

or a particular area of interest by specifying the geographic coordinates or a particular toposheet number. One can select to view the different rock types belonging to a particular geological system. The information on the surface geology along a specified profile can also be viewed. The information on the colour screen can be printed on a colour copier.

The software is being modified to suit to PC environment and can also be extended to include additional information such as gravity, magnetic, seismic etc.

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## DESERT ENVIRONMENT

The study of desert environment is becoming very important because of the increase in the adverse effects of any change in it to the habitat of man, animal and vegetation. New tools and techniques are being used in these studies and the Special Issue of the Journal of the Arid Environment (Vol.25, No.1, July 1993, 185p.) contains papers, most of them dealing with the Indian scene. Of particular interest will be the papers which present the response of vegetation to rainfall and interestingly, dependence of rainfall on vegetation! The other contributions are on origin, evolution and migration of dune forms, origin of salt lakes and the efficacy of remote sensing tools in the study of the arid environment. The papers in this issue would be of interest to meteorologists, geomorphologists and biogeographers, and some of them can be considered to be trend setters for future studies in this field in India.

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## BOOK REVIEW

**BIBLIOGRAPHY OF INDIAN GONDWANA.** Geological Survey of India,  
Special Publication No.62 (1993), 219 p.

Bibliographical compilations are always welcome and all students of Indian stratigraphy ought to feel gratified at the availability of a new Bibliographical compilation on Indian Gondwana. The publication has listed about 2800 entries of literature related to Indian Gondwana. A casual check revealed that while obscure entries which are more of the nature of brief abstracts are listed, the special publication on Indian Gondwana brought out by the