

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THIRTEENTH CONVENTION OF INDIAN GEOLOGICAL CONGRESS** Thirteenth Convention of Indian Geological Congress and National Seminar on Application of Geostatistical and Computer-aided Technologies for Exploration and Mining of Limestone for Cement Industry – Challenges Ahead. The national seminar is being organised at Andhra University, Visakhapatnam during 7-9 February 2002 to mark the Silver Jubilee of Indian Geological Congress and Diamond Jubilee of the Department of Geology, Andhra University. The main themes of the convention are: (1) Status of stratigraphy and structural geology, (2) Status of mineralogy, petrology and geochemistry, (3) Ore deposit evaluation and modelling studies, (4) Present and future trends of mineral exploration, (5) Energy sector - Current and future scenario of fossil fuels, (6) Global environmental issues, (7) Applied seismology and seismotectonics, and (8) Dynamics of earth science education in the changing patterns of scientific and industrial growth. The technical programme will include: (1) Domestic current installed capacity, production, demand and supply of cement, (2) Adequacies of cement industry raw materials by 2050 A.D., (3) Exploration and mining systematics of limestone deposits, (4) Limestone deposit modelling, (5) Geostatistics and computer-aided techniques in limestone deposit appraisal and mining for cement industry and (6) Policy issues related to the theme. For further details please contact: Prof. C. Kasipathi, Secretary and Convener, 13 Convention, Department of geology, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam - 530 003. **Phone:** 0891-754871 (Extn. 232) (O); 0891-75567 (R); **Fax:** 0891-570365; **Email:** kasigeolau@rediff.com; kasigeolau@skybiz.com or Prof. V.K.S. Dave, Secretary, Indian Geological Congress, P.B. No.114, 7, Bhagirath Kunj, Purwabal, Station Road, Roorkee - 247 667. **Phone:** 01332-77827 (O), 01332-74398 (R); **Fax:** 01332-73560; **Email:** earth@rurkiu.ernet.in

**NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON ROLE OF EARTH SCIENCES IN INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED SOCIETY ISSUES:** Geological Survey of India (GSI), Northern Region organises the National Symposium during 1-3 November 2001 at Lucknow in commemoration of the 150 years of GSI's service to the nation. The main themes are: **(I) Geoenvironmental Studies:** (1) Environmental management and impact assessment, (2) Geoenvironment in urban and rural development, (3) Environmental hazards: mining and radioactive waste; (4) Geo-hazards: floods, mass wasting, earthquakes, volcanoes, desertification and land degradation; (5) Risk assessment: water and air pollution; (6) Environment resource database and GIS for eco-development. **(II) Snow, Ice and Glaciers:** (1) Snow, ice and glaciers: water resource management, (2) Glacier environment and mankind: problems and prospects for development in glaciated regions, (3) Glacier studies and techniques: geophysical, chemical and remote sensing, (4) Glaciers and natural hazards: avalanches, lake bursts, mass wasting, (5) Climatic variability: present and past glaciations including sea level changes. **(III) Quaternary Studies:** (1) Quaternary and recent sediments: landuse planning, (2) Palaeoenvironment, (3) Neotectonics and palaeo-seismicity, (4) Coastal geomorphology: problems and prospects for coastal regions, (5) Groundwater pollution: risk assessment and management. For further details please contact: R.K. Singh, Organising Secretary, Geological Survey of India, Sector E - Aliganj, Lucknow - 226 024. **Phone:** 0522-321936-378796 (O); 0522-383258 (R); **Fax:** 0522-376407; **Email:** geodatnr@sancharnet.in