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MESSAGE

It gives me immense pleasure to learn that the Palaeontological Society of India in association with the Ministry of Earth Sciences has brought out a Special Issue of the Journal of the Palaeontological Society of India (JPSI) on *Sedimentation in the stratigraphic records* as Prof. Indra Bir Singh Memorial Volume. Earth Science fraternity owes a lot to Late Prof. Indra Bir Singh for his immaculate scientific contributions not only in the contemporary areas of sedimentary stratigraphy but also in covering a broad canvass of Geoscience. Prof. Singh was an internationally renowned geoscientist and was always remembered with the utmost respect for his deep understanding of various geological processes and synergies he used to bring to address any geoscientific issue in its holistic perspectives. His scientific contributions have left a rich and imperishable legacy for posterity, interested in geoscientific research. His visionary scientific thoughts have opened up many new areas of research to be further strengthened by generations to come.

Pall of gloom descended on February 11, 2021, for the entire science community when Prof. Indra Bir Singh, a teacher par excellence, eminent sedimentology of international fame, and an Institution in himself, left for his heavenly abode. He left behind his thought-provoking scientific scripts creating a vacuum, especially in sedimentological research. As a token of respect and a tribute to such a legendary, most aptly the present Memorial Issue has been conceived, crafted, and finalized. I compliment the Editors of this Special Issue for their commendable job and appreciate the Palaeontological Society of India for being so thoughtful as to bring out the compendium of scientific articles for perpetuating Prof. Singh's memory. It is a combined noble effort, and the Ministry of Earth Sciences feels proud to be a partner in this venture and support this publication.

I am delighted to note that well-known Indian and international scientists have significantly contributed to this Special Memorial Issue.

I wish this Special Volume act as a ready reckon to provide a future line of research in this exciting field.

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