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# **Postal Stamps on Fossil Plants released**

A set of four stamps, issued by the Department of Posts, was released on 11 September, 1997 by the Minister of Communications, Government of India to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeobotany, Lucknow (under Department of Science & Technology, Government of India). The details of the stamps are as follows:

1. It depicts a model of an extinct plant Williamsonia sewardiana which thrived around Rajmahal in Bihar (India) about 140 million years ago.





On the eve of releasing four Postal Stamps on fossil plants (from left to right : Dr G. Rajagopalan addressing, Shri S.P. Ojha–Post Master General, Uttar Pradesh, Professor C.V. Subramanian, Shri Beni Prasad Verma–the then Minister of Communications, Government of India, Dr Rao Aiyagari and Dr H.K. Maheshwari).

This model is based on the reconstruction drawn by Professor Birbal Sahni.

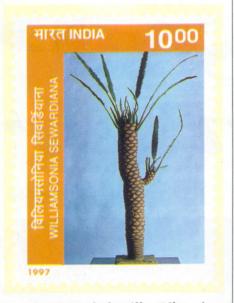
2. This extinct plant Pentoxylon belongs to the family Pentoxyleae

instituted by Professor Birbal Sahni. The Stamp shows reconstruction of the plant of Pentoxylon with leaves, stem and flowers based on fossils collected from Nipania in Dumka



Shri Beni Prasad Verma releasing the Postal Stamps on Indian fossil plants.





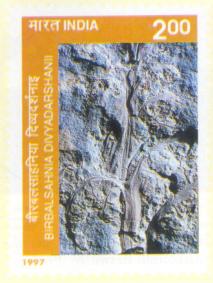
District, Rajmahal Hills, Bihar (age 110-114 million years).

3. It documents a leaf of *Glossopteris*, belonging to a unique group of extinct vascular plants (age : 250-280 million years) that populated the Gondwana Supercontinent which included South America, Antarctica, Africa and Australia and the Arabian Peninsula. This vegetation was responsible for the precious coal reserves in peninsular India.

4. It features a male reproductive organ of an extinct plant—*Birbalsahnia* 







*divyadarshanii* named after eminent Indian palaeobotanists—Professor Birbal Sahni and Professor Divya Darshan Pant. The fossil was discovered by Drs H.K. Maheshwari and Usha Bajpai from Hura Coalfield, Santhal Pargana, Bihar (age 250-280 million years).

The First Day Cover issued on the occasion features the Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeobotany and a Cameo inset of Professor Birbal Sahni.

# Release of Proceedings Volume

On 11 September, 1997 the Proceedings Volume (*The Palaeobotanist*) of the Conference on "*Physical and biological changes across* the major geological boundaries", organised during Golden Jubilee Year of the Institute was also released. This volume, edited by Drs H.K. Maheshwari and P.K. Maithy, includes 29 research papers from Indian and foreign scientists.

# Founder's Day Celebration

On 14 November, 1997 Pushpanjali was offered on the Samadhi



BSIP Golden Jubilee Year celebrations-Dr R. Aiyagari, D.S.T., New Delhi releasing a Proceedings Volume of The Palaeobotanist.



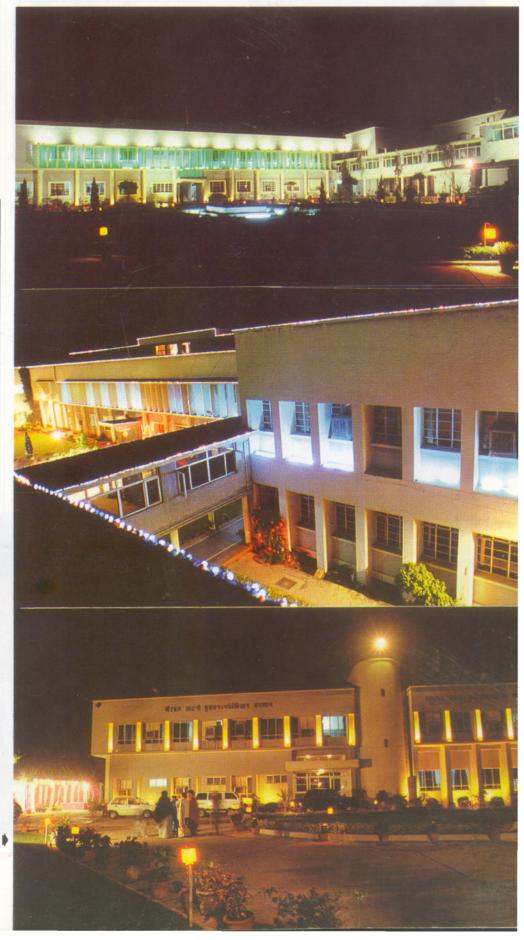
Dr P.D. Dogra delivering the 27th Birbal Sahni Memorial Lecture.

of Professor Birbal Sahni by the Institute staff and scientists from other organisations. In the evening Dr P.D. Dogra, FNA, INSA Senior Scientist, delivered the 27th Birbal Sahni Memorial Lecture entitled "Endangered tree genetic resources of forests of India-High subspecific variation : its conservation and utilization in tree breeding and silviculture". Thereafter, Dr P.K. Das, FNA, Retired Director-General, India Meteorological Department, delivered the 43rd Sir Albert Charles Seward



Dr P.K. Das delivering the 43rd Sir Albert Charles Seward Memorial Lecture.

BSIP Golden Jubilee Celebrations : Institute's Building taking a bath in coloured lights. Memorial Lecture entitled "Vagaries of the summer monsoon rains". Professor C.V. Subramanian, Chairman, Governing Body, presided over the function. Dr P.K. Maithy gave the vote of thanks.

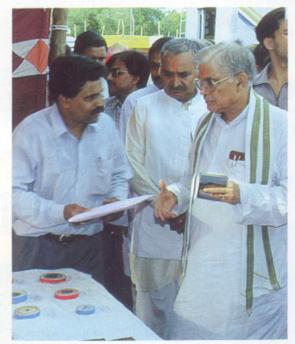




Founder's Day Celebrations (from left to right : Dr P.K. Maithy, Dr G. Rajagopalan, Dr P.K. Das—ex-Director General, India Meteorological Department, Professor C.V. Subramanian, Dr P.D. Dogra—INSA Senior Scientist, Professor A.K. Sinha and Dr H.K. Maheshwari).

# Professor Murli Manohar Joshi, Minister of Science and Technology visited Institute's stall

Dr Murli Manohar Joshi took over as Minister of Science &



Professor Murli Manohar Joshi showing deep interest in Institute's exhibits.

Technology and Human Resource & Development, Government of India on 19 March, 1998. He is former Professor of Physics from Allahabad University, Allahabad. Recently he visited the Institute's stall at the "Golden Jubilee State level Science &

Lucknow since 14 November,1997. Professor Siha was earlier a

Technology Exhibition and Fair" held at Allahabad from 17-20 June, 1998.

# Professor Anshu Kumar Sinha took over as Director, BSIP

Professor Anshu K. Sinha, M.Tech., Ph.D., D.Sc. (Moscow), a distinguished earth scientist and honorary Professor of Geology of Russian Friendship University, Moscow took over as seventh Director of the Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeobotany, distinguished Senior Scientist with the Wadia Institute of Hima-layan Geology, Dehra-dun which he joined at its infancy as a Founder Member, in 1973. Before taking up the challenges of exploring unknown and inaccessible Higher Central Himalaya, he worked extensively in the Caucasus Mountain belt of erstwhile Soviet Union, presently the independent countries-Georgia, Armenia and newly emerged nations of Caucasus Mountain region. In 1982, Moscow State University awarded him the D.Sc. Degree for his classical research work on the inaccessible higher zones of Central Himalaya behind Nañda Devi mountains. In recognition of his scientific achievements and professional R & D management he was conferred with the "National Mineral Award" in 1986 by the Ministry of Steel and Mines, Government of India. His hard work, laudable research and excellent book "Geology of the Higher Central Himalaya" published by John Wiley & Sons, U.K. (1989) earned him the rare distinction of front rank ex-



earlier a Professor Anshu K. Sinha, Director, BSIP



plorer of the world's highest mountain chain—Karakoram Himalaya.

His association with the International Commission of Lithosphere (ICL) and IGCP Projects been published in has internationally acclaimed two Volumes-"Himalayan orogen and global tectonics" (ICL Publication No. 197) 1992 and "Geodynamic domains in the Alpine-Himalayan Tethys" (IGCP Project No. 276) by Balkema, New York (1997). He is the national earth science co-ordinator of Indo-Russian Projects under the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India.

Professor Sinha is a widely travelled scientist and has delivered a number of invited lectures on the aspects of Himalayan mountain building and its hidden mineral wealth as well as fragile ecosystem in a number of universities and research organisations in India and abroad. He is a self made man of wide interest and has independent outlook in scientific persuit. At the helm as Director, he is taking new challenges to steer the BSIP, the internationally reputed Institute, into 21st Century.

# National Science Day Celebration – 1998

The National Science Day was celebrated at the Institute on 27 and 28 February, 1998. Some of the activities of the function were jointly organised at the Regional Science Centre, Lucknow. To organise the function systematically, an Organising Committee was also constituted by the Director.

Various activities organised National Science Day-Students with their earned prizes.

during Science Day celebrations are as follows.

# **Open House**

The Institute observed open house on 28 February, 1998. All laboratories, Museum, Herbarium, Library, etc. remained open for general public. Students of local schools/ colleges were also invited to visit the Institute. The students from about 20 educational institutions visited the Institute and showed keen interest in our activities. Educational films on Earth and its environment were also

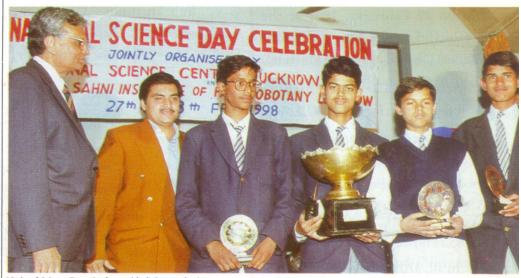
shown to the visitors. Fossil specimens of various group of plants in the geological past fascinated the visitors most.

#### **Debate** Competition

On 27 February, 1998 a debate was organised on the topic "Development of Science and Technology during the 50 years of independent India", in which 22 students (age group : 13-16 years) from nine local schools participated. Some of them spoke in Hindi and some in English. The students impressed the



National Science Day-Children sketching the drawings.





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audience with their style, text and delivery.

# Art Competition

On 28 February, an Art Competition was held for three groups of students. The first group comprised students of Nursery and K.G. classes, the second group consisted of students of classes I-III, and the third group was from classes IV-VI. The students were asked to sketch drawings of any animal/flower of their choice.

The performance of the participants of both the events were evaluated by Panels of Judges comprising staff members of the Institute as well as from other institutions. Dr Mrs Meenakshi Sinha, distributed the prizes to the winners.

#### Exhibition

A photo exhibition depicting achievements and activities of the Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeobotany was also organised in which the visitors took keen interest.

The following competitions were held on 29 February, 1998 at the Regional Science Centre (under National Council of Science Museum).

- Science Cartoon making competition for classes VIII to XI
- Science Quiz for Junior and Senior classes
- Science for Fun for classes VIII to IX
- Science model Competition

In all, 370 students from 40 local

educational institutions actively participated in this competition. The valedictory function was presided over by Professor A.K. Sinha, Director, BSIP, who also distributed the prizes to the winners. Professor Sinha, while speaking on the importance of Science Day celebrations, encouraged the students to develop scientific temper and outlook.

# Foundation Day Function

The Foundation Day Function of the Institute was organised on 10 September, 1997. The function was Ragas Dental College, Chennai delivered the First Golden Jubilee Commemoration Lecture. Dr G.



Dr N.S. Murali delivering the First Golden Jubilee Commemoration Lecture. Rajagopalan, Scientist 'F' gave the vote of thanks.

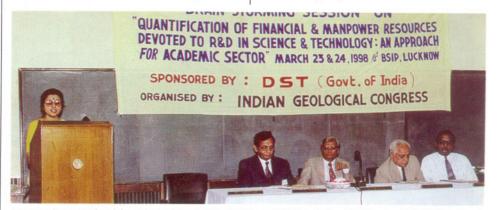


Dr Jagdish Pandey delivering a lecture on Selfconsciousness.

presided over by Professor C.V. Subramanian, Chairman, Governing Body. On this occasion Dr N.S. Murali, Professor of Surgery,

# IX Five Year Plan : New identified Thrust Areas

For the IX Five Year Plan, the research programmes of the Institute



Brain storming session (from left to right : Professor D.V. Singh, Professor A.K. Sinha, Professor O.P. Verma and Dr G.J. Samathanam).

have been expanded and the following revised thrust areas have been identified to steer the Institute with wider vision and perspective into 21st Century.

- · Origin and antiquity of life (DNA, RNA)
- · Gondwana Supercontinent : Regional geology, terrane accretion, plate tectonics and configuration
- Coal bed methane (CBM) investigation
- · Petroliferous basins of India and abroad
- Palaeoclimatology and palaeomonsoon

# Lectures at the Institute by outside scientists

Professor M.C. Boulter, Palaeobiology Research Unit, University of East London, U.K. and International Secretary, Organization of Palaeobotany delivered a talk on "Palaeobotany in the internet shows patterns of evolution" on 12 November, 1997.

Professor David L. Dilcher, Florida Museum of Natural History, University of Florida, U.S.A. delivered a lecture on "Angiosperm leaf anatomy and morphology relationships to palaeoclimate and predictors of future climate" on 21 January, 1998.

Dr Jagdish Pandey, Group Manager, Exploration (Retd.), Oil & Natural Gas Commission Ltd., Bombay delivered a lecture on "Consciousness, evolution and future of man' at the Institute on 10 March, 1998.

Professor Sun Weiguo, Nanjing Institute of Geology and Palaeontology, Nanjing, China delivered a lecture entitled "Evolution of multicellular life towards Cambrian radiation" on 18 March, 1998.

### **Brain Storming Session**

A Brain Storming Session on "Quantification of financial and manpower resources devoted to R & D in Science and Technology : an approach for academic sector" was held at the Institute on 23-24 March, 1998. This session was sponsored by the Department of Science & Technology, Government of India, New Delhi and organised by the Indian Geological Congress.

# **Honours & Awards**

# **Fellows elected**

Following scientists of the Institute have been elected as Fellows of The Palaeobotanical Society, Lucknow for distinguished





Dr J.S. Antal



Dr Jayasri Banerji



Dr Anil Chandra Dr H.P. Gupta





Dr S.A. Jafar

Dr R.K. Saxena





Dr Chhaya Sharma Dr S.C. Srivastava





Dr A.K. Srivastava

Dr G.P. Srivastava

scientific attainments and Citations were given to them on 26th December, 1997.

# Scientific Sessions chaired

## Dr H.K. Maheshwari

National Symposium on Biodiversity, conservation and evolution of plants, Allahabad (November 27-29, 1997).

XVI Indian Colloquium on Micropalaeontology and stratigraphy, Dona Paula, Goa (January 22-24, 1998).

## Dr P.K. Maithy

XVI Indian Colloquium on Micropalaeontology and stratigraphy, Dona Paula, Goa (January 22-24, 1998).

# Dr Mrs Asha Khandelwal

IX National Conference on Aerobiology, Hyderabad (November 27-30, 1997).





Dr. Shaila Chandra



#### Awards

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#### Dr P.C. Bhandari Medal

Sri Ratan Kar, Birbal Sahni Research Scholar, was awarded the Dr Pratul Chandra Bhandari Medal for 1997 for the best



Sri Ratan Kar

piece of research work done by him during 1994-96 at the Institute. He was given a Medal and Citation.

### Dr P.N. Srivastava Prize

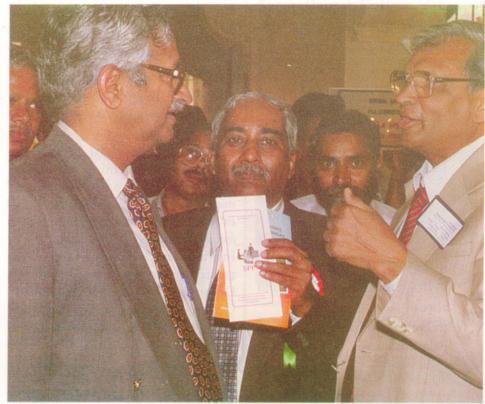
Dr Vijaya, Scientist 'D', was awarded the Dr P.N. Srivastava Prize on 14 November, 1997 for the best piece of research work done



Dr vijaya

by her during the last two years. She was given a Medal and Citation.

#### Sahni-Iyengar Prize

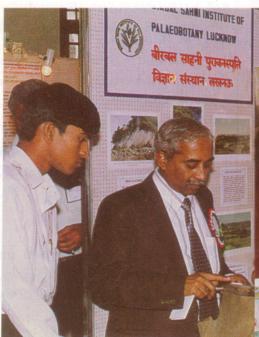


Professor A.K. Sinha, Director, BSIP explaining the activities of the Institute at the exhibition.

Dr Mrs Shaila Chandra was awarded the "Sahni-Iyengar Prize" for the best paper entitled "Bryophytic remains from Early Permian of India" published in three consecutive Volumes of *The Palaeobotanist*.



Dr Shaila Chandra



Visitors showing keen interest in the exhibits of the Institute.

Professor V.S. Ramamurthy, Secretary, D.S.T. showing deep interest in plant fossils at the exhibition.



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#### December, 1997)

International Seminar on Cretaceous,

Chennai (6-8 January, 1998).

XVI Colloquium on Micropala -eontology and Indianstratigraphy, Dona Paula, Goa, (January 22-24,

National Symposium on 50 Years of Botany in India : an assessment, Varanasi (27-28 February, 1998).

Workshop on Himalayan Foreland

Jammu (16-19 March, 1998).

# **Elected in Scientific** Associations

The following scientists were elected for the Executive Council of The Palaeobotanical Society, Lucknow.

		(and )
Chennai (17-19	Dr O.S. Sarate	Councillor
Indian Association of Sedimentologists,	Dr Mrs Chhaya Sharma	Councillor
XIV Convention of	Dr Anand-Prakash	Councillor
Madhya Pradesh (9- 15 December, 1997).	Dr G.P. Srivastava	Treasurer
and South Asia,		Editor
environmental change in East	Dr Suresh C. Srivastava	Chief
group discussion on Cretaceous	Dr H.P. Gupta	Secretary
Field meeting and	Dr Mrs Shaila Chandra	President

Vijaya

H.K. Maheshwari P.K. Maithy Chhaya Sharma Vijaya

Shaila Chandra R.R. Yadav S.K. Bera

J.S. Guleria

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A.K. Srivastava

Samir Sarkar



विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी विभाग

Technology, New Delhi during 85th Annual Session of Indian Science Congress, Hyderabad from January 3-8, 1998. A number of scientists of the Indian Science Congress, a large number of students from various educational institutions in Hyderabad, and the general public showed deep interest in our exhibits. During the exhibition pamphlets, brochures, Annual Reports, etc. were distributed to popularise palaeobotany. Besides, a number of plant fossil specimens were also gifted to distinguished scientists.

# **Deputation**/Participation in Conferences/Symposia

The following scientists of the Institute were deputed to participate in national and international symposia/ seminars within the country. H.K. Maheshwari National Jayasri Banerji Symposium on

O.S. Sarate December, 1997). Alpana Singh A.P. Bhattacharyya Shinjini Sarana

Field meeting and group discussion on Cretaceous environmental change in East and South Asia,

A.K. Ghosh

R.S. Singh

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# Visits Abroad

The following scientists visited abroad to attend symposium and scientific exchange programme.

#### Archana Tripathi and Neerja Jha

Symposium on African Palynology, Johannesburg, 15-19 September, 1997.

#### Rahul Garg

Indian National Science Academy and Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, Germany exchange Programme for 3 months w.e.f. 21 November 1997 to 15 January, 1998.

# Professor T.M. Harris Medal – 1998

Applications are invited by the Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeobotany Lucknow (India) for the award of Professor T.M. Harris Medal-1998.

The selection of the candidate(s) be made for the best paper published in the subject of palaeobotany or any allied discipline in any referred journal released during the period April 01, 1996 to March 31, 1998 excluding The Palaeobotanist. The papers submitted by the candidate(s) shall be evaluated by an Expert Committee. The author/ authors can be from the Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeobotany or from outside including foreign countries or both. In the case of multiple authorship, all the authors.shall receive the award.

The award shall carry a Medal and Citation. The awardee(s) from within India shall be paid economy class airfare or AC 1st class rail fare from residence to the Institute and return. The

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awardee(s) from foreign countries shall be paid economy class airfare or AC 1st class rail fare from the International airport/seaport and return.

Applications giving details of the paper which is to be considered for Professor T.M. Harris Medal-1998, should include—title of the paper, volume, number, year of issue, page numbers with a copy of the published paper along with the name, date of birth, nationality, address for correspondence, qualifications and specialisation, research and professional experience, etc., of the author/all authors be submitted to:

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# Forthcoming Conferences at BSIP

1. International Symposium on Multifaceted aspects of tree-ring analysis (15-19 November, 1999)

The Organizing Committee for the International Symposium on "Multifaceted aspects of tree ring analysis" invites dendrochronologists, climatologists, forest scientists, archaeologists, earth scientists and scientists from related disciplines to attend and participate in the Symposium to be organised at the Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeobotany, Lucknow.

The five-day symposium (from 15-19 November, 1999) will focus on the recent trends and developments in tree-ring analysis in relation to climate change including monsoon, ENSO and other phenomena in global perspective.

Other topics concerning treering studies dealing with forest monitoring in context of increasing anthropogenic pressure, river flow discharge, dating and impact assessment of natural hazards, application to archaeology, etc. will also be covered. This symposium will focus on the popularization of treering studies in low-latitude countries where tree-ring data are meagre. It is also planned to hold plenary lectures on different themes of the symposium before each technical session. The themes include:

- Tree growth/climate relationship and climate reconstruction
- Isotope studies on tree-rings
- Application of tree-ring studies in forest monitoring
- Assessment of natural disturbances on tree growth
- Dating of natural hazards
- Dating of archaeological and historical structures

A post-symposium field excursion will also be arranged for the participants to visit dry deciduous teak forest in central India.

The "Second Announcement" will be mailed in August, 1998. It will contain more information and instructions for submitting the Abstracts.

Contact person : Dr Amalava Bhattacharyya Organising Secretary International Symposium on "Multifaceted aspects of tree-ring analysis" Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeobotany 53 University Road Lucknow 226 007 (India).

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2. International Symposium and Field Workshop on "Geodynamic evolution of Karakoram-Himalaya-Eastern Syntaxis (Indo-Burma Range)-Andaman-Nicobar Island Arc and adjoining region"

The Symposium, to be organised at the Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeobotany, will synthesize geological studies in Karakoram-Himalaya-Eastern Syntaxis-Andaman-Nicobar Island Arc and also in Indo-Pacific region based on DSDP and ODP. It will also provide a platform to the geoscientists working in this region to exchange their views and information, to discuss and fill the gaps in our knowledge and to set future goals. BSIP, a nodal centre of palaeobotanical research, will act as a catalyst to hold this International Symposium.

#### Themes

- Accretion of Karakoram terrane
- Origin and evolution of Himalaya-Karakoram-Eastern Syntaxis-Andaman Nicobar Island Arc
- Micropalaeontology and stratigraphy
- Palaeogeography, palaeoclimate and depositional environment
- Prospects of hydrocarbons in Andaman & Nicobar Islands and offshore region
- Studies in Indo-Pacific region based on DSDP and ODP

#### Institutions likely to be involved :

Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi BGR, Germany Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeobotany, Lucknow Curtin University, Australia Geological Institute, Bergen, Norway Geological Survey of India JAPEX, Japan Madras University, Chennai Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia National Institute of Oceano-graphy, Goa Oil & Natural Gas Commission Ltd. USGS, USA

After the Symposium, a Field Workshop has also been proposed for Port Blair & Neill Island, Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

### When ?

November/December, 2000

The First Circular shall be issued in November, 1998.

Contact person : Dr Anil Chandra Organising Secretary International Symposium and Field Workshop on "Geodynamic evolution of Himalaya-Karakoram-Eastern Syntaxis (Indo-Burma Range)-Andaman Nicobar Island Arc and adjoining region" Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeobotany 53 University Road Lucknow 226 007 (India).

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### 3. A Brain Storming Session on "Coal Bed Methane"

The global coal bed methane (CBM) reserve is several times greater than the total reserves of all the known conventional gas fields, yet this energy resource is being exploited commercially only in USA. The harnessing feasibility of CBM has revitalized the coal research in the countries having large deposits of coal. India has substantial coal as well as CBM reserves.

The Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeobotany, Lucknow is organizing a Brain Storming Session on "Coal Bed Methane". In January-February, 1999 for its source evaluation, exploration and exploitation through various physical, chemical and coal petrological methods in order to generate new data inputs. The Session will be open to coal geologists, coal petrographers, organic geochemists and also to those associated with coal mining and industries and interested in the CBM exploration and utilization as an alternative fuel.

### Programme

The session will include lectures and entertain oral presentation of scientific contributions on various aspects of coal bed methane.

#### Contact person :

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संस्थान में ''हिन्दी पखवाड़ा'' 22 सितम्बर, 1997 को एक समारोह के रूप में आयोजित किया गया जिसमें



डॉ० अमित कुमार घोष



लखनऊ विश्वविद्यालय के जन्तूविज्ञान विभाग के सेवानिवृत्त अध्यक्ष प्रोफेसर भूमित्र देव मुख्य अतिथि थे। प्रोफेसर भूमित्र देव ने 'हिन्दी कैसे फले-फूले''नामक विषय पर हिन्दी राजभाषा की संवैधानिक स्थिति और विज्ञान लेखन में इसके सहज और अधिकाधिक प्रयोग पर बडे मार्मिक ढंग से प्रकाश डाला।

इस अवसर पर संस्थान में कार्यरत

अहिन्दी भाषी प्रदेशों के वैज्ञानिकों और कर्मचारियों ने 'स्वतंत्र भारत में हिन्दी की प्रगति' नामक एक लघु-भाषण पतियोगिता में भाग लिया। इस प्रतियोगिता में डॉ० अमित कुमार घोष ने प्रथम स्थान, श्रीमती वी० निर्मला ने द्वितीय तथा डॉ० अन्नमराज् रजनीकांथ ने तृतीय स्थान प्राप्त किया। इसी समारोह में इन्हें पुरस्कार से सम्मानित किया गया।

इसके अतिरिक्त संखान के दैनिक कार्य में हिन्दी का अधिकाधिक पयोग करनें के लिये श्री जयचन्द्र सिंह, डॉ०



श्रीमती वी. निर्मला



डॉ० अ. रजनीकांथ



श्री जयचंद्र सिंह











श्री अजय कुमार श्रीवास्तव

गजेन्द्र प्रताप श्रीवास्तव एवं श्री विजय कुमार निगम, श्री कूंवर प्रकाश सिंह एवं श्री अजय कुमार श्रीवास्तव को भी पुरस्कृत किया गया।



हिन्दी में टंकण प्रतियोगिता में प्रवर लिपिक श्री हरीलाल और रुचिता बोस को क्रमशः प्रथम और द्वितीय पुरस्कारों से सम्मानित किया गया।

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Sri Paresh Chandra Roy had joined the Institute as a Photographer on February 3,



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