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The 'Transactions of the Institute of Indian Geographers' symbolises a collective effort of the Indian geographers who form part of the Institute. Besides publishing the transactions of the Institute, the Journal also offers an avenue for publication of geographical research and researches in other disciplines that promote our understanding of the geographical phenomena and help to enrich the techniques for the analysis of geographical problems, more effectively. Devoid of any pre-determined ideology or doctrine, and the sole aim of the Institute being the advancement and propagation of knowledge in general and geographical knowledge in particular; the 'Transactions' aims at publishing any original piece of research, a new law or theory, a new finding, a new method or approach to certain problems of geographical interest, or even a new information, hitherto not well known or understood. The journal is particularly concerned with the purpose, direction and content of the contributions, and the originality in them. The question of style and expression, though important, is secondary and can be, to an extent, taken care of by the editorial committee.

One of the important purposes of the Transaction is to reach and communicate with the young geographers. The Institute has especially in mind the young talents of the country who feel hesitant to communicate their ideas for fear of being rejected. The avowed policy of the Transaction is not rejection but healthy scrutiny and modification, if needed. This, it is intended, can be achieved by publishing the research findings of young geographers - if not well organised to be published as full length paper - as short papers and notes. The 'Transactions'

also proposes to publish periodically, important events in the geography world and thus serve as a medium of communication to a large number of geographers – teachers, students, research workers and others holding professional assignments. Recent geographical publications will find a place in the journal either as book reviews or be mentioned as recent publications. Books and monographs from authors and publishers for review are welcome and will undoubtedly receive the attention of experts in the field.

The decision to bring out this half yearly journal ( to be published in January and July ) was taken by the Governing Council of the Institute in March 79, following which an editorial board was constituted and entrusted with the task of inviting and processing of research contributions to, and production of, the journal. The pre-publication announcement of the publication of the 'Transactions' evoked a phenomenal response from geographers in universities, colleges and many research institutes, and a firm decision to bring out the 'Transactions' in July was taken. **And here we are with the first number of the first Volume of the Transactions of the Institute of Indian Geographers published on 27th July 1979.**

In the publication of this number and laying a sound foundation for subsequent numbers all members of the Institute took keen interest and showed a sense of involvement. They volunteered suggestions, participated in discussions, and helped in fixing the myriads of details in the preparation of the journal. Needless to say, the members of the Governing Council and the editorial committee had a special responsibility which they fulfilled with great devotion, always showing a willingness to share the initial strains of bringing out the journal. A few individuals who were not members of the editorial committee but who keenly participated in the effort were Shri S.R. Jog and Dr. (Mrs) Jayamala Didee, both young lecturers in the University department of geography at Poona. The 'Transactions' thankfully acknowledges and would be ever indebted to Prof. R. S. Gollerkeri of Baroda University for designing the cover page and to Mr. Mate of Vishwakarma Press for meticulous production of the journal which he brought out well in time. The Institute acknowledges with gratitude the permission it received from the University of Poona for functioning in the premises of geography department.

No one is better acquainted with the shortcomings of the journal than the Editor himself, and any comments and suggestions from the readers to improve the quality of the journal are most welcome. Without offering an excuse, the editor will like to underscore that all institutions work under certain constraints, and have teething troubles in the initial stage of their development and the 'Transactions' is no exception. It will be his sincere endeavour to overcome the the shortcomings in the coming issues with the co-operation of all those who are associated with the publication of this journal and its readers. Lastly, the editor would like to add that for anything that is good in this number, the credit goes to all those who have participated in the effort, but for all its shortcomings, the editor alone is responsible.

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