

FROM THE EDITOR.....

It is a well established fact that Engineers are a 'Left Brained' set of people. In other words, individuals quite good in mathematics and logical reasoning. Though we could be proud of this status, this also could well imply that our 'Right Brain' functions may not be up to the standard of a common person. Incidentally, it so happens that people talk, to put it mildly, about the shortcomings of Engineers in general, when it comes to inter-personal skills, artistic appreciation, etc., which are supposed to be in the right brain domain. I say this with caution so as not to offend those Engineers who have excellent artistic creativity coupled with capacity for appreciation of art as well as other numerous soft skills.

In fact, as a friend of mine who is a Consultant Psychiatrist has told me several times that a developed left brain naturally stimulates the right counterpart positively. This is to say that the potential for art and other soft skills are at least latently lying within us for the want of a stimulus. Why most of us do not get this breakthrough could be due to many reasons, but mostly to be attributed to being engrossed during the better part of our lives in our 'drab' mathematical and technical world. It is a well known fact that when a being gets used to a certain way of life, it is rather difficult to break out of it.

Whatever the minor and major reasons could be, we Engineers should strive to be more outward bound in our artistic and inter personal approaches, to be a successful professional in the present society. However, one should be cautious too, not to overdo it through ones over enthusiasm.

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