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## Editorial

I am happy to present this Vol 45 (1994-95) of the Bombay Technologist. As decided last year, the material in this volume has been directly compiled using a PC. This has saved a lot of efforts. In the UDCT, each division has very good computer back-up. Hence, we expect that the divisional information required for the journal be made available to us from the respective divisions through computers. This will not only save the time, but also will make the material flawless. I am happy that the students are taking lot of interest in preparing and revising their articles and submitting the matter in floppies. This is a welcome change. We wish to channelise the compilation from the next year in this manner. I would like to only suggest to the prospective authors to take utmost care while preparing the manuscripts and to present them in the standard format of the journal; it will reduce the number of rejections which unfortunately were many this year.

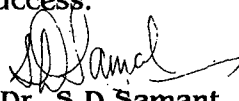
This year has witnessed many important events. The most important event this year was substantial increase in the number of seats in the different undergraduate courses in the UDCT. This has come after a long time and was essential at this juncture considering the heavy demand for different courses in the UDCT.

In the UDCT, we have the Best Student Awards for the under-graduate students. However, there was no such award for post-graduate students. Considering this situation and the demand from the students, the editorial board decided to institute the 'Bombay Technologist Best Post-Graduate Student Award' from 1995-96. The selection procedure involved a novel approach of inviting nominations from all the post-graduates through voting. After this preliminary round, a few students were selected who went through a group discussion, presentation and personal interview. Mr. Jatinder Arora who is doing M.Sc.(Tech) in Dyes was selected as the Best P.G. through this elaborate procedure. We wish him all success!

As we all know, only meritorious students get the opportunity to enter the UDCT, and the UDCT provides them facilities to nurture and nourish their academic talent. At the same time, many of our students have the hidden potential in non-technical areas as well. The editorial board has floated the novel idea of instituting the 'Bombay Technologist Creativity Award.' The award will financially support any novel, creative non-technical idea coming from the UDCT students. This is a part of a novel experimentation, the result of which will be presented in the next volume.

We are happy to see that some of the UDCTians have started a non-technical magazine 'Heard Melodies.' The Bombay Technologist wishes them success.

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