

MESSAGE

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AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR STUDENTS AND GEO-SCIENTISTS

I am extremely happy that D. D Autonomous College, Keonjhar is publishing annual as well as special volumes of the “GeoChronicle Panorama” under the able guidance of Dr. Banabehari Mishra. It’s a praiseworthy initiative on the part of the dynamic group of educationists including Prof. R. Nagendra, Associate Editor to disseminate knowledge and inculcate a sense of confidence in the minds of budding Geo Scientists. Knowledge is like the sweet fragrance which not only satisfies the inquisitive mind but also helps in bringing social harmony, mutual respect, sense of gratitude and understanding the mystery of the universe. The quest for knowledge has always been there since long more so in our country. When the world was dropping in dark, India had reached the pinnacle of glory in becoming the singular country to unravel the mystery of cosmos. The Rishis and munies of the yore, by meditation, had shown us the way of Scientific Enquiry.

Now, the time has come for us to make a quantum jump and make our presence felt in the entire world. India ought to become the “WORLD GURU”, The advantage with us is that we are the youngest nation on the basis of having maximum population of young people. They should keep themselves up to date and strive to accelerate the pace of acquiring and grasping knowledge with innovative mind. Dreaming big and trying to achieve the hitherto considered unachievable should motivate them to go ahead. The world has become very competitive. The scientific discoveries are exponentially increasing every day. We cannot afford to be left behind and look for others to render helping hands to us. We should rather make ourselves so capable that the world will look up to us for guidance.

I am extremely happy that a special volume on ‘Sequence and Seismic Stratigraphy’ is being brought out this year for the special benefit of the students. It is a praiseworthy attempt as this is a nascent science and has applied aspects in Petroleum industry and Sedimentary stratigraphy. It will be immensely helpful to the budding Geo Scientists of the country and abroad.

I quote Bhartuhari about the importance of knowledge in the following Sloka.

Keyuranibibhusayantipursumharana, chandrijwala ,
Na snanamabilepanamnakusumamalankrutamurdhaja,
Banyekasamalamkarotipursumjasanskrutadharyate,
Khiyantekhalubhusananisatata, Bakbhusanambhusanam.

केयूराणी विभूषयन्ती पुरुषं हारानः चन्द्रज्यला ।
न स्नानं न विलेपनं न कुसुमं नालंकृता मूर्धजाः ।
वाण्येका समलं करोती पुरुषं जा सन्कृताः धार्यते ।
क्षियन्ते खलुभूषणानी सततं, वाक् भूषणम् भूषणम्

Ornaments, bath and use of cosmetics do not adorn a man; it is the knowledge as mentioned in Shastras. Because excepting knowledge, all other things are perishable.

With Best Wishes

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