

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEBSITE ON HIGHLIGHTS OF SOFTWARE ON STRUCTURAL GEOLOGY AND TECTONICS: A 500 MB user-friendly software titled A to Z of structural geology and tectonics has been developed by Prakash P. Roday of the Department of Applied Geology, Dr. H.S. Gour University, Sagar, Madhya Pradesh. The software is for the dissemination of computer applications in this field including the theoretical database and about 500 image files. The images as well as text and sound files can be loaded simultaneously. A large number of videos or AVI or MPG files of importance to structural geology and tectonics are listed. The software is inexpensive and will be supplied on demand to interested persons for the actual cost of the CD, postage and handling. The highlights of the software can be seen by accessing the URL <http://education.vsnl.com/pproday>

WORKSHOP ON RECENT TRENDS IN LANDSLIDE ASSESSMENT AND MONITORING, 17-19 JANUARY 2001: The workshop is being organised by the Centre of Study in Resources Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology, Mumbai between 17 and 19 January 2001. Topics to be covered by the workshop are remote sensing, GIS, GPS, instrumental data collection, computational methods etc. For further particulars, please contact Dr. R. Nagarajan/Dr. M.V. Khire, Centre of Study in Resources Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology, Powai, Mumbai - 400 076. **Phone:** 022-5767681/5767675 (O), 5768681/5768675 (R); **Telefax:** 022-5723190; **Email:** rn@csre.iitb.ernet.in/mvk@csre.iitb.ernet.in

REFRESHER COURSE FOR UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE TEACHERS, 14 February-7 March 2001: A refresher course sponsored by the Ministry of Ocean Development is proposed for university and college teachers in earth sciences, mineral engineering, remote sensing etc. on placer mineral exploration, exploitation and environmental impact. It is being organised by the Ocean Science and Technology Cell (OSTC), housed in the Department of Earth Sciences, Tamil University, Thanjavur - 613 005, Tamil Nadu during 14th February - 7th March 2001. Completed applications from eligible teachers should be sent through proper channel to Dr. G. Victor Rajamanickam, Director, Refresher Course, Professor and Head, Department of Earth Sciences, Tamil University, Thanjavur - 613 005. **Phone:** (04362)-43536; **Fax:** (04362)-44049; **Email:** vramanickam@yahoo.com

DST PROGRAMME OF SERC SUMMER SCHOOL IN GEOLOGICAL MAPPING OF GRANITE-GREENSTONE TERRAIN, CHITRADURGA AREA, KARNATAKA, JUNE 2001: Geological Survey of India (GSI) Training Institute will conduct a Training Course in Geological Mapping of Granite-Greenstone Terrain of Chitradurga Area, Karnataka at Chitradurga, under the Second 5-Year Cycle of SERC Summer/Winter School in Geological Mapping, sponsored by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India. The course is for a duration of four weeks beginning in June, 2001. It will be essentially a field training programme with theoretical lectures. The faculty for the course will consist of experienced and eminent scientists from the GSI and universities. The course is open to young research scholars/lecturers from universities/colleges and professional geologists from Central and State Governments who have keen interest in geological mapping of such terrains. Candidates should be below 35 years of age. There is no course fee and TA/DA will be paid by DST as per rules. Completed application forms should reach the address not later than 15th February, 2001. Application forms may be obtained from the office of the Deputy Director General, GSI Training Institute, Bandlaguda, Hyderabad - 500 068. **Phone:** (040)-4022681, 4022682; **Fax:** (040) - 4022680. **Email:** gsitihyd@hd2.dot.net.in.

INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON THE ROLE OF GEOLOGICAL SURVEYS IN THE 21st CENTURY. Geological Survey of India (GSI), Central Headquarters, Calcutta organises the international seminar on 4-5 March 2001 as a part of its 150th Anniversary Celebrations. The aim of the seminar is to assemble the major geological surveys of the world in a common forum to deliberate on the role of earth science in the 21st century and for the Indian geoscience community to share their global vision. For further particulars, please contact Dr. D. Halder, Director, International Division, Geological Survey of India, 27 Jawaharlal Nehru Road, Calcutta - 700 016. **Phone:** 91-33-249-6941; **Telefax:** 91-33-249-6936; **Email:** sem150gsi@123india.com

NATIONAL SEMINAR ON EXPLORATION AND SURVEY FOR NOBLE METALS AND PRECIOUS STONES, May 2001: Geological Survey of India (GSI) which was set up in 1851, will be celebrating 150 years of its service to the nation in 2001-2002. As part of the celebrations, GSI plans to conduct a number of seminars on various themes at different centres. A national seminar is proposed to be organised at Hyderabad in the second week of May, 2001. The focus of the seminar will be to examine the strategies adopted so far in various exploration projects for gold, diamond and others and to evaluate the necessity or otherwise of change in strategy. A post-seminar field excursion is proposed to be organised to Jonnagiri gold prospect and Wajrakarur diamond field. Abstracts in not more than 250 words should reach the Convener on or before 15th February, 2001. For further particulars, please contact U.C. Pati, Organising Secretary, Geological Survey of India, Southern Region, Bandlaguda, Hyderabad - 500 068. **Phone:** 402-0949 to 0958; **Fax:** 402-0958; **Email:** gsihyd@hyd.ap.nic.in