

purpose the earth sciences should be given institutional representation in all apex bodies at national level dealing with environmental policy formulation and management. To achieve this, it is essential to suitably amend the Environment Protection Act-1986; Environmental Waste Management and Handling rules-1989 and EIA notification-1994, particularly sections 10, 11 and 12 of the Environment Protection Act 1986 and schedules I and III of the E.I.A. notification (1994) to provide rightful role of Geological Survey of India through statutory provisions.

Undermentioned three publications of GSI were also released during the Seminar.

1. GSI's Contribution in Environmental Geology, GSI, Spl.Pub. No.43, 1996.
2. Palaeontologica Indica NS Vol. L, 1996.
3. Killari Earthquake, GSI Spl. Publ. No.37, 1996.

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### **INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY**

The above Conference on Environmental Pollution (ICEP-3) was organised by the European Centre for Pollution Research and Hungarian Academy of Sciences at Academy Centre in Budapest from 15-19th April 1996. More than 150 delegates from both developed and developing countries participated in the deliberations.

The inaugural address was delivered by his Excellency Baja Fereng, Minister of Environmental and Regional Policy, Government of Hungary. Keynote addresses of different sessions were delivered by Mohamed T.El-Ashry of World Bank, on Global Environment Facility and the countries in transition; Prof. K.Curi of Turkey, on Soil Waste Management for developing countries; Prof. E. Meszaros of Hungary, on European Air Pollution Management and Prof. V. Abernety of U.S.A., on Population Theory and Future Population Size. Eighty Research Papers covering various aspects of Environmental Pollution were presented and discussed.

The Congress further deliberated on Sustainable Development, Policy and Management Issues; Soil, Air and Water Pollution; Solid Waste Disposal; Eco-compatible Technologies and Educational innovations.

The consensus that emerged during the deliberations was that a proper balance should be struck between sustainable development and protection of the environment.

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