

Besides the speeches delivered at the inaugural function, which throw light on the origin and development of remote sensing in the country, the volume contains papers indicating briefly the remote sensing techniques used and describing some case histories in the field of geosciences, agriculture, soils, forestry, water resources, human settlements, marine sciences and resource management in general in different parts of the country. The need for multi-disciplinary training and education in remote sensing is well presented (pp.119-127) though it is a little doubtful if there is really the degree of gap in the manpower requirements under various themes as shown in Table I (p.126), taking into consideration the absence of any worthwhile recruitment, of late, in these spheres in the country. During the past decade the integration of Geographic Information System with remotely sensed data both from aerial photographs and from satellite imagery, has been slowly brought about (pp.128-130; 137-141).

It is heartening to note that indigenous R & D is appropriately directed towards better use of products of a new generation of satellites planned for the future and also train personnel to effectively process and analyse them (pp.131-136).

This volume can be perused through with profit by those interested in knowing the state of art of remote sensing in the country.

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GLEANINGS FROM EARLY INDIAN GONDWANA. Geological Survey of India, Special Publication, No.32, (1993), 523p.

This represents a collection of some twenty classical papers on the Indian Gondwana, notably those of Blanford, Oldham brothers, Fedden, Feistmantel, Middlemiss and others. It will be welcomed by all those interested in Indian Stratigraphy and more particularly in the Indian Gondwana. It would have been better if the editors of the volume had taken the trouble of presenting a summary of each contribution emphasizing its importance in our understanding the subject. The book is very reasonably priced at Rs.140/- (domestic) and \$ 50 (foreign) and should form a useful addition to any library. An added attraction is the photographs of the pioneers.

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