

## Off to a good start: Voith Paper Technology Ltd., India



*Fig. left: Offices of Voith Paper Technology Ltd., India.*

*Fig. right: The Victoria Memorial, Calcutta.*

**In April 2000, the long-standing licence agreement between Voith Paper and Larsen & Toubro Ltd., India's largest engineering and construction group, was transformed into the joint-venture company Voith Paper Technology Ltd., India. A particularly good reference for the fruitful teamwork leading up to this new company was the "Tamil Nadu" newsprint line, commissioned in 1994 for bagasse furnish, a sugar cane residue product.**



Paper and board consumption in India, one of the world's largest and most heavily populated nations, is steadily growing with ongoing economic development. Because of the shortage of primary raw materials and the technological resources required for processing recovered furnish part of this demand is still covered by imports. The market prospects for Voith Paper are therefore very good, especially with the company's know-how in processing fast-growing annual plant residues and recovered paper. This joint venture takes full account of future needs by further strengthening the partnership between Voith Paper and India's paper industry.

The new company offices in Calcutta are directly opposite the Victoria Memorial. All fifteen members of the team here have years of paper industry experience and most of them have worked in our Heidenheim or Ravensburg facilities. They are off to an excellent start, and have already booked a number of attractive orders. Apart from some smaller projects, these notably include two press rebuilds for "Tamil Nadu" where the machines will be upgraded with the latest NipcoFlex technology.

*A bright future together: the Voith Paper team in India.*