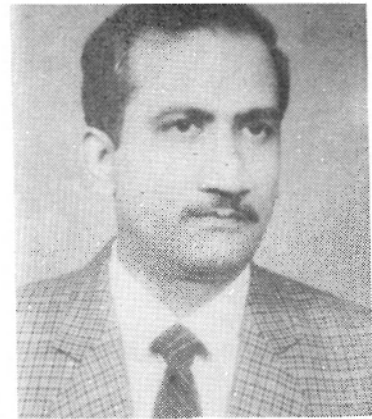


From the Editor's Desk



The Silver Jubilee year 1991 would end with two very important events for Indian Welding Industry. One is the Annual event of the Institute - The NATIONAL WELDING SEMINAR and the other SOJOM - organised by Trichy Branch. Both the seminars will cover wide ranging subjects in the field of Welding Technology e.g. Welding Metallurgy, process and allied equipment & consumables, Weld quality assurance and testing, Safety, Welding education and training. Apart from these, welding automation and controls including Robotics would be discussed during these events. I am sure, the Indian technologists would be greatly benefited from these deliberations by actively participating in the technical sessions. The participation of some foreign experts in the respective fields will further enhance the usefulness of these meets by mutual sharing of experiences. Now that India intends to embark upon a long leap forward to upgrade technology, to be internationally competitive and emerge as a strong industrial economy by the turn of the century, such mutual exchanges need to be much more frequent in future.

In this issue, the message from the President of our Institute has outlined the various subjects covered in the Annual Conference of the International Institute of Welding at Hague, which was held between 29 June to 6 July 1991 and was attended by him on behalf of our Institute. This issue also covers a few articles on very topical but basic subjects e.g. Pulsed MIG Welding, TIG Welding of Aluminium and GMA Welding apart from an article on Laser Welding. I am sure, the readers will find these useful.

I wish all our members and readers a very happy and joyful festive season.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'A. K. Mitra', with a horizontal line underneath.

*A. K. Mitra
Editor*