

provide us a summary of the work done in India by your group in the period 1970-82. The write-up may include (a) research topics, (b) summary of work done

in each topic, (c) publications, (d) new concepts and formalisms developed, (e) new indigenous computer programs developed, (f) any other original work done.

NEWS

MUSHROOMS: PROTEIN FOR THE THIRD WORLD?

... "Protein deficiency is not restricted to persons living in the developing nations, but there the condition is often particularly acute. Anything that can add protein to the diet in such countries is desirable. . . . The mushroom produced from agricultural and industrial discards contain 30-50% protein on a dry weight basis, and about 3-5% on a fresh weight basis. This proportion is twice that of asparagus and cabbage, four times that of oranges and twelve times that of apples. Growing mushrooms for food protein requires less land than producing protein from animal and

other plant sources, especially if the land used to produce raw materials for mushroom cultivation (e.g.) the straws of agricultural crops, cotton wastes from the textile industry, and horse manure) is not taken into consideration. . . . All mushroom proteins contain all nine aminoacids essential for man, they are especially rich in lysine and leucine which most cereal foods lack. . . ." (Reproduced with permission from *Press Digest, Current Contents*® No. 38, September 17, 1984. Copy right by the Institute for Scientific Information®, Philadelphia, PA, USA).

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... "There is considerable evidence in the psychological literature that perceived status of ten has a major effect on behavior. The primary purpose of the present study was to examine the effects of two status variables in an academic setting by monitoring reprint-sending behavior. Reprints were requested from 1,200 authors of psychological articles by men and women of varying academic rank. Neither sex nor academic rank of requester had any significant effect on the total

number of responses returned. However, male requesters received responses significantly faster than did female requesters. In addition, subsequent analyses indicated that reprint requests were more likely to be honoured by male authors than by female authors." (Reproduced with permission from *Press Digest, Current Contents*®, Number 29, July 19, 1984. Copyright by the Institute for Scientific Information®, Philadelphia, PA, USA.)
