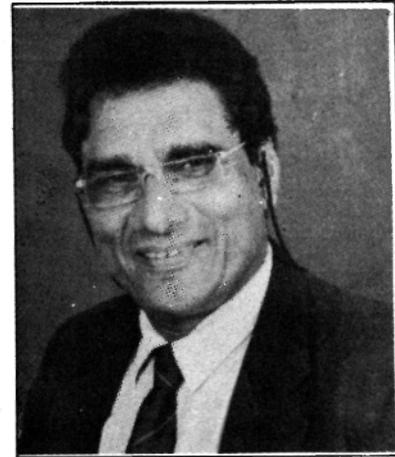


## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



*Dear Members*

*Once again it gives me immense pleasure to communicate with you through the medium of Indian Welding Journal. I will be regularly apprising you of the important decisions taken by the National Council and actions initiated to galvanize our Institute into a vibrant and dynamic society.*

*The National Council had proposed certain amendments in the IIW Memorandum and Articles of Association. As approved by Extra-ordinary General Body Meeting held on 26th February, 1994, the Council has increased representation from different categories of members and defined the duties of the various office-bearers with clear-cut guidelines for the functioning of different Committees. I am sure that the new amended Constitution will catalyze our efforts to work together towards achieving our objectives. Your Council has also given considerable thought to improve the financial position of IIW. Towards this aim, it has been decided to increase the membership subscription rates to compensate for the rising costs and simultaneously concerted efforts are underway to increase the membership of the Institute in both the individual and Industrial Corporate categories. I solicit your wholehearted support and co-operation in this context.*

*I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mr. G.L. Mukhopadhyay, our new Editor of Indian Welding Journal for the good work he is doing in bringing out the Journal in time. I appeal to all the members in general and those engaged in the area of Research and Development in particular to publish their technical papers in Indian Welding Journal. With our concerted efforts, I am sure, it will be well within our capabilities to make the IWJ, a journal of international repute.*

*I am assuring the esteemed members that a beginning in the right direction has already been made by your Council and will continue to work during the rest of its tenure towards the betterment of The Indian Institute of Welding.*

*With Warm regards*

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