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By February-March 2021, we hoped CoVID-19 situation becoming somewhat eased out. Severe lockdown phase was unlocked in phases. However, by April-May 2021, again the second wave of CoVID-19 affected human life heavily causing intense sufferings to common people. Again with strict safety measures, the situation is becoming a bit controlled. Again the threat of the 3rd wave of CoVID-19 is peeping to our doors. It seems there is no immediate end to the sufferings.

Amidst the 2nd wave of CoVID-19, we have lost the past Honorary Secretary General and the then President of IIW-India, **Mr. Parimal Biswas** along with his wife in April 2021 after affected by CoVID-19 virus. This is indeed a great irreparable loss to our institute. We have also lost **Mr. Bimal Kumar Das**, the Honorary Treasurer of IIW-India and **Dr. G. Padmanabham**, a Member of Editorial Board of this journal within last few months. It seems there is no end to these losses all around us!

With the fresh lockdown condition pressed, publication of Indian Welding Journal got stalled completely during last few weeks. Now the situation becoming somewhat improved, the publishing work has resumed slowly. So, now within the rainy season making the surroundings green and fresh, **Volume 54, Number 2, April 2021** issue is being processed towards its publication.

Within the ongoing pandemic situation, National Welding Seminar 2020-21 has been organized on April 08-10, 2021 through virtual platform first time by the Baroda Branch of The Indian Institute of Welding with a great success. A report on this online seminar is included in this issue. Different webinars have also been organized by Branches, Sections and Chapters of The Indian Institute of Welding. Reports of the activities are included in this issue. AWS section as obtained from American Welding Society is there as usual.

Mr. Samir Kumar Gupta has relentlessly contributed to this journal the twenty-second "Tit Bit in Welding" article with the title, "An Approach to Best Welding Practice: Part-XXI- Section III-B-I". This article focuses on the generation and computer based storage of welding data on gas metal welding (GMAW) processes for fabrication.

The first research article of this issue has the title, "Computational Investigation of Heat Transfer and Mass Flow in GTA Welding of AA6061 Plates" authored by Vishwanath M.M. and Dr. N. Lakshmanaswamy. Next article is on "Influence of Joint Configuration on Linear Friction Welded Ti-6Al-4V Alloy Joints" by P. Hariprasath, Dr. P. Sivaraj, Dr. V. Balasubramanian, Dr. Vijay Petley and Shweta Verma. This paper received Panthaki Memorial Award and was presented in National Welding Seminar 2018, Cochin. The other paper included in this issue was presented in the National Welding Meet 2020 organized online by Jamshedpur Branch on October 08-09, 2020 and was adjudged the best paper of the Meet. The paper has the title, "Modern High Alloy Steels in Aerospace Industry- Challenges and Resolutions", authored by Hitesh Ashwin Narsia and Surendra M. Vaidya.

Prospective authors are invited to submit research articles, case studies, etc. for the Contributory article section, or for the column, "Tit Bit in Welding", following Author Guideline available in www.iiwindia.com. All the articles are to send to the Chief Editor through email (ID: iwj@iiwindia.com and iwj.iw@gmail.com) both in MS-Word and pdf file format mentioning the ORCID number of each author.

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Suggestions from the readers are requested for further improvement of the journal. Please stay safe.

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