

The volume has been produced well, excepting for the need to make some minor editorial corrections. For each reference, the papers would have been organized under broad titles mentioned by the editors themselves on the last cover. Considering the regional coverage of the volume, a title mentioning the region would have been more appropriate. The author index given at the end of the volume is useful. A subject index would have added to greater usability of the volume. The diagrams are in general drafted well and the printing is good. However, the photographs on reproduction

have lost their clarity in most cases. The preface written by the lead editor is appropriate and sets the right tone for the volume. The cost of the book is unfortunately on the higher side. It is a landmark publication on the Quaternary research of the region. The book is a valuable asset for the student, coastal researcher and the management community in general.

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NATIONAL SEMINAR ON MINERAL EXPLORATION AND RESOURCE SURVEYS: Geological Survey of India (GSI) has been organizing a series of national seminars on varied geological themes in different parts of the country to commemorate 150 years of its service to the nation. In this series, GSI, Western Region will organize a National Seminar on Mineral Exploration and Resource Surveys for Base Metals, Strategic Minerals and Rare Earths on 19-20 December 2001 at Jaipur. The main themes are: (1) Exploration techniques: Geological, geochemical, ground- and aero-geophysical, photogeological and remote sensing studies, drilling technology, GIS database application, and future targets/strategies. (2) Evaluation of resource potential and case histories: Exploration and assessment at various stages, beneficiation, exploitation with sustainable environments. (3) Metallogeny: Mineralisation, petrography and chemistry of ore minerals, regional tectonic setting, genetic models with case studies. For further particulars, please contact: The Organising Secretary, National Seminar on Mineral Exploration and Resource Surveys, Geological Survey of India, Western Region, 15 & 16, Jhalana Institutional Area, Jaipur - 302 004. **Phone:** 511100/516924; **Fax:** 0141-511582; **Email:** geodata@sancharnet.in