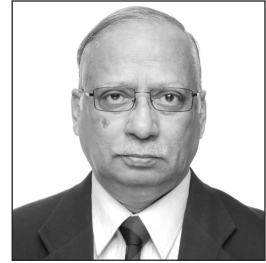


Message from President, IIW India



I must thank you all for electing me as the President of the Institute after serving as Hony, Secretary General since 2003 and hope, now with your support and co-operation will move the standards to a greater height.

The '**Make in India**' campaign is driving change, innovation and investment in new processes throughout Indian manufacturing, not least in the field of welding and joining technologies. We are very much hopeful about the current Welding market in India. With the flourishing of 'Make in India' campaign of the Government of India, a real boost is clearly visible for indigenous manufacturing of welding related products. Foreign companies also increased their business with modern equipment and other accessories including cloud based technologies, which enables Artificial Intelligence as the trend.

Availability of Certified welders is a major constraint today. We will be proposing Government of India for a regulation that Industries should employ only certified welders for better quality product; which will also create the employability. IIW-India's National Welding Training and Certification Scheme (NWTCS) has been prepared to meet the demand of industry for welders, trained and certified to a level of competency commensurate with the requirements of any of the welder qualification and certification standards or codes i.e. IS:7310, IBR, ISO:9606, BSEN:287 and ASME Section IX, AWS D1.1 & few other standards.

Our challenges are to match the aspirations and skills of the Youth with the Demands of the Employer. That is from today's Employers perspective Indian Youth lack Key Employability Skills in the following areas:

- Domain: Theoretical Knowledge / Hands on training Language: Communication Skills / English language proficiency
- IT: Basic IT skills
- Life Management & Soft skills: Work ethics & team work / Problem solving and creativity

In the above context, IIW-India is developing wide network by engaging different organizations as our Approved Training Institutes (ATIs) situated all over India to bridge the gap of Demand and Supply of qualified welders by 2025 vis-à-vis generation of employment in the Welding sector.

Further, Skill competitions at various levels both for general and women welders, and awards for research, recognition of welding professionals for their contribution to the field have been regular activities in IIW-India and it is worth mentioning here that all of these have encouraged the welding fraternity, especially the younger generation, to actively contribute to the development of this field in India.

So, in the past fifty years, the contribution of IIW-India to the progress, development of welding field in India is commendable. I am lucky to be associated with this great institution and I am proud that today IIW-India has an international recognition and many of its events attract sizeable international participation. Our members are also carrying their work to the international forums by actively participating in international events, symposiums etc.

All this was possible through the hard work put in by dedicated members together with the support from many-industries, government bodies, educational and research institutions etc. and I am sure that this good work will continue in future. Today there is hardly any industry which does not use welding. It is a continuously evolving field and its requirements keep changing. Institutions like IIW-India offer a common platform to all the stake holders which may be helpful in making faster progress. The younger generation should recognise the opportunities in this field and take a lead role.

You will be glad to learn that this year again the International Congress, 2020 (IC-2020) of the International Institute of Welding has been scheduled to be held at the CIDCO Exhibition Centre, Vashi, Navi Mumbai hosted by IIW-India Mumbai Branch from 6th to 8th February, 2020. Concurrently with the event, the 13th WELD INDIA International Exhibition will also be held at the same venue from 7th to 9th February, 2020.

I once again congratulate all the members for showing their confidence in me and request for active participation in the International Congress, 2020 (IC-2020) scheduled to be held at Mumbai from 6th to 8th February, 2020.

Thanks and Best Regards,

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