hence a new need of ours is fulfilled. In the era of modern technology over the last few decades, an unbelievable number of new inventions and developments have taken place. Sitting in our living rooms we are able to watch live the events happening around the world or talk to people in far off places. All these have also been made possible by advances in the area of semiconductor materials, which has not been touched upon in this article. It is impossible to cover all different types of materials used by us as the range of materials and the diverse applications that they find in modern technology are too wide. In this series of articles my goal has been to provide a broad view of what is currently happening in the area of modern materials. The endeavor has been to bring out the ingenuity that is required for tailoring new materials for specific applications.

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