

## **Welcome 97**

We wish all our readers a very happy new year!

Years really don't matter to the scitech world. Because the progress here is measured in terms of seconds and not days, weeks or years. Every second a new development is reported from some part of the world which shows the rapid advancement we have been witnessing in the technological arena. In welcoming 1997 we are proceeding one step further towards the turn of the most eventful century as far as science and technology is concerned, in the history of mankind. Right from Wright brothers' invention of a powered aircraft to the discovery of life on Mars, this century has seen man take fantastic strides in applying his scientific knowledge to practical use.

Year 1996 saw India establish itself as one of the leading countries in space technology with the successful launch of its indigenously developed PSLVD3. It also drew international attention with the herbal fuel man Raman Pillai claiming to have found a substitute for petrol using herbs.

On the other hand, India's technological backwardness stood severely exposed when the first ever mid air collision of two passenger aircrafts killed all the passengers on-board the two flights. India was not alone in this – the TWA jet airliner crashed into the Atlantic ocean immediately after its take off killing all the passengers. As for 1997, the greatest event would probably be the entry of Hong Kong into the Chinese control from the British.

Whatever be the developments in the technological world in 1996, it certainly has been a successful year for Technoworld. This first of its kind technical magazine has received tremendous response and encouragement from all readers. With this support, we have now ventured into putting Technoworld home page on the web. We welcome our readers to visit Technoworld's web page and extend their valuable comments and feedback on the design and content of our page.

The new year will see Technoworld changing both in its content and presentation keeping in view the expectation of our readers. We assure to keep you abreast of the latest technological developments as ever from all corners of the world during this year. One thing can safely be predicted for 1997 – even without the crystal ball. Man's quest for innovation would continue with the same zest this year too.

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