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Marine Biology has not so far attracted as much attention in India as in some Western countries. A science which deals with the physical and chemical factors that operate and contribute to the sustenance of life in the wide oceans, it has yielded valuable and useful results in many Western countries. With our immense population and a limited acreage of arable land, India must pay increasing attention to sources of nutrition provided by her coastal waters. I am therefore glad to learn that prominent workers in this field of science have formed an association and hope that this will lead to greater interest in and more intensive study of Marine Biology in the country.

I am so glad to learn that the Association will bring out a journal devoted to studies in this specialised field. The scope of work is almost unlimited and very little has been done till now. I hope the journal will not only publish specialised articles dealing with original research but also provide a general forum for discussion among scientists who have made Marine Biology a special field of study.



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