the Chairmanship of Er. H V Sundaram, Principal of Silchar Polytechnic on **13-11-1988** at Silchar Polytechnic. Shri S P Das Purkayastha, Lecturer of Mechanical Engineering Department of Silchar Polytechnic was the Honorary Secretary of that Adhoc Committee. Sri S P Das Purkayastha took active lead to obtain approval for a full-fledged Local Centre. Eminent Engineers of different departments paid their sincere efforts to increase the membership strength from **67 to 136** in a short span of time as at least 100 Corporate Members residing or practising within the geographical boundary of proposed Local Centre needed for the establishment of a Local Centre as per bye-law.

After several correspondances with Head Quarter at Kolkata, the Guwahati State Centre vide their letter dtd. **18-12-1989** communicated their recommendations to the Honorary Secretary, Adhoc Committee for opening of a Local Centre. Accordingly **28th January 1990** Silchar Local Centre came into Light through a grandiose celebration where Dr. Amitava Bhattacharjee, Past President of The Institution of Engineers (India) acted as Chief Guest Sri J.N.Sharma, Deputy Commissioner, Cachar, and Er.R.N.Choudhury, Chairman, Assam State Centre. acted as Guest of Honour.

The function of the office of the Silchar Local Centre was working as usually in the Silchar Polytechnic campus temporarily. In the meanwhile, the members of Silchar Local Centre were in search for a suitable land in the heart of Silchar Town. Finally, a land measuring 14 kathas 8 chattaks (Patta) under Mouza Silchar Town was purchased from the Govt. of Assam.

After acquiring the above plot of land, a Rural Development Centre was established. The foundation stone was laid by the Hon'ble MLA Late Shri Bimalangshu Roy on **11th December 1999** and to start with the construction work for the said Development Centre Hon'ble MLA had sanctioned Rs. 50,000.00 from his Area Development Fund. Moreover, all the members generously contributed in cash or in kind for the construction purpose. The rural centre was inaugurated by C.R.Dutta, Chairman, Rural Development Forum of the institution of engineers (I).

In this way, a Rural Development Centre came into existence. This is pertinent to mention here that this was the first Rural Development Centre among all the local centres of the IE(I).

You would be pleased to know that a new Building (G+2) for the Silchar Local Centre is under construction and only 1st Phase building has just completed where one Meeting Hall, Honorary Secretary's room, toilet etc. have been completed. Sub structure for Chairman room, one office room is also completed. Very soon the rooms will be ready for use.

I would like to mention here that this has become possible because of the generous contributions of our esteemed corporate members and by the Land & Building grants sanctioned by the IE Head Quarter, Kolkata. I extend my sincere thanks to them.

Now, the 2nd Phase of construction will be started soon if we get financial support from the members and the Head Quarter grants in the same way.

Now the membership strength of this Centre is 308 as on 31st March 2018 and several efforts are being made to increase the membership strength.

In fine, I pay my sincere thanks to the building construction sub-committee for their tireless efforts and to all the members who have directly or indirectly helped for the development of this Centre else we could not reach to this stage today.

With regards.