

From the Editor's Desk

In this issue the prime article published is Sir L. P. Misra Memorial Lecture on the subject 'QUALITY MANAGEMENT IN WELDING' delivered by Sri P N Arumugham during the National Welding Seminar held on 5-7 December 1985 at Calcutta.

The subject Quality Management is the life time work of the author. The methodology evolved by him while working in Indian industrial environment has been discussed with the belief that by adopting a scientific approach and method on quality management the Indian Welding Industry will be able to get the richest benefit. Quality Management ensuring productivity is the prime concern facing the industry today and certainly these are very important for our Industrial Corporate Members and aspiring members. We have therefore decided to publish this article in the Indian Welding Journal for wider circulation to serve its purpose.

For professional institutions like ours to function properly rendering services to the interests of the Industrial Corporate Members and other members we at the very outset need to have active support in organisational matters and financial support in lieu of the services rendered by the Institute. While the major part of the financial support is received from the Industrial Corporate Members, directly or indirectly, it has now become necessary for us to evaluate objectively how far the interests of the Corporate Members have been fulfilled by the services that we provide through this publication.

We are concerned about two aspects. In the first place, Indian Welding Journal is expected to collect, receive and disseminate the information on the developments, achievements and constraints of the Indian welding industry, and secondly to promote the products and services available in India for the welding and allied industry in general.

Opportunities are now open for the Industrial Corporate Members to make use of the Indian Welding Journal as a prime outlet for technical information and also as an effective media for announcing their achievements by way of products and services through Products News, Advertisements and cover photograph. We need to know if there are any constraints in availing these opportunities.

We are inviting all the Industrial Corporate Members to write to us giving their views on these aspects.

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