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EDITOR'S NOTE

Dear Readers,

We regret very much that on account of some technical problems the publication of this number of Transactions has been delayed. This was mainly on account of changes in the editorship of the journal from February/March 1986. The present issue though of January 1986, has been compiled and edited by the new editor.

Professor K. R. Dikshit, former Editor, and his colleagues on the Editorial Committee have, no doubt, done an exceptional good job while carrying out the responsibility of issuing the Transactions through the initial stages of development. The Governing Body of the Institute of Indian Geographers (IIG), while effecting this change, have placed on record their appreciation of the excellent work done by Professor Dikshit and his colleagues in maintaining a very good standard of the journal. The new Editorial

Committee also holds the same opinion and appreciates the magnitude of the task, which we are expected to carry on for the next term of the Editorial Committee. While taking over the responsibility, the present Committee wishes to thank Professor Dikshit and his colleagues for maintaining the publication and for all the work they have done for the "Transactions" over the past eight years.

We sincerely hope that our readers and members of the IIG will continue to extend the whole-hearted support to the Transactions and to the various activities of the IIG in future. It is only with the co-operation of all the geographers from our country as well as of scholars from abroad that the journal will make its progress.

S. C. Gupte
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NOTES & NEWS

THE INDIAN GEOGRAPHERS' MEET

THE SEVENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE INSTITUTE OF INDIAN GEOGRAPHERS

The Seventh Conference of the Institute was held on 7th, 8th and 9th February, 1986, in the Department of Geography, University of Poona, Pune (Maharashtra). The response was good and over 150 delegates from different parts of the country attended the conference.

The conference was inaugurated by Professor V. G. Bhide, Vice-Chancellor, University of Poona, Pune, on 7th February, 1986. During the inaugural function, the following scholars were felicitated by the Vice-Chancellor: Professor C. D. Deshpande for his active service in Geography and for entering into the 75th year; Professor K. B. Powar, a life member of the I. I. G., for his election as President of Geology-Geography Section of the Indian Science Congress, and Professor K. P. Kshirsagar, Vice-President of the I. I. G. on the eve of his retirement from the Department of Geography, University of Poona,

There were three sessions in Physical Geography and Agricultural Geography, five in Population and Settlement Geography, and one each in Applied, Development and Environmental Geography. About seventy papers were presented in these sessions. Each paper was followed by meaningful discussion. "Contemporary Issues in

Geography" was the theme for general discussion, in which many eminent geographers took part.

A cultural programme was arranged on 8th February, 1986, for the delegates.

The conference was organised with the financial support from the UGC, DST and University of Poona.

N. A. G. I. — 1985 — Benaras

The Seventh Indian Geogtaphy Congress was held at the Department of Geography, Benaras Hindu University, Benaras, in the last week of December 1985. The inaugural function started with the felicitations of Dr. R. L. Singh and Dr. S. L. Kayastha for their long and devoted services in the Department of Geography, BHU. Professor C. D. Deshpande addressed the inaugural session. Professor Kashi Nath Singh, President, welcomed the participants. Over 300 research papers were submitted and about 150 papers were presented. Professor John Tarrant, a noted Agricultural Geographer and currently the Pro-Vice-Chancellor of University of East Anglia, Norwich, U. K., chaired one of the sessions. The invitation from the University of Kashmir to hold the eighth congress was warmly accepted; Professor S. Manzoor Alam was elected President for the next year.