

State Physics which are very popular. There are a couple of other books on Solid State Physics by our national authors as well. This book is a very valuable addition to the text books on Solid State Physics.

There is a distinct feature of this book which makes it more interesting. It has a set of solved problems at the end of each chapter. The book would have been more useful (i) if there were references to some important books and review articles, (ii) if the examples chosen had been more realistic and (iii) if the

questions at the chapter end were more thought provoking. In spite of these, the book is extremely well written, with detailed analysis of all calculations and concepts and has the insight of a teacher who has taught the subject very effectively.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### ALL INDIA SYMPOSIUM ON MODERN TRENDS IN COMPARATIVE ANIMAL PHYSIOLOGY

All India Symposium on Modern Trends in Comparative Animal Physiology will be held during 1-3 February 1986. The symposium will provide an opportunity to research scientists working on different aspects of Animal Physiology to discuss and exchange their views. Financial assistance for the symposium has been sought from the University Grants Commission, New Delhi.

The papers submitted in the following areas will be of special interest and relevance to this symposium.

1. Neurophysiology;
2. Behavioural Physiology;

3. Endocrine Physiology;
4. Reproductive Physiology;
5. Insect Physiology;
6. Biochemical Physiology;
7. Environmental Physiology including toxicity;
8. Cytophysiology and
9. Pigment cell Physiology.

All communications concerning symposium should be addressed to Prof. J. Bahadur, Director, All India Symposium on Modern Trends in Comparative Animal Physiology, School of Studies in Zoology, Jiwaji University, Gwalior 474 011.

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### NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION FOR DEFENCE

The conference will be held at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi on 25-26 February 1986 and aims at bringing together specialists from three work environments—the Defence Services, R & D and other technical institutions/organisations and the information profession—in order to obtain their views on improv-

ing and modernising scientific information services in the subject fields of Defence interest.

For further details please contact Shri V. K. Rangra, Convener, National Conference on Information for Defence, Delhi 110 054.