



From the Editor's Desk

This January 1986 issue of the Indian Welding Journal announces its 18th Anniversary. We wish you, dear readers, a very happy participative and prosperous year.

Any change is a challenge. From the beginning of the last year, you have perhaps noticed that the IWJ has changed progressively. From the two column text presentation, it changed to a three column presentation to improve the space utilisation and reduce the cost of production. We tried to introduce a number of new features like *Reader's Card* for your participation, *Standards & Codes* for your awareness; *Product News* for the Industrial Corporate Members to promote their products & services at no cost and also this particular feature—*From the Editor's Desk* to establish a direct communication link to all of you.

To commemorate the 18th year, we have also changed the cover design. It has been changed keeping a provision to print cover photograph of interest in black & white, if they are received from the industrial or educational sectors.

We have many other ideas to change. For example, to make the IWJ an appropriate and attractive media for the industrial sector to advertise. Our circulation now stands at around 2500 covering a wide variety of market segments, users, purchasers, educationists and decision makers. There are subscribers from overseas including libraries & documentation centres. These are also increasing in number.

Year after year, the Indian Institute of welding is also growing. It has now 10 branches, active in the industrially advanced cities e.g. Jamshedpur, Cochin, Hyderabad, Tiruchirapalli, Visakhapatnam, Bangalore leaving aside the four branches at the main four cities. The IIW Council took active interest in bringing closer the industry-research-education interface. The success of the sustained endeavour was well revealed in the National Welding Meet at Hyderabad in September 1985 and also in the National Welding Seminar and Exhibition held at Calcutta in December 5-8, 1985.

Looking ahead, it appears 1986 may have to be observed as a *Welding Education & Training Year*. All the IIW Branches may have to work together to offer *Welding & Training Courses* to boost the industrial growth, productivity & quality. If this be the challenge ahead, it will also be met since we are all committed to change.

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P.S. To include the report on the National Welding Seminar and Exhibition-1985, it was decided that publication of this issue, January 1986, will be delayed.