'PAHAR'-(in Hindi). Shekhar Pathak (Ed.). Nainital, 1986, 224 pages, Published by Peoples Association of Himalayan and Asian Research, New Delhi, Price: Hard bound Rs. 160/- Paperback: Rs. 40/-

This book is an anthology of society, culture, history, centres of tourism in the Himalaya and comprises chapters on population distribution, archaeology with special reference to the Uttarkhand region, history, exploration, local people, administration, and tourism. There are special write-ups on proposed Tehri Dam, agriculture and forestry, mining activity, herbal plants, economic aspects, important hill stations as well as towns in the valley.

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## Announcements

The Second International Conference on Prospecting in Arid Terrain, Perth. Western Australia, 26-29 April 1988. For further particulars contact: Arid Terrain Conference Secretariat, The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy, P. O. Box 122, Parkville, Victoria, Australia 3052, Telephone + 613 347 3166, Facsimile + 613 347 8525, Telex: AUSIM AA 33552.

An International Conference on the application of geology in developing countries, 26-29 September, 1988, will be held at University of Nottingham, England, to cover the themes: Aid policies, Role of government agencies, Resources and development of energy and non-energy minerals, Hydrogeological and geotechnical development, Education and training.

For further particulars contact: Conference Secretariat, Geosciences in Development Conference. Department of Geology, University Park, Nottingham NG7 2RD, England.

Symposium on Precambrian Granitoids, Petrogenesis, geochemistry, and metallogeny, August 14–16, 1989 University of Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland. The organizing committee invites participation in the symposium 'Precambrian Granitoids'—Petrogenesis, geochemistry, and metallogeny' to be held at the University of Helsinki, Finland, August 14—16, 1989. Pre- and post-symposium excursions will be arranged to the Precambrian granitoid areas of Finland including Rapakivi granite complexes (1.7—1.55 Ga), late- and post-orogenic Svecofennian granite complexes (1.83—1.77 Ga), synorogenic Svecofennian granitoids (1.89—1.86 Ga). Archaean granitoids, and associated mineralization.

For further details, contact: 'Precambrian Granitoids Symposium' Prof. Ilmari Haapala, Department of Geology, University of Helsinki, P. O. Box 115, SF-00171 HELSINKI, Finland, Telephone: (International): + 35801914426 Telex: 124690 UNIH SF.