

## B. M. BIRLA SCIENCE PRIZES

The B. M. Birla Science Centre, Hyderabad, requests Heads of recognized Research Institutes and Universities for nominations for the B. M. Birla Science Prize in Mathematics, Physics, Biology and Chemistry for the year 1999.

The Prizes in each of the above subjects are for outstanding original contributions in the concerned field by the young Indian scientists resident of India who are not more than 40 years of age on the 31st of December 1999.

All nominations should be sent in triplicate including a full list of publications and up to five of the best papers as also the specific work for nomination, curriculum vitae and the formal nomination itself. These nominations should reach:

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before 15 August 2000.

## OCEAN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CELL

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The Gulfs of Kutch and Khambhat (=Cambay) are facing serious crises due to the oil refineries coming up in the region and pipelines being laid for carrying the oil from the Gulf countries to inland refineries of the country. For this Single Poking Mornings (SPMs) are being constructed in the mid-streams and collapsed piperse are being laid on sea bed leading to storage spaces on land. This operation sometimes accidentally results in spills causing environmental damage to water sediment and aquatic life. More and more SPMs are contemplated due to all-weather conditions available in the gulfs. In addition, one of the world's biggest ship-breaking yard at Alang in Bhavnagar (and another likely to come at Pipava) is causing chemical and metallic pollution in this region.

Keeping this in view, the OSTC at Bhavnagar invites research project proposals from researchers working in Universities for financial assistance from Department of Ocean Development, Government of India. The applications are to be made on prescribed forms available from the undersigned by sending a self-addressed, stamped (Rs 10) envelope (12 x 28 cm). The last date for receiving the filled up application forms is 30 June 2000. The areas for the project proposals are: General circulations of water, Sea water quality, Endangered species of biota, Fisheries and Chemical and metallic pollution.

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