

**On-line Information Processing Through Mini and Micro Computers.** (Eds) S. Nagarajan and H. C. Jain (Published by Society for Information Science, PID Building, Hillside Road, New Delhi 110 012), 1987, pp. 267, price: not given.

This publication contains the proceedings of the sixth annual convention and conference of the Society for Information Sciences held in December 1986 at Pilani, Rajasthan. There are 15 technical papers in this proceedings besides a foreword introduction to the conference and recommendations of the conference. The proceedings are badly produced with many hand-drawn figures (pp. 149, 150 and 145) in which the authors have not even

used a ruler to draw straight lines. The lettering is unreadable as they are badly handwritten. Some figures such as the one on page 127 cannot be read at all as it is one big smudge. In the review copy pages 149 to 164 appear twice at different places. There are however a few interesting case studies which give experiences in setting up information systems in some of the laboratories in India. The other articles are either rehashing of known material or inconsequential "research papers".

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

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### THE SECOND SEMINAR ON SCIENCE OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

The Second Seminar on Science of Human Development organised by Forum for the Advancement of Science of Human Development, will be held at the Central Electrochemical Research Institute, Karaikudi from September 30 to October 2, 1988. The first seminar held during 1986 touched upon all aspects of human development with overwhelming response from people of various walks of life. This seminar will penetrate deep into various aspects of Science of Human Development following a scientific pathway.

The development of a perfect human being in all aspects has been the concern of mankind from time immemorial. Science and Technology have been instrumental in removing monotony in life by improving its quality and rendering it easier to live to. Computers and Robotics have commenced copying human brain and executing difficult jobs done by man. However, various advanced civilizations have emphasised an all round development of balanced personality through the development of both mind and body. Scriptures of ancient India are

full of descriptions of human endeavours in this direction.

Material wealth alone does not make a man happy. Many affluent societies with all their material wealth and achievements, still do not find happiness with them only. The happiness of man largely rests within self. Hence modern science should aim at human development with respect to health, hygiene and physiology of human body in addition to the growth of the mind and all its faculties, techniques like Yoga and various forms of Meditation try to remove stress and strain from different parts of the body and thus assist in retarding the process of ageing of both mind and body. The influence of these techniques has been attracting the attention of people of different parts of the globe and efforts are afoot in analysing them scientifically.

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