

NEWS AND NOTES

National Conference on Natural Hazard and Climate Change – by M. Suresh Gandhi, *University of Madras*

The National Conference on Natural Hazard and Climate Change was held from 11-13, March, 2010 at Department of Geology and Center for Natural Hazards, University of Madras. The conference was inaugurated by Prof. SM. Ramasamy, Vice Chancellor, Gandhigram Rural University. In his address, he stressed on the various types of hazards and how it is delineated using remote sensing techniques. He also informed about the tsunami warning systems and developments in tracking the tsunami, etc. The Presidential address by B.R. Subramanian, Project Director – ICMAM- MoES, Chennai, highlighted the various applications of tsunami inundation maps and modeling for tsunami studies. There were eleven keynote addresses and 50 papers presented at this conference, the keynote addresses are: (1) Monsoons and Cyclones: Role of Climate Change”. (2) Carbon Capture and Storage Initiatives for Mitigation of Impact of Global Climate Change. (3) Climate Change impacts on the coastal marine ecosystem. (4) Tsunami, Earthquake and We. (5) Earthquake.



(6) Geological factors-and their role in landslides-debris flows-Earthquakes-Tsunami-Latest trends. (7) National Action Plan on Climate Change-Message to Scientist. (8) Decision Support Tools for Disaster Management. (9) Hazards related to Himalayan Glaciers. (10) Role of For-

minifera in environmental, pollution and climate change studies. (11) Storm surges.

There were seven technical sessions and each session witnessed large number of participants among young research scholars from Universities, Research institutes, organizations, etc.