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## The Team speaks ...

**W**hat started a year back as the outcome of an amateurish desire to find a place on the web has grown steadily, albeit slowly. As most of us wished at its launch, CHEMCOS does not seem to be dying a natural death any time in the near future.

This issue of CHEMCOS looks back at what the Chandrayaan launch means to Indian science and research. The chemistry of Insulin mimetics is highlighted in another article. A report on the recent breakthrough of a hybrid inorganic-organic benzene sums up what was the holy grail for organometallic chemists for almost half a century. The In Focus segment carries a short note on what could be the next generation of light directing materials. The not-so recent presidential elections in the United States has already seen a major shift in science policy. It remains to be seen if the appointment of academicians to important positions in the advisory council of Obama's government has any far-reaching effects.

The delay in the publication of this issue of CHEMCOS is regretted. We look forward to providing an inspiring scientific read in the coming days as well. We can be reached at [chemcos.iitd@gmail.com](mailto:chemcos.iitd@gmail.com).

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