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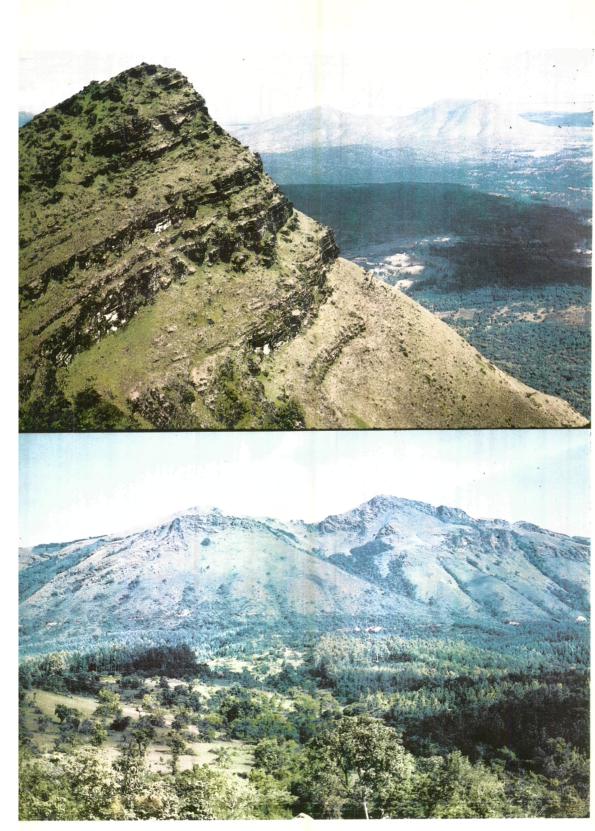
One of the important decisions the Council of the Geological Society of India took on the occasion of its Silver Jubilee was to hold the Annual General Meetings of the Society in different centres of Earth Science in India. The first of such meetings was held at Dharwad on 22nd May 1985 at the invitation of the Karnataka University. A seminar on 'Banded Iron-Formation of India' was held on the occasion.

The subject of 'Banded Iron-Formation of India' was chosen on account of its importance in the study of the Indian Precambrian. A number of papers were presented including several from persons outside India dealing with different aspects of the Iron-Formation. A few of the important papers presented at the Seminar are included in this Special Issue of the Journal, with a general introduction by the Editors.

The Society hopes that this special issue will be welcomed by our Fellows and that it will stimulate further research on this important formation of the Precambrian of India. The Society looks forward to bringing out a more comprehensive Memoir embodying the results of cooperative research at a future date.

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