



FIG. 2. General Secretary Dr G.M. Oza addressing an 'environmental archivers' meeting of INSONA, with the base of the Society's emblem visible behind him. Photo: Preeti Photographers.

- Members of INSONA gave broadcast talks on the environmental and conservational movements.
- Programmes on Doordarshan Kendra Srinagar and Ahmedabad were given on 'The Role of CITES' (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Fauna and Flora) and 'Illegal Trade in Global Wildlife'.
- Talks on Environment (with AV aids) in various schools for the benefit of both pupils and teachers. On these and more public occasions the audience was often large and enthusiastic (Fig. 1).
- The Press was briefed at regular intervals on environmental issues.
- Skating for *Environmental Awareness* by hundreds of students.
- INSONA was a partner in the campaign to save the African Elephant (*Loxodonta africana*). The impact was felt in the CITES Conference through more than one thousand signatures supporting the pledge not to use or promote tusk products.
- Survey of the Bharatpur Kaleodeo National Park to

determine the environmental status of the cranes and their habitat.

- Designing of special T-Shirts — on Save Our Biosphere and Environmental Awareness highlighting the Indian Tiger (*Felis tigris*) and the Blackbuck (*Antelope cervicapra*).
- Talks delivered by Professor T.A. Davis on 'Man and Nature' and 'the Palms of the World'. These are in addition to 'archivers' and other meetings of INSONA (Fig. 2).
- Competition for schoolchildren to design posters on the well-being of the Earth.

It is hoped that the above gives a fair indication of the range of what can be done by an international concern in its home country despite very limited resources as it feels its way towards wider influence.\*

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\*As, originally, the Indian Society of Naturalists, INSONA was established in the year 1975 by the former Maharaja of Baroda, the late Fatehsingh P. Gaekwad, as its Founding President, and with Dr Gunavant M. Oza as its Founding General Secretary. For the past 15 years, the latter has spearheaded various activities, campaigns, and crusades, on behalf of INSONA and such affiliates as our Foundation for Environmental Conservation, aimed at the common well-being of Mankind and Nature. A notable example of such collaboration is the World Campaign for The Biosphere, and an outcome of Dr Oza's personal dedication is the quarterly journal *Environmental Awareness*, which now has an impressive supporting panel of internationally-known Consulting Editors.

Mrs Premlata Oza, Joint Secretary of INSONA, has extended several aspects of the environmental and conservational movements to schoolchildren and women in India, in a manner that should set a worthy example for other countries and regions. — Ed.

## Maurice Strong to be Secretary-General of the UN Conference on Environment and Development

The Secretary-General of the United Nations has announced the appointment of Maurice F. Strong as Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, to be convened in 1992 in accordance with General Assembly resolution 44/228. Mr Strong, who was our first Baer-Huxley Memorial Lecturer in Iceland in 1977, informed us very recently that this major event, '20 years after Stockholm', would be in Brazil, although it had not yet been decided precisely where in that vast country.

Mr Strong is currently Chairman of Stroeve Holdings in Canada, Chairman of the Council of the World Economic Forum, Geneva, and President of the World Federation of United Nations Associations. From 1985 to 1986, he was Executive Coordinator of the United Nations Office for Emergency Operations in Africa. More pertinently, he was Secretary-General of the 1972 United

Nations Conference on the Human Environment (in Stockholm, Sweden) and subsequently became the first Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme.

Maurice Strong's work in development has included heading-up Canada's International Development Assistance Agency, and service as Alternate Governor of the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, and the Caribbean Development Bank. He has also been President and Chairman of the Board of PetroCanada as well as Chairman or Director of various Canadian and international corporations. Again more pertinently he was a member of the World Commission on Environment and Development and Chairman of the Bureau of IUCN.

Born in 1929 in Manitoba, he is married to Hanne Marstrand, from Denmark.—Ed.

## Euro Citizen Action Service

Euro Citizen Action Service (ECAS) is being set up as a non-profit-making service to inform, advise, and strengthen, the position of voluntary-sector NGOs in relation to European Community (EC) institutions. It seeks to involve the 'Citizens of Europe' in European

affairs, through their membership of organizations in major fields such as health, the environment, human rights, and development.

Whilst there are about 3,000 'watchers' of the EC, few work for public-interest concerns. This imbalance is