

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR 2000-2001

The 42nd Annual General Meeting of the Geological Society of India was held on the 10th October 2001, at 5 pm at S.B. Hall of the National Geophysical Research institute, Hyderabad.

The following Fellows of the Society attended the meeting:

Babu, T.M., Balaram, V., Basappa Reddy, M., Bhaskara Rao, Y.J., Chetty, T.R.K., Gopalan, K., Gupta, Harsh, K., Jithendra Kumar, S., Kakar, Ramesh, K., Lakshmi Pathaiah, H.K., Leelanandam, C., Mallik, K., Mallikarjuna Rao, J., Manoj Shukla, Mukhopadhyay, D., Muralidharan, D., Murthy, P.S.N., Murti, K.S., Murty, K.S., Nagabhushana, P., Naqvi, S.M., Nijagunappa, R., Parthasarathy, G., Prasad, C.V.R.K., Radhakrishna, B.P., Rajasekara, M.G., Rajasekhar Reddy, D., Ramakrishnan, M., Ramam, P.K., Rangarajan, R., Rao, K.S., Rao, M.S., Rao, V.K., Sahoo, R.K., Sawkar, R.H., Senthil Kumar, P., Sreenivasa Rao, T., Srikantia, S.V., Subba Rao, D.V., Subba Rao, M.V., Subbarao, K.V., Sunil Kumar, T.S., Suresh, T.S., Surya Prakash Rao, K., Vaidyanadhan, R.

PROCEEDINGS

The Annual General Meeting of the Society in the first year of the new millennium held in Hyderabad in the green environs of the NGRI, was presided over by Dr. B.P. Radhakrishna, President, Geological Society of India. The Secretary read the notice of the meeting, followed by the presentation of the Annual Report for the year 2000-2001 and the Audited Statement of Accounts for the year 2000-2001.

As there were no comments, the Annual Report was adopted after it was proposed by Dr. P.S.N. Murthy and seconded by Prof. Ramesh K. Kakar. The Audited Statement of Accounts was adopted after it was proposed by Dr. P.K. Ramam and seconded by Dr. M.S. Rao. The General Body accorded its approval to the appointment of Sri M. Shankar Narayan, Chartered Accountant, Bangalore, as auditors for the year 2001-2002.

The President, in his remarks referred to the progress made by the Society and also to the range of publications brought out. He reminded the Fellows to respond to the appeal made for donation to the Self-Reliance Fund of the Society. He expressed his grateful thanks to the Department

of Science and Technology for its continued financial support.

NEW COUNCIL 2001-2004

The result of the triennial election held for the different offices of the Society for the period 2001-2004 was announced. The following is the list of office bearers.

President (1)	B.P. Radhakrishna (Bangalore)
Vice Presidents (4)	H.K. Gupta (New Delhi) M. Ramakrishnan (Bangalore) Ravi Shankar (Kolkata) R. Vaidyanadhan (Cuddalore)
Secretaries (2)	S.V. Srikantia (Bangalore) R.H. Sawkar (Bangalore)
Foreign Secretary (1)	K.V. Subbarao (Mumbai)
Treasurer (1)	S. Jithendra Kumar (Bangalore)
Editor (1)	M.S. Rao (Bangalore)
Members:	Anand Mohan (Varanasi) M. Basappa Reddy (Bangalore) O.N. Bhargava (Panchkula) K.S. Godavari (Bangalore) K.R. Gupta (New Delhi) R.V. Karanth (Vadodara) Vishwas S. Kale (Pune) K.V. Krishnamurthy (Bangalore) Kuldeep Chandra (Dehra Dun) A.C. Narayana (Cochin) S.M. Naqvi (Hyderabad) U. Raval (Hyderabad) R. Shankar (Mangalore) C. Srikantappa (Mysore) S.K. Tandon (Delhi)

AWARDS

President announced the names of earth scientists selected by the Council for various awards for 2001.



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Bellur Rama Rao Birth Centenary Award to Ashit Baran Roy formerly of Mohanlal Sukhadia University, Udaipur for his contribution to our understanding of the Precambrian Geology of Aravalli mountains, Rajasthan.

JGSI Radhakrishna Prize to U. Raval and K. Veeraswamy of the National Geophysical Research Institute, Hyderabad for their paper "The Radial and Linear Modes of Interaction between Mantle Plume and Continental Lithosphere" published in the Journal of the Geological Society of India, v.56, April 2000.

H.S.Pareek Award to Manoj Shukla, Anand Prakash, G.P.Srivastava, Madhav Kumar (all of Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeobotany Lucknow) and Prabhat Kumar (of the Department of Zoology, Lucknow University) for their paper titled "Resin-embedded Insects and other Organic Remains from Warkalli Formation, Kerala Coast, India" published in the Journal of Geological Society of India, v.56, Sept. 2000.

N.N.Chatterjee Award to Ganti Narayana Rao of the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. for his contribution to systematic analysis of Krishna-Godavari basin for availability of hydrocarbons.

VENUE FOR 2002

Prof. Ramesh K. Kakar extended an invitation to the Society to hold its next Annual General Meeting at the Centre of Advanced Study in Geology, Punjab University, Chandigarh. The invitation was accepted by the General Body.

WORKSHOP ON RAINWATER HARVESTING

As part of the programme of the Annual General Meeting, a National Workshop on Water Harvesting with special reference to Artificial Recharge was held on the 9th and 10th October 2001.

In his presidential remarks Dr. B.P. Radhakrishna, President of the Geological Society of India emphasized the need to have a blue print of action for sustained development of groundwater resources. He particularly commended the work of crusaders like Annasaheb Hazare and Rajendra Singh of Tarun Bharat Sangh who have achieved success in transforming barren land into garden land through better water management.

Sri S.K.Tripathi, Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development, Govt. of India, in his inaugural address

stressed the need for water harvesting. He referred to the Model Bill for regulation and control of groundwater circulated by the Ministry of Water Resources for adoption. He listed various central projects and programmes oriented towards water resource development.

Dr.Y.J. Parthasarathy, Regional Director, C.G.W.B. offered a few remarks on aspects of augmentation of groundwater resources. There were several presentations reviewing current water harvesting practices in different geo-environs, effectiveness of water harvesting, revival of traditional harvesting systems, prioritization of approaches, urban water harvesting, groundwater legislation and research and development needs.

The interesting part of the workshop was the presentation made by grassroot level workers, Hardev Singh Jadeja, Sarpanch Raj-Samadhiyala, Rajkot, Gujarat, who by leading the people of his villages in the programme implementation of water harvesting brought spectacular socio-economic transformation.

Rajendra Singh, the recipient of the Magsaysay Award for the year 2001, gave an account of the traditional watershed development practice in Rajasthan, transforming dry inhospitable land to a green garden land with increased bio-mass productivity/fodder availability, increased micro-enterprenureships which created surplus food grain, milk, milk products, better impact on health and hygiene due to increased water availability. Rajendra Singh has become a modern Bhagirath in rejuvenating dried up river beds. President of the Society garlanded Rajendra Singh and decorated him with a shawl in token of appreciation of the great work he has been doing in enthusing rural community in the development of natural resources.

Anupam Mishra, Director, Gandhi Peace Mission, provided a visual feast with his excellent colour slides taking the audience on a visual tour of the traditional water harvesting structures of Jaisalmer area in the heart of Rajasthan desert. Ramaswamy Iyer, formerly of Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi, gave a fine summary of aspects of groundwater legislation and stressed the need for the Karnataka State to hold water resource in trust on behalf of the community.

Ganga Gaatha, a dance drama depicting the descent of divine river Ganga to the earth enchanted the audience with a most elegant performance.

With a vote of thanks to D. Muralidharan and his teammates for the excellent arrangements made for holding the AGM and the Workshop on Water Harvesting, the curtain on yet another AGM of the Society came down.

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