

From the Editor's Desk



Happy New Year! Let 1992 bring all-round prosperity to all. Reflecting back, 1991 had been a momentous year — One of those years when history is made or unmade and will be long remembered in mankind's modern civilisation. The year started with an uncertainty in the gulf — ultimately culminating into a large scale and one sided hightech warfare and ending in the breaking up of Soviet Union. Thus the students of Political Science will find certain terms like 'Cold War', 'Third World' etc. redundant in their text books. One would hope that the unipolar world that has emerged will now be a better place to live in.

India also had passed through an upheaval. The fall of Central Govt., mid term general elections, assassination of Rajiv Gandhi apart the new Government, by its actions on restructuring, seems determined to bring about a change in our social, political and economic ethos. This should angur well for all sections of the public in the long run.

The National Welding Seminar, 1991 was very successfully organised by Madras Branch of the Institute at Madras during October, 1991. This was attended by large number of delegates from all over the country. Two full days of technical session involving technical papers gave ample opportunity for the delegates to exchange ideas and information on welding technology. During December, 1991 Tiruchirapally Branch oranised a major seminar and exhibition — Symposim on 'Joining of Materials (SOJOM'91). A large nnumber of Indian and overseas delegates present in the symposium had participated and had the opportunity to interact with one another. This issue of IMI IWJ publishes reports and photographs of these two important events. I once again wish all our readers a happy and prosperous 1992.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'A. K. Mitra', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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