

Editorial Note

This issue of *Pramana* carries a series of articles based on presentations originally made at the National Conference on Atomic and Molecular Physics, held at IIT, Chennai, during 17th to 20th December 1996. The subject of Atomic and Molecular Physics was of course in the limelight in the early days of quantum physics. But it is not widely appreciated that new applications, new measurement techniques and of course increasing computing power have led to something of a resurgence in the field. We are grateful to the Guest Editors, Drs P C Deshmukh, M K Srivastava, E Krishnakumar and S A Ahmad who took on the tasks of selecting the contributions, corresponding with the authors and the referees, and looking into the many details that make a special issue like this possible, and express the hope that this special issue will be useful both to practitioners and to others interested in this field, thanks to the authoritative and topical reviews as well as the contributed papers.

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