

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORIENTATION COURSES IN GEMMOLOGY

The Geological Society of India in collaboration with Prof. R.V. Karanth of the Department of Geology, M.S. University of Baroda, is organising an introductory orientation course in Gemmology at the following two centres:

Department of Geology, National College, Tiruchirapalli,
10-14 December, 2002

Department of Geology, St. Xavier's College, Mumbai,
15-18 January, 2003

The course aims to provide a comprehensive introduction to gemmology to motivate and interest students, research scholars, teachers and scientists to take up gemmological studies and research that is of great significance to the economy of the country. The course registration fee for bonafide students and research scholars is Rs. 500/- and Rs. 1000/- for others.

Interested participants may indicate the choice of the centre and elicit further information from the course coordinator: Prof. R.V. Karanth, Department of Geology, M.S. University of Baroda, Vadodara - 390 002;
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IGCP PROJECTS FOR INDIAN PARTICIPATION

International Geological Correlation Programme (IGCP) is regarded as the most successful scientific programme within continental geosciences and is carried out through individual projects. During the current year, the Indian National Committee (INC) for IGCP has identified the following three IGCP projects for Indian participation:

1. Project No. 447 - Proterozoic Molar-tooth Carbonates;
2. Project No. 458 - Triassic/Jurassic Boundary Events;
3. Project No. 459 - Terrestrial Carbon Cycle.

More details on these projects are available in the IGCP homepage: www.unesco.org/science/earthsciences/igcp. The National Working Groups for these projects are to be constituted by end of October 2002. Geoscientists interested to participate in these projects, may apply through their institutions/departments to the Director, International Division and Member Secretary, INC for IGCP, Geological Survey of India, 27, J.L. Nehru Road, Kolkata - 700 016. **Fax:** 033-249 6956; **Email:** indiv_gsi@yahoo.co.in or indiv_gsi@hotmail.com along with their bio-data and contributions to related themes.