

3. The reference to Qureshy (1981) in the text was not given in the Reference and that this error does not speak well of the Journal or the author.

The author has forwarded the following clarifications :

1. The main object of my note drafted immediately after the Latur earthquake was to emphasize how impossible it is to predict the exact time and place of an earthquake and how important it is to bestow more attention to disaster management and mitigation of evils. I had only incidentally mentioned that Peninsular India too was subject to neotectonic activity. It was never my intention to claim priority for this view, nor was it an occasion to give an exhaustive bibliography on the subject.
2. In long term prediction, gaps in seismic activity have some significance. Global changes in seismicity through time have been recorded. Since 1991, there have been many earthquakes of high intensity and it is reasonable to infer that we are possibly entering a period of active seismicity.
3. I have already expressed regret for the unfortunate omission in the list of references of a paper referred to in the text. This was immediately set right, and an addendum issued long before the critic pointed to the discrepancy (Vol. 42 (6), p. 625, 1993).

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**IGCP Project—314 on “Alkaline and Carbonatitic Magmatism of the Earth and related Ore Deposits”.** Intends to correlate geological and tectonic setting, petrology, geochemistry and metallogeny of continental alkaline rocks and carbonatites, understand the conditions of the formation of rare metals in alkaline magmas, composition and heterogeneity of the mantle source of alkaline magmas, the geochemical criteria for prospecting mineral deposits associated with alkaline magmatism and define in more detail the alkaline magmas. The Project will continue upto 1995. Indian participation is invited to achieve the aims and objectives of the Project.

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**Course on Geomodeling for Mineral Exploration and Development: March 23-24, 1994.** CSRE, IIT, Bombay. The course is on mineral exploration and mining. Those interested may write to: Prof. V. S. Chandrasekaran, Head, Centre of Studies in Resource Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology, Powai, Bombay 400 076. Tel.: 578 2545, 578 6530

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