

of Mamallapuram and Kanchipuram, Mudumalai Wildlife Sanctuary, Anaimalai Wildlife Sanctuary, and Nagercoil, and many places far remote from Madras. A welcome addition is a set of five itinerary planned for a tourist, which includes i) Tamilnadu temple tour, ii) Coromandel coastal tour, iii) hill stations and health spas, iv) Tamilnadu and Karnataka and v) Tamilnadu and Kerala. The book ends with a directory of services and hotels, banks, hospitals, cinemas, restaurants etc. . . A special feature is the sketches of places, monuments and other unique features of the city, beautifully drawn and well reproduced. The artist and the printer, both deserve compliments.

The most appealing part is a set of twenty maps, well adjusted to the size of the booklet, on a relatively large scale 1:22,000 (1 cm = 220 m), with a grid reference in the beginning. The maps are clear, well arranged, no folding and twisting involved, and carry enough details. A linear scale on every map (as on the key to maps) could be useful to a layman. Binding could be better.

The book closes with an index to facilitate quick reference.

This is a good guide book and Orient Longman have done a splendid job. They could follow it by publishing guides for other important cities as well.

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Climatology

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The book addresses itself to a larger readership of geography students and students of related disciplines. Hence the language is kept simple and mathematical expressions are avoided. The different topics of climatology are logically arranged in twenty chapters starting with introductory definitions, followed by the treatment of fundamental elements of meteorology and climate. The later chapters focuss on more complex elements of climate, climatic classifications and the very actual topic of climatic changes. The chapters on monsoon and tropical disturbances are of special relevance to Indian students. Each chapter begins with a concise introduction and is then subdivided into suitably titled sub-chapters and paragraphs thus being both, comprehensive and clear. This will enable the students to use the book both as a textbook and as ready reference.

inclusion of the illustrations at the appropriate places in the text would have enhanced the didactic structure of the book. Also the printing quality of the figures could have been better. Certain diagrams could appear clearer without the unnecessary grey background. The absence of an index is partly, though not wholly, compensated by the very detailed list of contents.

This book of nearly four hundred pages, priced at Rs. 50/- only, is cheaper than most school and university textbooks. This remarkably low priced edition satisfies the long felt need of an affordable, good university textbook in climatology, and the author deserves to be congratulated for this exhaustively written book on climatology, a field relatively neglected by Indian geographers.

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