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# Editorial

Calling all contributors!

Entering its 26th year of publication, Transactions has some reason to celebrate, though there remain some niggling issues to overcome. With a network of over 600 Life Members and a growing number of contributors drawn from all University departments and post-graduate centers of Geography (and allied disciplines), Transactions has made a niche for itself among the premier Indian publications in Geography, in the country.

From its inception in 1979, Transactions has been committed to publish articles of contemporary social concern which throw fresh light on the subject. It is heartening to inform that the number of articles received has steadily risen, though the quality of papers many a times, leaves much to be desired.

This is, therefore, an open appeal to all our contributors and supporters to submit articles which have been seriously researched and supported by new evidence in the subject under study. You may have noticed that sometimes there is inordinate delay in publication of papers - this is when the editorial work has to extend to language editing, restructuring the text, dealing with poor language and poorly reproduced cartographic material; reorganizing the bibliography, even occasionally inserting an abstract, when the author has blissfully forgotten to provide one. All this is hardly the editor's job and responsibility.

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**Jaymala Diddee**

## Notes and News

The Silver Anniversary of the Institute of Indian Geographers was celebrated with much enthusiasm on 8th February 2004, in the seminar hall of the Department of Geography, University of Pune - which is also the Head Quarters of the IIG. In a simple, touching ceremony, Prof. K.R. Dikshit, the founder president of the IIG, delivered the inaugural address. He took us down memory lane, providing glimpses of the Institute's journey in the past 25 years, highlighting the milestones!

Dr. S.C. Gupte, the founder secretary too reminded the gathering of the trials and tribulations the fledging institute had to face before it received all India recognition. In this struggle, he did not fail to mention the support the IIG received from fellow geographers of various college departments from Maharashtra and from the faculty of Mumbai and Kolhapur Universities.

The inaugural session concluded with Dr. Gupte releasing the volume of the Institute's achievements in the last 25 years (1979-2004). This was painstakingly compiled by Prof. and Mrs. Dikshit. A real labour of love for which the IIGians are truly grateful.

In token of appreciation Prof. Dikshit offered flowers to the Founder/Life Members who

attended this anniversary function. Dr. Kale released the Silver Jubilee Issue of Transactions, while Dr. Datye proposed the vote of thanks.

In the pre-lunch session, two eminent scholars spoke on themes of national concern. Dr. Pant, Director of Tropical Meteorology touched upon climate change and the Indian monsoon. Dr. Phadke, Prof. and Head, department of geography, Mumbai University expressed his views on Urbanization Trends in Maharashtra. Both talks generated lively discussion.

In the post-lunch session, Dr. Ghare, a geologist, who is also the Director of AFAM spoke convincingly on Watershed Management as a key to integrated rural development. A group photo of those present was taken at the suggestion of Prof. Dikshit to help preserve this moment for posterity.

The IIG greatly appreciates the efforts of Dr. Kale, the Chairperson, his colleagues and staff of the department of geography, university of Pune who spared no efforts in organizing the Silver Jubilee function at such short notice, despite heavy teaching load in the spring term.

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