

## Announcement

### NATIONAL SEMINAR ON CHANGING GEOHYDROLOGICAL SCENARIO AND ITS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The Geological Society of India with Tarun Bharat Sangh is organising the above seminar on 29-30th April 2009 at Jaipur / Bhikampura, Rajasthan.

Economic reforms launched in India, as part of the globalisation process, have unleashed a number of changes in natural resource use, particularly land, water and mineral resources in different parts of India. One of the steps of this reform is setting up SEZs in India and that has triggered a major change in the land use in most states. Fast urbanization and nationwide development of infrastructure has further pushed the blind exploitation of natural resources, with significant environmental consequences.

The analysis of the nature of economic growth in India since independence shows that it has been mainly based on the exploitation of natural resources without much care to the conservation and health of the resources. It will be too late if we do not review our past actions from environmental perspective and take serious policy measures to correct the course of development.

**Seminar Themes:** The seminar will deliberate on the following themes based on case studies, field experience/experiments and success stories:

- 1 Changing geohydrological scenario during last fifty years in India.
- 2 Changing land use scenario and its impact on rural and urban area development planning.
- 3 Environmental impact of water use and disposal practices in India.
- 4 Status of rivers (exploitation, pollution, and encroachment) and their conservation practices in India.
- 5 Technological innovations in ground and surface water augmentation and management.
- 6 Innovations / initiatives in community, private, or public management of water resources in India.

**Call for Abstracts:** Extended abstracts of papers should be submitted before 31-11-2008 in A-4 size paper including diagrams and text typed in double space, indicating corresponding author, his address and Email address along with a soft copy on CD.

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