

Most studies still remain at the academic level and are not translated into action. Coming years should see the transfer of technological knowledge to village level workers with specific recommendation for combating the ill effects of droughts. The present study is the first step in this direction and should be followed up by practical specific action-plans drawn for a group of selected villages affected by severe drought.

The main recommendations of the seminar are, in respect of droughts: (1) preparation of a manual of drought management, (2) encouragement of minor irrigation, (3) effecting changes in cropping pattern, (4) desilting of tanks and (5) study in depth of the specific reasons for the incidence of drought in Karnataka. Emphasis in respect of floods is on measures like flood forecasting, warning and disaster preparedness and on a more practical use of the data available with the Indian Meteorological Department. Prediction of earthquakes is a goal which is far from realisable. Instead, greater attention has to be given to develop preparedness and also on construction of earthquake-proof structures. Training is the essence of all such measures.

The Drought Monitoring Cell could as well be developed as a Disaster Management Center. We do trust that these recommendations will not be allowed to remain only on paper and administrators and scientists at the Center and the State level will take appropriate action.

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### ERRATA and APOLOGY

Readers are requested to note the following typo errors in the article "Historical development of Himalayan Geology", Journal of the Geological Society of India, v.49, pp. 89-108. The author apologizes for the inconvenience they may cause.

Page 89, in quotation from George Sarton, Line 1: "best" should change to "the best"

Page 89, same paragraph, Line 2: "past" should change to "the past"

Page 89, paragraph 3, Line 1: "world" should change to "word"

Page 89, second last line: "mythologicl" should be spelled as "mythological"

Page 90, Line 40: "Bishop (1980)" should change to "Bishop (1989)"

Page 91, paragraph 2, Line 3: "the" appearing in the beginning of the line should be deleted.

Page 94, paragraph 2, Line 15: "later" should change to "latter"

Page 94, paragraph 4, Line 4: "documented" should read as "Cautley documented"

Page 95, Last paragraph is mixed up and should read as follows:

"The original purpose of the GSI was limited to exploring India's coal reserves. In 1836, the Government of Bengal formed a Coal Committee to study the coal supplies for use in the steamers on the Ganga. In the early 1840s, the Coal Committee's secretary, John McClland, contacted the leading British geologists, Charles Lyell and Roderick Murchison, and the Government of Bengal to persuade them hire trained geologists and set up a proper geological survey in India. Both Lyell and Murchison were supportive of a survey in India in order to explore the mineral reserves as well as advance the knowledge of the earth's history, and both of them appreciated the importance of geological discoveries in the Himalayan region (Stafford, 1989)."

Page 96, paragraph 3, Line 4: "Otoka" should be spelled as "Ottokar"

Page 97, last paragraph and Page 98, first paragraph: "isostasy" should be spelled as "isostasy"

Page 99, last Line: "Quatenary" should be spelled as "Quaternary"

Page 100, Line 1: "Nori" should change to "Norin"

Page 104, paragraph 4, Line 1: "Worbys (1991)" should read as "Worbys (1991) (paper in Kumar, 1991)"

Page 106, Line 21: "Dewet" should be spelled as "Dewey"

Page 106, Line 42: "One Secret" should read as "On Secret"

Page 107, Line 24: The full reference is:

Mason, K. (1955). Abode of Snow: A History of Himalayan Exploration and Mountaineering. Rupert Hart-Davis, London, 372 p.

Page 107, Line 33: "(1962)" should change to "(1945-1962)"

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