

From the Editor's Desk



Growth of Welding Industry in India largely depends on the advancement of technology and would require active involvement and participation of the R & D, Education and Standards Institutions. Simultaneously, efforts must be on to spread welding education to train engineers and technicians to cater to the changing role foreseen for them in the years ahead.

Seen against this context two important decisions taken in the recent IIW Council Meeting, viz. to include one member in the council from the R & D, Educational and Standards Institutions and secondly, to introduce Associate Membership Examination of the IIW in 1987, are of great significance. The National Welding Seminar 1986 held in Madras on 16 - 18 October, 1986 once again established the importance of this annual event for the welding fraternity of our country. In providing an opportunity to review the welding scene for the foregoing years. The Seminar generated great response.

Increasing emphasis is being placed on quality in our national life today and November 1986 has been observed as a "Quality Month". On our part we have taken this opportunity to include a full page on 'Quotes on Quality'. Another important inclusion in this issue is the Keith Hartley Memorial Lecture 1986 delivered by Dr. Rodriguez of IGCAR, Kalpakkam highlighting the contribution of research in the field of nuclear engineering.

This is the first issue for the year 1987 and I do hope you have enjoyed reading the Indian Welding Journal. However, there is always scope for further improvements and your valuable suggestions are heartily invited.

I wish the readers a very very happy and prosperous New Year.

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Close-Up view of Welding with details of Gas connections and distortion monitoring devices.