

## EDITORIAL

First of all I would like to thank council members of The Indian Institute of Welding for giving me the opportunity to act as Chief Editor of Indian Welding Journal from January issue.

You will agree that the economic growth of India over the period has changed her position and has involved changes in her industrial structure. These changes greatly affect the status of welding engineering and technology in the present industrial society. The Indian Institute of Welding has also decided to restructure itself to adopt to these new environments.

We have come round an eventful year for the Indian Institute of Welding as well as Indian Welding Journal. Our institute hosted the prestigious event "**64<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly & International Conference of the International Institute of welding, Chennai, India, July 17-22, 2011**", being held for the first time in our country and our annual assembly "**NWS 2011**" during December 16-18, 2011 at Bhilai.

IWJ provides a forum for the multidisciplinary subjects within joining of materials and helped to encourage developments and information exchange of important work within the field. In this issue, there are three awarded technical papers which would be of interest to both welding and material engineers.

We have the pleasure to put on records our compliments to Dr. R. S. Parmar, who made valuable contribution to welding technology and the institute, for being chosen to receive the "**Life time achievement award**" and Mr. P. K. Das, immediate past Chief Editor and Vice President of our institute, for being promoted the journal a new look idea and making them available for advertisement and sponsorship.

IWJ is proud to welcome the new board members, who are recognized for their significant contribution towards the growth of welding technology. It is my hope that the new editorial board will play an important role and with the support from related organizations, contribute to the prosperity and welfare of human being and of global society.

The January issue of the journal is coming out during mid February. Late receipt of materials for publication has caused this delay which we sincerely regret. The cooperation and ideas from all members shall continue to make the journal more valuable in future.

Before we end, we from IWJ wish all our readers, home and abroad, a very Happy, Prosperous and eventful 2012.



**T. K. Pal**  
Chief-Editor  
Email: iwj.iw@gmail.com