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PREFACE

Water is a vital natural resource, basic human need and a precious national asset. The full life history of water on the earth is covered under the domain of hydrology. The hydrologic investigations and studies form an important component of water resources development. With the increasing demand of water in various sectors, it has become essential to formulate plans for judicious utilisation of water resources. The frequent disasters like droughts and floods have additionally contributed to lay more emphasis on proper assessment, development and management of water resources of country, for which hydrologic investigations play a key role.

At the 7th session of the Intergovernmental Council (IGC) of the UNESCO's International Hydrological Programme (IHP) held during June, 1986 in Paris, France, it was decided that each member country should arrange to organise one National Symposium on Hydrology every year in respective countries to bring together hydrologists, water resources engineers and allied professionals to report results, exchange ideas and for mutual interaction for better planning, assessment and development of water resources. Keeping this in view, the National Committee on Hydrology (HILTECH), which has the primary responsibility to coordinate hydrological activities in the country, has decided to hold a Symposium every year. To start with, the National Institute of Hydrology, which is the apex body of Government of India to conduct studies in theoretical and applied aspects of hydrology, has been given the responsibility to organise the first such Symposium which is being held from December 16-18, 1987 at Roorkee. This also marks the celebrations of the 10th Foundation Day of the Institute. A very good response from professionals of various disciplines has been received and 64 papers under 8 different themes will be presented and discussed in this Symposium.

It is expected that this Symposium would provide for useful exchange of ideas and information, and definite recommendations would emerge for development and efficient management of water resources of our country.

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