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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SYMPOSIUM ON CHARNOCKITE AND GRANULITE FACIES ROCKS : 25-29, SEPTEMBER, 1996.** Organised by Geologists' Association of Tamil Nadu, Madras, For details write to : Dr. V. Ram Mohan, Department of Geology, University of Madras, A.C. College Campus, Madras - 600 025, India.

**DST SPONSORED GROUP MEETING ON SEISMOTECTONICS AND GEODYNAMICS OF THE HIMALAYA, OCTOBER 12-19, 1995.** A 8 day Group Meeting from October 12-19, 1995 will be held at Department of Earth Sciences, University of Roorkee, Roorkee - 247 667, along with a Field Excursion along the Bhagirathi Valley in the Garhwal Himalaya through the Himalaya Collision Zone. The proposed meeting and field excursion will cover (i) seismotectonics status of major intracrustal zone/lineaments and implication for earthquake prediction, (ii) Holocene-Recent stress field, neotectonics, and uplift, (iii) modelling of compressional and extensional tectonics and (iv) MCT, deformation, Himalayan metamorphism and magmatism. Special Sessions on (i) intraplate seismicity, (ii) seismicity of the Delhi region, and (iii) paleoseismicity are also planned.

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