ANNOUNCEMENT

NATIONAL SEMINAR ON COASTAL AND OFFSHORE SEDIMENTARY BASINS AND THEIR RESOURCE POTENTIAL

The Department of Geology, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam is organising a National Seminar on Coastal and Offshore Sedimentary Basins and their Resource Potential and the XIX Convention of Indian Association of Sedimentologists from 16 to 18 December 2002. The focal theme of the Convention is Sedimentary Basins in Space and Time. The objective of the Seminar is to analyse the present scenario and identify areas for future research and mineral exploration in the sedimentary basins of India.

The different technical sessions will cover: (a) Coastal and offshore geomorphology; (b) Coastal sedimentary basins; (c) Offshore sedimentary basins; (d) Coastal geotechniques and offshore engineering and (e) Coastal and marine area management. A special technical session on 'Sedimentary Basins in Space and Time' is also contemplated.

Abstracts not exceeding 500 words on any topic related to the themes of the Seminar/Convention should be sent to the Convener on or before 30th September 2002. Papers presented at the Seminar/Convention shall be considered for publication. The delegates are advised to submit the full paper(s) in the format of the Journal of IAS to the convener before 25th September 2002.

A one day field trip on 18-12-2002 along the Vizag-Bheemili coast is also contemplated. For further details, please contact: Dr. D. Rajasekhara Reddy, Convener, Department of Geology, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam - 530 003, Andhra Pradesh. **Phone:** 0891-707809 (O); 754871 (R); **Fax:** 0891-755547; **Email:** sekhardhanireddy@rediffmail.com; sekhardhanireddy@yahoo.com.