

Editorial

Pramāṇa is beginning its 25th volume with this issue. The readers would have noticed the gradual increase in the size of each volume and the introduction of new features like rapid communications, scholarly reviews and “comments” about articles published earlier. These features will continue as also felicitation volumes like the one recently brought out to honour the 60th birthday of Dr Raja Ramanna.

From this issue two further changes are introduced. The title is now changed to *Pramāṇa—Journal of Physics*. It may appear at first sight as the mere omission of the article ‘a’, from the earlier title ‘*Pramāṇa*’—a Journal of Physics. There is a deeper underlying reason. The Editorial Board and many members of the physics community feel that there is no longer any need for an explanation in the title page of what *Pramāṇa* stands for. Indeed we recommend that in future the journal be cited as *Pramāṇa—J. Phys.*

The second change is a listing of the articles accepted for publication in forthcoming issues. This will give advance notice of interesting articles scheduled for publication and will hopefully encourage interested persons to contact the authors for preprints or allied material. The Editorial Board hopes that these features along with publication of articles from abroad and greater speed of publication will further strengthen the journal. While the task of speeding up with caution has been vigorously pursued, a few items are still under consideration in the Editorial Committee. The question of bringing out theme journal sections, for example in Nuclear and Particle Physics or Condensed Matter Physics is a long standing issue. The same is the status of publishing the Proceedings of Conferences at least of the International Conferences or special volumes to commemorate special events and occasions.

During the last decade, the Indian physics community, in an unusual show of strength and solidarity, caused the journal to be born, with the novel and unusual collaboration of the Indian Physics Association, the Indian National Science Academy and the Indian Academy of Sciences. The community has seen to it that the journal has survived the risky period of infant mortality. It is now time to nurture the journal so that it becomes a leading vehicle at an international level for communications in physics and allied areas.

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