

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONTACT PROGRAMME IN GEOCHEMISTRY Sponsored by the Department of Science and Technology: A three part Contact Program in Geochemistry including theoretical, analytical and field aspects will be conducted by Prof. V. Rajamani, School of Environmental Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi - 110 067 in **January 1999**. The main objective of this contact programme is to provide a minimal theoretical background and hands-on-training, to study diverse geological problems following a chemical approach. While the theoretical and field aspects would be covered in January, 1999 (Bangalore area), the analytical training will be provided to selected few at J.N.U. in June, 1999. Because of the limitations of the logistics for field and lab training, the number of trainees will be restricted to a maximum of 15. Matriculating research scholars and college/University lecturers, especially those interested in pursuing a research career are invited to apply. Application can be sent in plain paper giving curriculum vitae and clearly spelling out their present research. Please send the application to: Dr. V. Rajamani, Professor of Geology, School of Environmental Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi-110 067. **Fax:** 011-6165886; **Email:** vrm@jnuniv.ernet.in

RECENT ADVANCES IN DIFFERENTIAL SAR INTERFEROMETRY AND APPLICATIONS, 18-22, January 1999: Organised by the Centre of Studies in Resources Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology, Powai, Mumbai - 400 076. The Seminar is sponsored by NRDMS of DST and ISRO-IIT(B) Space Technology Cell. This technique has a wide ranging applications in the fields of earthquake and volcanic hazard monitoring, land subsidence due to mining, landslides, glacier movements, landuse/land cover analysis and several other aspects of concern to geology and geophysics. The Seminar includes one day field work at Panvel. Interested persons may contact Dr. K.S. Rao, Convenor, InSAR Seminar and Principal Research Scientist, CSRE, IIT-Bombay, Powai, Mumbai-400 076. **Phone:**022-5785947, 5767677 (O); 022-5772608, 5768677 (R). **Fax:** 022-5783190. **Email:** seminar@csre.iitb.ernet.in

NATIONAL SEMINAR ON GEOLOGY AND MINERAL WEALTH OF THE PRECAMBRIANS OF CENTRAL INDIA, 8-10 January 1999: Organised by Department of Geology, Government Autonomous Science College, Jabalpur, as a part of the Golden Jubilee Celebrations. The Seminar is sponsored by the University Grants Commission, Central Region, Bhopal. For details contact Dr. V.K. Khanna, Convenor, Department of Geology, Government Autonomous Science College, Jabalpur - 482 001, M.P. **Tel. and Fax:** (0761) 320737.

UGC REFRESHER COURSE ON APPLICATION OF SOFT ROCK STUDIES FOR FOSSIL FUEL EXPLORATION: 17.1.1999 TO 6.2.1999. The course is being organised by Department of Applied Geology, Indian School of Mines, Dhanbad, for college and university teachers in geology. For details contact: Diptendu N. Ghosh and Atul K. Varmá, Coordinators, Indian School of Mines, Dhanbad - 826 004. **Phone:** 0326-202486, Ext. 2413, 2583; **Fax:** 0326-203042, 202380; **Email:** cme@ismine.ernet.in

SYMPOSIUM ON SNOW, ICE AND GLACIERS: A HIMALAYAN PERSPECTIVE, 9-11 March 1999. Organised by the Geological Survey of India, Northern Region, Lucknow. Themes: Glacier mass balance and dynamics; methodology, modern practices and R&D; Glacier, environment and mankind. Environmental interaction vis-a-vis planning and development in glaciated regime, watershed management; Glacial hydrology, run-off modelling, water resources management, sediment load and stream water quality in changing environment; Palaeoglaciatioin, palaeoclimate including sea-level changes; Geomorphology (glacial and periglacial), glacier inventory and polar glaciology; Natural hazards, mitigation and environmental impacts. Ice/Snow properties and snow cover. Geotechnical aspects of glaciated terrain. Geophysical and drilling practices in glaciology, modern surveying techniques in high altitude areas; Logistic and communication problems in glaciated terrains, medical aspects of high altitude areas. For details contact: Deepak Srivastava, Organising Secretary, Glaciology Division, Geological Survey of India, Plot-2, Sector-E, Aliganj, Lucknow - 226 024. **Phone:** 0522-321720, 328795, 326231, 326896, Ext.490; **Fax:** 0522-376407; **Email:** gsiluck@up.nic.in or geodatnr@hotmail.com