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*2nd International Geodiversity Day (6 October 2023) &
7th International Geoethics Day (12 October 2023)
Celebrations*

WORKSHOP ON “GEODIVERSITY IS FOR EVERYONE: A CITIZEN CENTRIC APPROACH”

Venue: Conference Hall, Geological Survey of India, CHQ, 15 Kyd Street, Kolkata/Online;
Date: 13 October 2023

Programme

Duration (in hrs., IST)	
9:30-10:00	Registration
10:00-10:20	Inauguration of Exhibition on Geodiversity by Janardan Prasad, Director General, GSI.
10:20-10:30	Group Photography
10:30- 11:00	INAUGURAL SESSION Program introduction and Welcome Release of book titled: “Geotourism Spectrum of India”.
TECHNICAL SESSION 1: GEODIVERSITY IS FOR EVERYONE	
Session Chair (s): Asit Saha, ADG&DDG PSS-P&M & Santanu Bhattacharya, DDG, IA-IGC, GSI Rapporteur: Rimpal Kar, Superintending Geologist, GSI	
11:00- 11:20	<i>Key note on Raiyoli Dinosaur Fossil Park- Discovery to acceptance as IUGS –GLOBAL Geo-site: New insights into Indian Geo-diversity and unique Geo-heritage</i> by D. M Mohabey, Formerly DDG, Geological Survey of India, Senior Scientist and Research Collaborator, Department of Geology, RTM Nagpur University.
11:20-11:40	<i>Geodiversity of the Nepal Himalayas</i> by R K Dahal, Associate Professor Tribhuvan University & Vice-President, Asia Chapter, IAEG.
11:40- 12:00	<i>Geoheritage sites and National Geological Monuments</i> by R Balaji, DDG, Geological Survey of India, HRD and Curatorial Division.
12:00-12:20	<i>Heritage stones: developments and way forward</i> by Gurmeet Kaur, Professor, Punjab University & Chair, Sub-commission on Heritage Stones, International Union of Geological Sciences.
12:20-12:40	<i>Marginal Seas – Humans and Environment</i> by Jan Harff, Institute of Marine and Environmental Sciences, University of Szczecin, Poland & Hayley Cawthra, Council for Geoscience, Cape Town, and Nelson Mandela University, Gqeberha, South Africa.

12:40-13:10	<i>Marine Geodiversity and Blue Economy</i> by A Anil Kumar, Director, PSS-P&M- 1, GSI.
13:10-13:30	Discussion/Q&A on session 1
13:30-14:30	Lunch
TECHNICAL SESSION 2: GEO-ETHICAL PRACTICES FOR SUSTAINING GEODIVERSITY	
Session Chair (s): Varsha Aglawe, HOD,ER, GSI & A Rai Choudhuri, DDG, M-IIB, GSI Rapporteur: Rupesh Kumar, Superintending Geologist, GSI	
14:30-14:50	<i>Key note: Building New Perspectives for Human Progress Through Geoethics</i> by Giuseppe Di Capua, Istituto Nazionale di Geofisica e Vulcanologia, Rome; International Association for Promoting Geoethics; IUGS Commission on Geoethics.
14:50-15:10	<i>Geoethical Practices to Promote Geodiversity</i> by Surya Prakash, Professor, NIDM & IAPG India Chapter
15:10-15:30	<i>Geoethical Issues in the Mining Sector</i> by S.K. Adhikari, Chief Mining Geologist, Indian Bureau of Mines.
15:30-15:50	<i>Artisinal and Small Scale Gold Mining: Economic, Environmental and ethical issues</i> - M K Devarajan, Vice President, Exploration, Supreme Gold Corporation.
15:50-16:10	<i>Ethics role in geological data collection and interpretation</i> - D M Banerjee, INSA Honorary Scientist & Chair, National Committee for IUGS-INQUA.
16:10-16:30	<i>Geo-collections and Geo-ethics</i> by Dr. Snigdha Ghatak, Dr. Debahuti Mukherjee, Directors, GSI and Arindam Dutta, Superintending Geologist, GSI
16:30-16:40	Discussion/Q&A on session 2
16:40-17:40	Session 3: Panel discussion/ open forum Title: Ethical approaches to nurture Geodiversity. Rapporteurs: Nabanita Nandy, Director, GSI Nandan Kumar, Senior Geologist, GSI Chaired by: Janardan Prasad, Director General, GSI Panellists: S. K. Wadhawan, DG, GSI (Retired) Dr. O. N. Bhargava Honorary Professor Department of Geology, Panjab University, K. S. Mishra, DDG, GSI (Retired), Sabyasachi Shome DDG, GSI (Retired), Pradeep Singh, Director (Tech.) MOM Dr. Saibal Ghosh, DDG NMH-IV & P&A, GSI, R. Reddy, INTACH & Professor (Retired), R. Baskar, Professor, IGNOU and others
17:40-17:45	Summing up & vote of thanks
17:45-18:00	High Tea

Parallel Session 4:
Visit of student delegates / interested participants to Indian museum and Meteorite Gallery, GSI
[Coordinated by M Roy Moulik, Director, Curatorial & A Bhattacharya, Director, Publication]

Workshop link for online participants:

<https://gsichq.webex.com/gsichq/j.php?MTID=m1d209ab497a541535e0a50c2e92227f6>

Friday, October 13, 2023 9:30 AM (UTC+05:30)

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