

Announcements

National Seminar on 'Challenges of Mechanisation in Indian Mines', the Fifth National Convention of Mining Engineers will be held at Kudremukh, Karnataka State on February 28 and March 1, 1990. Topics to be covered under the Seminar are: * Present status of Mechanisation in the mining industry and future perspectives. * Selection and utilisation of mining equipment. * Novel methods of Mining-Remote controlled mining. * Solution mining, *in situ* leaching, sea-bed mining, trackless mechanised mining. * Advances and challenges in loading and transportation of minerals—both in opencast and underground mines. * Maintenance of equipment—preventive maintenance, breakdown maintenance, predictive maintenance, condition based maintenance. * Computer aided Mine Planning, Operation and Maintenance. * Geo-technical and Geohydrological aspects in mining methods. * Environmental impacts of mining.

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National Space Science Symposium, Nagpur University, March 6-10, 1990. The next National Space Science Symposium is being held at the Nagpur University during March 6-10, 1980. Taking into account the current research interests in India the contributed papers are being solicited in the following research categories: Chemical evolution of biologically important molecules by natural processes—Transition from chemical evolution to biological evolution—Evolution of early life processes—Geochronology and organic geochemistry of Indian microfossils—Theoretical and laboratory simulation of evolutionary process—Evolution of Earth's atmosphere over geological times.

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The 3rd International Symposium on Beneficiation and Agglomeration (ISBA-90) Bhubaneswar, January 16-18, 1991. The symposium will focus on various aspects of beneficiation and agglomeration of minerals including coals, characterisation as well as prereduction/reduction of ores and agglomerates. Both invited and contributed presentations will be included on the above mentioned topics. Camera-ready manuscripts will be sought and published in a proceedings volume for distribution at the symposium. Last date for submission of Abstracts of 230-300 words is January 31, 1990. Full paper is to be sent latest by June 30, 1990.

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CORRECTION

On page 441 of Journal Vol. 34 it has been inadvertently stated that the book 'Geology of Higher Central Himalaya' is *edited* by A. K. Sinha. This should read as *authored* by A. K. Sinha. The error is regretted.

Editor.