

The present issue of '**Mahasagar**' is a special number incorporating articles on various aspects of the ocean science and on the National Institute of Oceanography.

These articles were published by the 'Navhind Times' as a supplement on the 26th May, 1972, the date which marks the completion of 10 years of Integrated Oceanographic Research in India under the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research. The articles were published on this occasion to commemorate the 10th Anniversary.

On this occasion a special colloquium was also organised by the National Institute of Oceanography, and was participated by 18 active scientists from all over the country. The papers presented by them related to various important topics on the oceanology of the Indian Ocean. These will be published in the next issue of '**Mahasagar**' in the form of scientific papers.

The Prime Minister of India and the President of Council of Scientific Research, Smt. Indira Gandhi, the Union Minister of Planning, Science and Technology and the Vice President of the CSIR, Shri C. Subramaniam, and the DGSIR Dr. Y. Nayudamma sent special messages on this occasion and these are reproduced in this issue.

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