

## From the Editor's Desk



During the quarter April to June 1990 two significant events took place. The first one being the inauguration of the Silver Jubilee Year Celebrations organised by IIW, Bombay Branch at Bombay on 21st April 1990.

Shri S.V. Nadkarni, the Doyen of the Indian Welding Industry and former President of the IIW was invited to be the Chief Guest and deliver the keynote address on the History of Manual Welding Electrode Production in India. His paper has been published in the current issue to commemorate the Silver Jubilee Year. With the

same objective we had also invited Shri H.L. Prabhakar, a recipient of the Sir L.P. Misra Memorial Award to present a paper. His paper entitled "25 Years of IIW - Looking Back and Looking Forward" has also been published in this issue.

The second important activity was a one day Seminar on the theme "Welding in the Indian Railways" organised by IIW Calcutta Branch on 30th June 1990. This is possibly the first time we could get the senior and practising railway engineers and other officials together to discuss and exchange experiences on welding. The papers presented have been published as a Souvenir and relevant papers will be published in future issues of the IWJ.

Through our industry oriented activity programmes, such as the abovementioned Seminar, training courses and the AME-IIW Examination, we have possibly, to an extent, been successful in arousing a general interest in Welding Technology amongst the practising engineers and management personnel in the recent past. This is reflected in the significant rise in membership during the period, December 1989 - April 1990 and a heartening increase in the number of candidates appearing for the AME-IIW Examination. To sustain the trend, we have decided to introduce Application Form for IIW Membership in the form of a tear-off sheet in the Journal. The Members, I am sure, will take active part in enrolling new Members to the Institute atleast one in every quarter during this Silver Jubilee Year.



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