

From the Editor's Desk

1988 will mark the twentieth year of publication of the Indian Welding Journal. While we should be justifiably proud of this landmark, it would also be appropriate at this time to review our achievements and failures and plan for further improvements.

Over the years the Indian Welding Journal has gone from strength to strength and today you will find that it covers most of the major facets of both the Institute and the welding industries' activities. We are publishing papers on not only welding science and research but also on fabrication, quality assurance, equipment and processes, economics, standardisation, training and welding education. Another heartening feature is that unlike the old days, there is no dearth of high quality Technical and Research papers available from the Indian welding engineers, research workers and educationists. We have also kept up an active association with the International Institute of Welding and published a number of state-of-the art review papers.

Two areas which could be improved upon in the future are the get up of the Journal and the inclusion of more news of fabrication experiences, projects and individual achievements. To make the Journal more attractive with better quality, possibly coloured and more number of photographs and charts, could well be one of our objectives for the twentieth year. However, this will obviously mean increased publication expenses and would need augmentation of financial support to the Journal. I am sure our Industrial Corporate Members will come forward and assist in this regard and I appeal to them to extend their co-operation in our venture to make the Journal more attractive.

Wishing you a very happy and prosperous 1988.

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