

From the Editor's Desk



The completion of the general elections to the tenth Lok Sabha and formation of a Govt. under the leadership of Shri PV Narashimha Rao has set at rest, at least for the time being, the uncertainties- political, social and economic - that had engulfed the country for more than a year or so. One only hopes that the tensions caused first by temple - masjid fiasco and then by tragic assassination of former Prime Minister Mr. Rajiv Gandhi would soon be replaced by sober socio-political tolerance by all cross-section of people.

The new government appears to have set about its task of economic rebuilding in the right earnest. The series of economic and fiscal measures from devaluation of Rupee, new external trade policy, new industrial policy and culminating in the presentation of the delayed central budget for 1991-92 is a pointer to the Govt's firm commitment to unshackling of the economy from the bureaucratic strangle-hold which is widely believed to have crippled the economy and had led to huge internal and external indebtedness, BoP crisis of an unprecedented magnitude, uncompetitiveness of Industries and black money generation. The Indian entrepreneurs should grab on this opportunity enabling India to join the world on the basis of efficiency and competitiveness, now that the process of deregulation has started and "Retrograde restrictions" have made away for a "market friendly system".

The welding Industry also should take note of this radical change. The massive technological changes that have taken place across the globe in welding Technology should be recognised with gradual steps taken to fall in line in order to bring down weld costs with improved quality. This is a must for the Indian fabrication Industry in order to be competitive internationally.

You are perhaps aware that Mr. AK Basu, President of The Indian Institute of Welding has represented our Institute in this year's International Welding conference held in Hague, Netherland from 29 June to 6 July 1991. I am sure, the Institute will be greatly benefited from his experience at this important International conference.

This issue of IWJ contains three papers on submerged Arc Welding Process by eminent personnel engaged in Welding fabrication and research. Also published in this issue are two articles of topical interest entitled "Stright Chrome Stainless Steel Welding" and "Quality Assurance and Inspection for Weldments in Steel Plants". I am sure you will find these articles educative and useful. In order to stimulate discussions and exchange of ideas I would request the interested readers to write back their comments on these articles.

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