

Foreword



Publishing the *Journal of the Indian Institute of Science* is among the earliest activities of the Institute, having started in 1914, just five years after the establishment of the Institute in 1909. This shows the foresight of the founding members of the Institute and the significance they attached to communicating the research outcome of the Institute academic community to others. The *Journal* has been serving as a forum to publish leading research articles by the faculty and students of the Institute in various disciplines of Science and Engineering. The *Journal* has also been carrying the abstracts of the research theses of the Institute students at Doctoral and Master's levels, as well as book reviews. In the past, it has undergone several changes in format and frequency, the most recent being publishing of special issues dedicated to specific topics.

Recently a new Editorial Committee has taken charge. It has taken several initiatives and is in the process of taking up a few more in the future, to make the *Journal* more presentable in terms of look and content. The changes are primarily aimed at keeping in step with the changing technical advancements in the publication of scientific journals. Publishing scientific journals in India has been a tough task and our *Journal* has been no exception. A refreshing feature of the publication policy is the the web version of the *Journal* with a link to the Institute homepage. We are discontinuing the practice of publishing theses abstracts as these are uploaded to the web. The *Journal* will also publish articles contributed by researchers from outside the Institute. Suggestions towards improvement of any related aspect are welcome.

Hope the readers will enjoy publishing in our journal and referring to.

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