

## **Status of Research in Geoscience in India**

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Research in Geoscience in India, like many other developing countries is proving unproductive. Research findings are getting dumped in universities in form of doctoral and post doctoral theses or piling up as project reports in government record rooms. Research organizations and educational institutions have failed miserably in doing justice to their basic objective of meeting the research needs of the country. Research in universities has become degree oriented and a very large number of Ph.D. degree holders in this country are engaged in activities not connected with their research. Out of the three categories (i) research for Ph.D. and D.Sc. degrees, (ii) academic research projects and (iii) industrial research projects, the first one is getting maximum attention these days. In the absence of co-ordination amongst different research organizations repetition of research work is a common phenomenon. Certainly, the quantity of research has increased many times but the quality of out-put has deteriorated remarkably. A developing country like India can not afford this type of research without expecting a justified return to the society. For the socio-economic development of the country a long term planning in research is necessary. Applied research for the time being should be preferred over the purely academic research. Centralized instrument centres and co-ordination amongst universities and research organizations need encouragement.