

DOI: 10.22486/iwj.v54i3.209781

ORCID: Santanu Das: <http://orcid.org/0000-0001-9085-3450>

Prof. Dr. Santanu Das
Chief Editor
Email: iwj@iiwindia.com;
iwj.iw@gmail.com

With the impending threat of the 3rd wave of CoVID-19 pandemic to affect people in the worst possible way, the **July 2021 issue of Indian Welding Journal** is being readied for its publication. We are gradually getting habituated to the sufferings being caused by CoVID-19.

Hope by now you have all gone through the Volume 54 Number 2 April 2021 issue of this journal either the soft copy in flip book format in the website of IIW-India or the hard copy of it. Within the lock-down situation, publication of Indian Welding Journal is getting delayed by some weeks. Now in this autumn, July 2021 issue of Indian Welding Journal is being published.

Within the ongoing pandemic, different webinars are being organized by Branches, Sections and Chapters of The Indian Institute of Welding. Reports of the activities are included in this issue. Also the report on the 74th Annual Assembly of the International Institute of Welding is published in it. AWS section as obtained from American Welding Society is included as usual.

Mr. Samir Kumar Gupta has contributed the twenty-third "**Tit Bit in Welding**" article to this journal with the title, "**An Approach to Best Welding Practice: Part-XXI- Section III-B-II**". This article focuses on the generation and computer based storage of welding data on Gas Tungsten Arc Welding (GTAW) processes for fabrication. It would be a useful Working Guideline for Planning Engineers, Welding Coordinators and Quality Managers working in an Engineering Fabrication Plant using welding as the main manufacturing process.

Prof. Placid Rodriguez Memorial Award Lecture 2020, delivered by Harish Chandra Dey of Metallurgy and Materials Group, Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research, Kalpakkam, Tamilnadu, India, bearing the title, "**Development of welding procedures for critical applications in nuclear and fossil power plants**", is the first full-length article published in this issue. Krishna Prasad. S, A. Mathiazhagan and Krishnadas. P.S. wrote the article, "**Effect of manual flux bounded TIG welding on austenitic stainless steel AISI 304 and its comparison with automated flux bounded TIG welding**". The last article on "**Trends in welding qualification, training and certification**" that is an important paper on welding training and certification is authored by R. Ravi.

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.

Everybody is requested to please surf the archive of IWJ through the website, <http://www.ischolar.info/index.php/IWJ>. Abstracting of published articles is done by EBSCO-USA, Crossref-USA, Indian Citation Index (ICI), i-Scholar and j-Gate.

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

September 15, 2021

