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It is known well that the global economy has been on an upswing for the last five years or so. Indian economy too, likewise, has been witnessing its share of the swing. However, so far as India is concerned, her economic security still remains precariously balanced. Apart from the unpredictable rain god, who has been kind lately but whose continuous kindness cannot be taken for granted, a number of factors can alter the swing. Foremost among them is the widening gap between the demand of energy and its availability. Among the various forms of energy, petroleum continues to play the single-most dominant role today.

With the recent deep water discoveries by ONGC, GSPC, Cairn and Reliance within a small span of 4-5 years, it would seem that the country has a potential to attain some measure of self-sufficiency in meeting her requirement for petroleum. However, realizing this potential is going to be a daunting task for two reasons: The frontiers which remain to be explored for hydrocarbons – be they in deep waters, in hilly terrains or below the deccan trap – are not easy to explore and still more difficult to harness for production of hydrocarbons. The second reason, not so commonly known, is the acute nation wide crunch for talent.

Society of Petroleum Geophysicists, India has played a key role and will play increasingly important role in addressing to these two aspects. Through its regular technical workshops, bi-annual conferences, and student fora, SPG plays a vital catalytic role in activating the synergy among geoscientists. With this consideration in mind, the theme of the 7th international conference of SPG, “Hyderabad-2008” has been chosen as ‘**Energy Security: Exploration, Exploitation and Economics**’. The first call for papers has been released during Petrotech-2007. I take this opportunity to invite readers of GEOHORIZONS to participate actively in the conference by contribution of papers, and exhibition of their capabilities for solving industry problems.

As regards to ‘Geohorizons’, the feedback on the last issue has been quite hartening. We have received compliments from many of our members. Readers have found the new features like ‘Tutorial’ and ‘Points to ponder’ etc., very interesting and informative. People have also appreciated the ‘Geophuzzle’ as an informative entertainment.

This issue of GEOHORIZONS brings two more features to readers: “What is new?” and “From a different angle..” Please keep writing to ‘Geohorizons’ as your suggestions and contributions for the journal are important for us to provide the necessary impetus to keep serving the membership with a quality product.

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