

## FROM THE EDITOR.....

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As toddlers on our mothers lap, as students under the guidance of our teachers and lately as Engineers under directions of our superiors, it had always been drummed to our minds that we should do the right thing and the right thing only. Therefore, all this time our main problem had been to identify the right from the wrong. Though one might think this is an easy task, in many day to day situations and especially when confronted with technical problems that demand our professional judgement, putting the finger on the 'right thing' is far from easy. However, through our professional career, we have learnt to sort the options and arrive at the optimal solution, at least in technical aspects.

In many a situation it slips our minds that the 'right thing' is time bound. In other words what is right for today might not be right for tomorrow or even for yesterday. Therefore, the right decision at the right time becomes much more significant than the right decision standing alone. This is more significant in our realm of Engineering, since a 'right' decision not taken or implemented at the 'right' time would entail inefficiency at best and total failure at worst.

The technically justified need for coal power plants to service our energy requirements had been in the generation plan of CEB for a substantially long period of time. As every one knows, the building of such plants had been thwarted by many a political, social and other interested sources to such an extent that we have literally "missed the bus" pulling the country back in development, with a huge energy bill to shoulder. But at last it is here.

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