

**M.K. ROY CHOWDHURY  
(1916-1995)**

We regret to announce the sad demise of Dr. M.K. Roy Chowdhury, former Director General of the Geological Survey of India, at Calcutta on 6th January, 1995. He had a distinguished career in the Department for over 32 years. He was one of the Secretaries of the Geological Society of India in the very early period.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON DISASTERS AND MITIGATION, 19-22, JANUARY, 1996.** Organised by Anna University at Madras. For further particulars write to Dr. S. Rajarathnam, Department of Geology, Anna University, Madras - 600 025.

**Dr. H.S. PAREEK RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP IN COAL PETROLOGY,** at Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, is offered to deserving students who have completed M.Sc. (Geology) with distinction, to work for a Ph.D. degree, and is tenable for four years. For further particulars write to: Prof. R.M. Singh, Dept. of Geology, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi - 221 005.

**NATIONAL SEMINAR ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF SMALL-SCALE MINERAL RESOURCE UTILIZATION - October, 6-7, 1995** at the Dept. of Geology, M.L. Sukhadia University, 51, Saraswati Marg, Udaipur-313 001. For further particulars write: Dr. P.S. Ranawat, Convenor.

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*Dated: 1 March, 1995*

(Sd.) R. VAIDYANADHAN  
*Editor, Journal of the Geological Society of India*

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## ANNUAL CONVENTION, TIRUPATI : SEP.9-12, 1995

Geological Society of India will be holding its Annual meeting at Tirupati between the 9th and 12th September 1995. The meeting is being organized by the Department of Geology, Sri Venkateswara University.

**Tirupati**, a well-known pilgrim centre, is also a centre of academic institutions. In Sri Venkateswara University, which was established in 1954, the geology department was started in 1959. Tirumala hills made up of Bairenkonda quartzites and resting on Archaean granites and gneisses displaying the eparchaean unconformity forms a magnificent escarpment at the southernmost part of the Cuddapah basin. This forms a backdrop for Tirupati, the venue of the seminar which is a place of great cultural, religious and educational importance.

### *Registration*

Registration fee for the conference will be Rs. 500/- per person. Participants will be provided with detailed conference document and a volume of abstracts. Those desirous of participating in the conference are advised to send the Registration fee to the Convenor (C.V.R.K. Prasad, Dept of Geology, Sri Venkateswara University), before 15th July, 1995.

### *Scientific Programme*

The first day is solely devoted to discussion on the 'Geology of the Cuddapah Basin'. The following ten major aspects will be covered:

1. Basin Evolution
2. Provenance Studies
3. Stratigraphy and Structure
4. Magmatism
5. Geochemistry of Sediments
6. Geochronology
7. Mineralisation
8. Ground Water
9. Life
10. Geomorphological history

### *Call for Papers*

Fellows who have something interesting to communicate are requested to send abstracts and their papers so as to reach the Secretary, Geol. Soc. India on or before 30th July 1995. It will be possible to provide travel assistance to a few young scientists whose abstracts are accepted for presentation.

### *Field Trip*

An evening trip to the sacred hills of Tirumala is planned on the second day of the conference. The third and fourth days are earmarked for visits to the famous Mangampeta baryte deposit, several interesting stratigraphic sections across the Cuddapah Basin, and the great sill of Pulivendla and associated asbestos and baryte mineralisation.