A one day workshop was organized by the Society of Geoscientists and Allied Technologists (SGAT) at Bhubaneswar on 24th July, 2010. It was attended by fifty teachers (Principals, Headmasters and Science and Geography teachers) of both Oriya medium and English medium schools. Besides, many important personalities of State and Central Government organisations, universities and institutes attended the workshop. The Workshop was presided over by R.C. Mohanty, President of SGAT.

N.K. Mahalik, the Convener of the Workshop, mentioned that Geology/Geoscience as a subject of significance is not known to many in the schools and the public. He emphasized that it is time that geology is given the due recognition like physics, chemistry and biology and placed under science stream of the syllabus. This will enable the young students at secondary school level to know and appreciate the importance of the subject and its relation to mother Earth.

B.P. Das discussed on the dams, tunnels and many foundation works etc. where geological knowledge is required. Madhuma Dash of Utkal University deliberated on earthquake, tsunami, landslide, avalanche, coastal erosion etc. in which geoscientists play a major role. R.C. Mohanty, formerly of National Aluminium Company Ltd. discussed on the involvement of geoscientists in resources mapping, exploration of minerals, mining and processing of minerals for utilization in various industries. Some teachers agreed on the importance of geology in the present day society and stressed for its inclusion in the secondary school syllabus, while some others expressed the problem of teaching the subject in view of the lack of infra-structure facility such as teachers, books and teaching aids. Satyakam Mishra, President, Board of Secondary Education, Govt. of Orissa and the Chief Guest, felt about infrastructure problems in teaching geology as of now. However, he proposed to constitute a panel to examine the problem and to make room for geology or Earth Science. The proceedings of the Workshop was duly highlighted in the media, both print and electronic. At the end, Dr. S.K. Sarangi, Vice President of the Society thanked all for their participation in the Workshop.