

The present issue of *mahasagar* contains five sections. The first section which generally outlines the activities of the National Institute of Oceanography in terms of the various research projects of the Institute gives in this issue abstracts of 22 scientific papers published or in the process of publication by the scientific staff of the National Institute of Oceanography. The scientific and technical information relating to ocean research and ocean technology have been covered in section 2. As in the previous issues there is a section devoted to abstracts from scientific papers relating to Indian Ocean. In the section, comments and news (section 4) we have highlighted the participation by Indian Team in the Joint Oceanographic Assembly in Tokyo (Japan). The section also contains list of members of the Indian National Committee on Oceanic Research which has been reconstituted and also provides a list of members of the expert working group to draw the scientific programme in connection with the India's participation in the Long-term and Expanded Programme of Ocean Research. Three radio talks on oceanography in India by Dr. N.K. Panikkar, Shri R. Jayaraman and Dr. S.Z. Qasim have been re-produced in the last section of this number. There is also a short paper describing a modified shallow water sampler developed by Shri S.P. Anand and Shri S.Y.S. Singbal. Although in broad outline this number corresponds the previous numbers in regard to arrangement of various sections, a few changes and additional material provided will, it is hoped, interest our readers.

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