

NOTES

MAHADEVAN BIRTH CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS: MAY 4-10, 2001

The activities under the Mahadevan Centenary Celebrations are listed below chronologically:

1. Pre-symposium Workshop on "Hydrogeological approaches for the mitigation of adverse impacts of extreme weather events (floods and droughts)" held on 4 and 5 May. The workshop was inaugurated by Dr. A.V.S. Reddy, IAS, Principal Secretary to the Government of Andhra Pradesh who gave a keynote address on "Strategies to combat floods and droughts".

2. Guru Pooja (Homage to the Guru) on May 6, 2001.

3. International symposium on "Challenges of water resources management in the developing countries in the 21st century" on May 6, 2001. Prof. G.O.P. Obasi, Secretary General, World Meteorological Organization, Geneva, inaugurated the Mahadevan Symposium. In the course of his address he dealt with the pressing need to address water

problems in the developing world. He urged close linkage between atmosphere, hydrological and environmental sciences in all research and training activities in the university. The volume of abstracts was released by Mrs. Rajana Ramani, Mayor of Visakhapatnam.

A round table discussion was held on "International cooperation in water sciences" in which Professors Jochen Bundschuh (Argentina), Pedro Berliner (Israel), A. Ghosh Bobba (Canada), S.R. Patchineelam (Brazil) made presentations. Two priority areas under water resource management have been identified for cooperation with Mahadevan Centre for Water Resource Management (i) Augmentation, conservation and protection of water resources, and (ii) Waste water reuse.

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FIELD MEETING OF IGA NEAR PANCHKULA, HARYANA

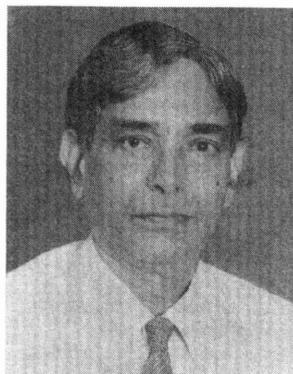
The Indian Geologists' Association (IGA) held a Field Meeting at Nadah village, Panchkula, Haryana on 19 April, 2001 to study the newly formed fissures and cracks on flat ground of the western bank of Nadah Chol and adjoining hills. Fifty scientists from various geological organizations participated in the meeting. Suggestions were made for more detailed investigation of the local phenomena of newly

formed fissures. Other suggestions included building better structures to withstand earthquakes and avoiding unstable area for construction by Haryana Urban Development Authority (HUDA) as well as step up afforestation in the region.

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**Professor C. Radhakrishnamurty
(1933-2001)**

With profound sorrow we record the untimely death of our country's well-known researcher in the emerging