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Editorial

I can hardly believe that I have edited Vol. 23, 2001 of Transactions. It has been a rewarding experience : but without the hard work and moral support of the editorial team: Jog, Datye and Jutta, I could not have done the job. I want to thank them and acknowledge their valuable input.

Looking back, its been 23 years since the first issue of the Transactions rolled out in 1979. Most printing at the time was done on letter presses, manually composed, involving metres of galley proofs to be read, corrected and checked. Academic associations preferred the letter press to offset printing for obvious reasons: to save on publication costs. Professor K.R. Dikshit, the founder editor has been single-handedly editing and publishing the journal for 20 out of the 23 years Transactions has been published - operating on a shoe string budget, coping with soaring postal rates, rising publishing costs, and to top it all – dearth of good articles. The last perhaps was cause of much anguish and major concern to its editor.

Transactions has faced all these challenges and come out a winner. I have seen Transactions go from strength to strength. With a membership of 500 Life members and several Institutional subscribers, Transactions today is recognized as a serious national level journal, dedicated to promoting teaching, and advancing original research in Geography.

Of course, the sole credit for all this goes to the Professor Dikshit. His perseverance and dedication to the Institute of Indian Geographers (which he founded) and to which he gave vast amounts of his personal time has paid rich dividends.

Its time for thanksgiving, to my mentor for entrusting me with the task of carrying forward his good work, made so much easier now with the availability of PCs and e-mail. Authors today submit soft copies of their articles on floppy disk, and graphics are sent on tiff file, making editing work much less cumbersome than was so in his time.

It is only natural that this issue of Transactions be dedicated to Professor Dikshit in homage to the man and scholar. I hope it meets with his nod!

— Jaymala Diddee
Jt. Editor

Notes and News

The 22nd Indian Geographers' Meet (IIG) and the IGU Commission on Land Degradation and Desertification (COMLAND) were held at Visva Bharati University, Santiniketan from 9th to 11th January 2001.

The host university, Visva Bharati, provided excellent facilities in the University Guest House for accomodating the delegates. The inaugural function was held on the grounds of Rabindranath Tagore's family home which formed. The background - Indeed an inspiring atmosphere through the tastefully put up shamiyana where delegates from all over the country were seated.

The conference was inaugurated by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dilip Sinha. The president of the Meet and convenor of the conference, professor Arbinda Biswas, warmly welcomed the delegates, while professor V.C. Jha, the Organizing secretary, presented the highlights of the Geographers' Meet and elaborated on the focal theme: 'Spatial Information Technology'. He gave a brief introduction on the IGU commission on Land Degradation and Desertification.

The Keynote address, "Indian Geography: An Encounter with Reality," was delivered by the IIG president, professor R. D Dikshit. The highlights of the Meet were the special lectures by eminent scholars from allied disciplines. A mention needs to be made of the talks of Dr. Pritvish Nag, Director N.A.T.M.O and Dr. Avijit Gupta, from the U.K. These helped to elaborate and support the focal theme. The presence of senior geographers, notably professor R.D.Dikshit (Lucknow), Surender Bhardwaj (university of Kent, Ohio USA), M.M.Das (Guwahati), S.D.Shinde (Kolhapur), C.R. Pathak (Calcutta), all enriched the discussions, providing guidance and encouragement to the young geographers.

A large number, (nearly 200), abstracts were received, the conference was well attended about 150 delegates from different parts of the country. More than 60 papers were read in two parallel sessions, over the three days of the Meet. The sessions on Environmental management, land degradation and biogeography in the physical section had some good papers. In the human geography session, papers on urban settlement methods and population reflected the emerging trends in human geography.

Santiniketan was a great experience for the delegates. An innovative dance recital and music program was put up by the students and faculty of Geography, highlighting Tagore's travels through the world.

The Faculty of Performing Arts gave a scintillating concert of Rabindra Sangeeta, and different classical dance forms were performed against the quaint background of Tagore's hut. A walk through the campus grounds gave the delegates a glimpse of Tagore's philosophy on education, with an emphasis on learning the arts, science and music in tune with nature.

Dr. Jha's organizational skills deserve special appreciation. Each and every aspect of the conference received his utmost attention and care; including the planning of the academic sessions, the accommodation and, last but not the least, the excellent catering arrangements. The delegates received an original version of Tagore's Gitanjali - a reminder to the delegates of their visits to Tagore's country.

Forthcoming Events

XXIV INDIAN GEOGRAPHERS' MEET

Institute of Indian Geographers (IIG)
International Conference on
**“Mountain Environment
and
Natural Hazards
Management”**
27-29 March 2003

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