

## *From the Editor's Desk*

The Indian Institute of Welding completes its journey through 25 years for which all associated with it, directly or indirectly, can justifiably be proud of. The Institute has now grown adult and turned itself into one of the centres of assimilation and dissemination of informations on Welding Technology in this country. We must thank the founding fathers for their foresight and their pioneering efforts to make this happen.

The closing ceremony of the Silver Jubilee year was held recently at Hotel Taj Bengal, Calcutta. The Calcutta Branch organised a seminar - "Welding in Steel Plants" as a part of this celebration. The seminar was well attended by the leading experts of the Steel Industry and good cross section of the Welding Technologists of the country, the subject of the seminar being very topical. This issue of IWJ contains photographs and news about the Silver Jubilee celebration and the seminar.



As we propose to venture into the 21st Century with a new technological era, where welding and joining of materials will become more and more critical, there is a need for the Welding Technologists, both in the manufacturing and user ends, to re-examine our objectives and goals in order that we can keep pace with the rest of the world and thus can retain or even improve India's standing as a major industrialised country. I think, the Indian Institute of Welding can act as a catalyst towards this.

This issue of the IWJ contains articles and papers (a few by foreign authors) on a variety of subjects enveloping welding technology viz. consumables, equipment and testing. Also reprinted in this issue are papers by Dr. JJ Irani, Joint Managing Director, Tata Steel and Dr. MN Dastur, Chairman & Managing Director of MN Dastur & Co Limited presented during the seminar, "Welding in Steel Plants".

From the next issue, we wish to introduce a new column - "Letters to the Editor". Relevant letters from the readers on the subject of welding, be it product technology, welding education or other matters related to welding will be published in this column. Suggestions for improvement in the working of the Institute as well as this Journal are also welcome in this column. I feel by this way a healthy exchange of information and knowledge will take place and request all readers to actively participate in this column.

Lastly, an apology for delayed publication of the Journal for reasons beyond our control. I can assure you that steps have already been initiated to cut down the delays and gradually come back to the normal publication schedule i.e. by the first month of every quarter. I hope, this target can be achieved within a very short time.

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Editor