

TSUNAMI: THE INDIAN CONTEXT. Editors. SM. Ramasamy and C.J. Kumanan.
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After the tragic Tsunami, which struck with tremendous force along certain sections of Southeast Asian coasts on the 26th December, 2004 there have been naturally many conferences, seminars and symposia in India to discuss and deliberate upon its causes, after effects, remedial measures to be adopted and plans for dependable forecasting. Abstracts of papers presented during such meetings have been either circulated or published. But perhaps the publication under review is one of the earliest to bring out in print the full papers presented in a "Brainstorming Session" held during 25-26 February 2005 at the Centre for Remote Sensing, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu.

The 30 papers have been divided and presented under five sections: (i) Overview, (ii) Triggering mechanisms and propagation, (iii) Run up and inundation, (iv) Vulnerability and impacts and (v) Mitigation strategies. Since coastal segments of parts of Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Andhra Pradesh were those affected by the tsunami, almost all the papers

coming from workers in these States, deal with the physical damages caused, morphology, sediments and structure of the coastal regions, effect on ground water regime, habitations and people, all well illustrated with maps, tables and photographs, besides suggestions for mitigating effects of such a disaster. An unusual but welcome addition is the record of earlier tsunamis culled out from ancient Tamil literature. A negligible drawback is the repetitiveness of some aspects in the papers independently presented by workers in the same area from different institutions in these parts.

On the whole this is a good publication that can be perused through with profit by those who wish to know all that happened as after effects of the killer Tsunami of 26th December, 2004. The editors are to be congratulated for bringing out this timely publication.

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Announcements

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The 9th International conference and exhibition on Geographic Information Science, Technology and Application will be held at Delhi during 30-1-2006 to 1-2-2006. For further details, please contact: Map India 2006 Secretariat, G-4 Sector-39, Noida - 201 301, India. **Phone:** 91-120-2502180 to 87; **Fax:** 91-120-2500060; **Email:** info@mapindia.org; **Website:** www.mapindia.org

SPECIAL ISSUES OF INDIAN JOURNAL OF GEOCHEMISTRY IN 2006

The Indian Association of Geochemists (IAG), Varanasi which brings out the Indian Journal of Geochemistry (IJG) is planning to bring out two special issues in 2006. The 2006 June issue will have a special section on "*Application of Geochemical Techniques in Metamorphic Petrology*". Guest Editors for this issue are Dr. N.C. Pant (pantnc@rediffmail.com) and Dr. S.N. Lal (snlal2001@rediffmail.com). The 2006 December issue will have a special section on "*Geochemistry of Ore Deposits*". Guest editor for this issue is Dr. Pankaj Srivastava (psrivast@sancharnet.in). Papers on these topics are invited. For further details, please contact directly the respective Guest Editors or Prof. Rajesh K. Srivastava, Editor-in-Chief, IJG (rajeshgeolbhu@yahoo.com).

NATIONAL SEMINAR ON THE EVALUATION OF MINERAL RESOURCES OF INDIA

The Department of Geology, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam is organizing a National Seminar on the above topic during 2-4 March 2006. The main themes of the seminar are: (a) Continental mineral resources, (b) Marine and sedimentary mineral resources and (c) Strategies for exploration of mineral deposits. The date for receiving abstracts has been extended up to 3rd February 2006. Memorial lectures honouring Prof. C. Mahadevan and Dr. M.S. Krishnan are also scheduled on the eve of the 8th National Convention of Association of Economic Geologists at the Department of Geology, Andhra University during the seminar programme. For further details, please contact: Prof. C.V. Raman, Convener, EMRI-2006, Department of Geology, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam - 530 003; **Phone:** 0891-2844709 (O), 2500384 (R); **Email:** cvraman8@rediffmail.com