

## ***GUEST EDITORIAL***

Professional societies formed for development of various fields of science and technology play an important role in dissemination of informations collected in laboratories and fields to all its members and other professional fraternity. It is with this view that Indian Society for Rock Mechanics and Tunnelling Technology (ISRM/TT) decided to embark on collection and compiling the documentation of various important and difficult projects executed in the country. The data thus collected is being brought out in the journal of Rock Mechanics and Tunnelling Technology.

Studies made in the laboratory and field need updating from time to time to take care of all aspects not taken into account during laboratory or field experimentations. It has been seen that science and technology needs updating from time to time and if such knowledge and information is brought out through journal to its members and professionals, a great professional service could be effected in development of our country.

Science of Rock Mechanics is relatively new and therefore there are constant developments effected at a world level for safe, economical and speedy execution of projects in the field of hydro, roads, multi-purpose, mines, oil storages, metros etc. The importance of this subject is coming to forefront because of tremendous requirements of underground services in Metropolitan cities for purpose of transport, storages etc.

It is also seen that the requirement of energy all over the world is increasing at an accelerated rate and to keep up with this requirement, expeditious methods of construction emanating from development in the field of rock mechanics need to be maintained.

Harnessing of natural resources at an accelerated rate to meet the ongoing demand is the prime necessity and we hope that the contribution made by the Journal of Rock Mechanics and Tunnelling Technology should be significant.

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