



It has been our continuous pursuit to achieve timely publication of your favourite journal, particularly because of the fact that we were always delayed in the past. I am happy that this issue is expected to be mailed by 2nd week of November, i.e. by the middle of the quarter, whereas of late, we were always late and it became a regular event to despatch the journal only towards the end of the quarter. Our target for the January 2007 issue is to complete despatch by January itself. I request all the authors who would like to send papers for the forthcoming issue as early as possible, keeping our schedule in mind.

As this issue goes to your hands, the curtains would be ready to be drawn on the biggest Annual event of our Institute, i.e. the National Welding Seminar (NWS) to be held in Chennai. Considering that the quality and economics of the welded products give the competitive edge, the theme of the NWS 2006 has been chosen as '**ADVANCES IN JOINING TECHNOLOGY FOR QUALITY AND COMPETITIVENESS**'. As far as the latest information goes there is a very good response about the participation in the seminar as well as in the 'Weld India 2006', the International Welding Technology Exhibition being held concurrently to the NWS. More heartening is perhaps the response from overseas delegates, authors and exhibitors. Being the hub of industrial activities, particularly for the vibrant automobile sector, the exhibition indeed holds out promise for becoming a very interesting and spectacular show of the latest in Welding technology.

In this issue we have published Five technical papers all of which are educative, informative and thought provoking and I have no doubt that you would immensely enjoy reading these.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P. K. Das'.

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