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Message

While writing this message, I am immensely pleased to announce that the Govt of Maharashtra has accorded the Elite Status and Centre of Excellence to ICT, which will usher us into new era which will see the creativity of our students and faculty blossoming. One such activity is the Bombay Technologist, which has been in existence for decades now as a mouthpiece of the Technologist Association which was the students body started during Professor K. Venkataraman's tenure as the Director in 1950s. Venkataraman was internationally well known for his contributions to synthetic organic chemistry, including dyestuff, intermediates and pharmaceuticals. So many of his students and faculty used to publish articles in the Bombay Technologist. He developed the library culture in ICT.

Over the years, tremendous progress has taken place in collection and compilation of information and students seem to be more used to short cuts rather than in depth analysis of technical subjects. Of course, some of them spend hours in writing the review articles. This issue is no different and is more focussed on 'nano' in different areas due to wide acceptance of this term and its perceived benefits. One of the aspects of writing review papers is to understand the subject, critically dissect it, bring out the strength and weakness in the state-of-the art and provide future directions. In this regard, the articles written by the students have definite weakness. However, this being the training ground for future researchers, their contributions are most welcome. My personal belief is to include some of the best Posters which the Ph D students had prepared during last year in the Bombay Technologist will be a step in the right direction. Next year's issue is thus already on the board.

I am sure that the Editorial Board has taken lot of pains in collecting articles and my congratulations to one and all.

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