

Ocean and Atmospheric Science and Technology Cell (OASTC)
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**Call for Research Proposals on
Beach Placers and Related Sediments**

Scientific proposals are invited from the academics and scientists of universities and other academic institutions on the following themes promoting high quality research in beach placers and related sediments.

- Beach placer mineral studies involving their distribution, mode of occurrence, provenance, etc.
- Geology, geochemistry and sedimentological characteristics of beach placers.
- Geomorphological, lithological and mineralogical guides to beach placers.
- Studies on paleo or buried beach placers.
- Resource evaluation of beach placers.

The prescribed format may be downloaded from the MoES website, <http://www.dod.nic.in/oastc1.htm> or obtained by post from the **Research Co-ordinator**, OASTC, Dept of Earth Sciences, Tamil University, Thanjavur 613 010.

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Announcement

**DST Sponsored Workshop on
'Advances in Biotechnology (ABST)', 8–13 November 2010
The Energy and Resources Institute, IHC Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi**

About the Workshop: Contemporary research in the area of biotechnology has witnessed an enormous growth in the past few decades. In order to keep abreast with the latest developments in the field of biotechnology, an extremely high level of understanding and awareness is required. The main objective of this refresher training course meant for scientists, academicians, administrators and policy makers, is to train them in specialized technologies in the area of agricultural biotechnology and molecular biology and build their capacities.

Who can apply: Scientists working in the Departments/Ministries of Central and State Governments, PSUs, Government Research Institutes, and Central and State Universities.

Themes: The focus will be on the following themes pertaining to

- Plant tissue culture and its applications
- Genetic transformation of crops
- Molecular markers and plant breeding
- Biofuels
- Biofertilizers and sustainable agriculture
- Significance of IPR issues in biotech research

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