

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORKSHOP ON GEOLOGY AND MINERAL RESOURCES OF BIHAR, 6-7 December, 2000. The workshop being organised by the Institute of Geoexploration and Environment (IGE) and Indian School of Mines (ISM) Dhanbad will be held on 6-7 December, 2000 at ISM, Dhanbad. For further details contact Dr. A.N. Trivedy, Convenor, 305, Jan Priya Apartment, North, S.K. Puri, Patna - 800 013, Bihar. **Phone:** 0612-263140; **Fax:** 0612-269334; **Email:** bhaduri@vsnl.com

REFRESHER COURSE FOR UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE TEACHERS, 11-31 December, 2000: Second Refresher Course for University and College Teachers in Geology sponsored by the UGC, New Delhi will be organised on Applied Geology between 11 and 31 December, 2000 at the Department of Geology, Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, Vadodara 390 002. Please note that duly completed applications of eligible teachers should reach Dr. K.C. Tewari, Director, Refresher Course, Department of Geology, Faculty of Science, M.S. University of Baroda, Vadodara 390 002 latest by 10 November 2000. **Phone:** (0265) 785560 (O), 786647 (R); **Fax:** 791891; **Email:** kctiwari@usa.net

THE THIRD CONVENTION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY OF INDIA AND NATIONAL SEMINAR ON CHALLENGES IN PRECAMBRIAN GEOLOGY IN THE NEW MILLENIUM, 17-18 January, 2001: The third convention of Mineralogical Society and National Seminar is being organised by the Department of Studies in Geology, University of Mysore, Mysore 570 006. For further details contact Prof. C. Srikantappa, Convener or Dr. H.T. Basavarajappa, Organising Secretary, Department of Studies in Geology, University of Mysore, Manasagangotri, Mysore - 570 006. **Phone:** 514144; **Email:** msimys@eth.net

NATIONAL SEMINAR ON PRECAMBRIAN CRUSTAL EVOLUTION AND MINERALISATION IN INDIA - ITS ECONOMIC IMPACT AND FUTURE PROSPECTS, February/March, 2001: South Asian Association of Economic Geologists (SAAEG) will hold the National Seminar at Patna in Bihar. The major themes of the seminar are: (1) Update of the Precambrian stratigraphy, sedimentation and life forms; (2) Precambrian magmatism, metamorphism, geochronology, tectonism and geodynamics; (3) Exploration of natural resources for sustainable developments, (a) Precious and strategic minerals, (b) Ferrous and non-ferrous minerals, (c) Industrial and fertilizer minerals, (d) Dimension stones and gem stones, (e) Groundwater; (4) Mining, marketing and material management of minerals; (5) Land utilization and environmental problems related to mining activities and mineral/mining/environmental legislation. For further particulars, please contact: Binod Kumar, Organising Secretary, Geological Survey of India, Lohianagar, Kankarbagh, Patna - 800 020, Bihar. **Phone/Fax:** 0612-354436; **Email:** gsipatna@gte.vsnl.net.in

SEMINAR ON NEOGENE CLIMATE OF THE INDIAN OCEAN AND THE INDIAN SUBCONTINENT, 29-30 March, 2001: The seminar will be held on 29-30 March, 2001 at IIT Kharagpur. The topics of the seminar are: (1) Decadal or century to millennial scale changes in the Indian Ocean climate dominated by the monsoons during the Quaternary; (2) Long-term variations in the Indian monsoons from the Miocene to Holocene; (3) Tectonic-climatic connections; (4) Air-sea interactions; (5) CO₂-methane gas-climate linkage; (6) Land hydrology, land surface processes and climate; (7) The Indian monsoon and its linkage to El Nino - southern oscillation. Key dates are: August 15, 2000: Submission of Pre-registration form; September 30, 2000: Submission of Abstract; November 30, 2000: Submission of full paper. For more information please contact: Dr. Anil K. Gupta, Convener, Neogene Climate 20001, Department of Geology and Geophysics, Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur - 721 302. **Phone:** (03222)-83368 (O), 83369, 77658 (R); **Fax:** (03222)-55303; **Email:** anilg@gg.iitkgp.ernet.in

THE EIGHTH MULTIDISCIPLINARY CONFERENCE ON SINKHOLES AND ENGINEERING AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF KARST 1-4 April, 2001. The eighth multidisciplinary conference on sinkholes sponsored by the National Groundwater Association, The GeoInstitute of ASCE and P.E. LaMoreaux and Associates Inc. will be held during April 1-4, 2001 in Louisville, Kentucky, USA. Field trip is planned to Bowling Green and Mammoth Cave areas. Both NGWA and the GeoInstitute will hold meetings and form Karst Committees at this conference. Abstracts are due by August 25, 2000. **Phone:** (865) 483-7483; **Fax:** (865) 483-7639; **Email:** pela@icx.net; **Web-page:** www.pela.com/8thcon.htm