



Celebration on occasion of

1st International Geodiversity Day (6th October 2022)

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6th International Geoethics Day (13th October 2022)

A run up event to the yearlong celebration (up to August 2023) of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav-commemorating 75 years of Indian Independence. This celebration by Geological Survey of India (GSI) revolves around the theme- “Geotourism Potential of India and its Development”.

Dates: 13-14 October 2022

Venue: Conference Hall, Geological Survey of India, CHQ, 15 Kyd Street, Kol-700016

Programme

Day 1: 13.10.2022

Time	Activity	Trip coordinators
10:00-12:00	Heritage walk at Victoria Memorial, Kolkata	<i>Satyabrata Guha, Deputy Director General, GSI (Retired) and other officers from GSI, CHQ</i>
12:30 to 14:00	Lunch Break	
14:00-15:30	Visit to GSI Gallery at Indian Museum	

Trip details: Victoria Memorial, located in Central Kolkata was built between 1906 and 1921. Built in the memory of Queen Victoria, it stands in 64 acres of gardens and is now a museum under the control of the Ministry of Culture.

Built with Makrana Marble from Rajasthan which has bagged the prestigious tag of Global Heritage Stone Resource (GHSR) from International Union of Geological Sciences from India, the Victoria Memorial speaks for an array of processes of earth and modern cultural evolution.

The GHSR designation is a useful title to promote the sustainable use of natural stones worldwide. GHSR recognition provides visibility to important Earth resources, present in almost all the heritage buildings and monuments whose conservation depends also on the intimate knowledge of the stone nature, geological frame, sources, production history, behaviour within the environment and conservation practices. The concepts of geodiversity, geotourism and ethical practices for nurturing the heritages of the country shall be presented during the walk by one of the pioneer geoscientists and story teller on occasion of the above celebrations. The open atmosphere, close to the nature will offer a perfect locale for knowledge enrichment and a trip experience to cherish forever.

Participants: Twenty (20) seats for university, college and school students on first cum-first-serve basis.

Pick up and drop off at: GSI, 15 Kyd Street, Conference Hall, Kolkata 700016;

Participants to report at 9:30 AM /Contact: Director, P&M 3, dir.mon3@gsi.gov.in



Day 2: 14.10.2022

Online workshop on Nurturing Geodiversity: A Road to Sustainable Development

Venue: Conference Hall, Geological Survey of India, CHQ, 15 Kyd Street, Kol-16/ online (link is given below)

Duration (IST in hrs.)	
10:30- 10:35	Welcome by Snigdha Ghatak, Director, GSI
10:35-10:40	Opening remarks by M M Power, Additional Director General & HOD, GSI
10:40-10:45	Opening remarks by S Raju, Director General, GSI
10:45-10:50	Opening remarks by Vivek Bharadwaj, Secretary, Ministry of Mines
10:50-11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Book/publication release- Contribution of Geological Survey of India in search of Coal Indian Journal of Geosciences, Volume 76, No. 2, April- June 2022▪ Inauguration of poster on Geoheritage/Geotourism sites by S Raju, Director General, GSI
	Topic/ Session
	Session 1: Geodiversity
11:00- 11:30	Inaugural talk- <i>Nurturing Geodiversity: A Road to Sustainable Development</i> – O N Bhargava, Honorary Professor, Punjab University
	Session 2: Geoheritage
11:30- 11:50	<i>Geoheritage and National Monuments in India: Role of GSI</i> – Asit Saha, Deputy Director General, GSI
11:50-12:00	<i>Digital (signage) for National Geological Monuments</i> – Ravi Kumar Vundavalli, Director, GSI (Retired)
12:00-12:20	<i>Rahr Bengal Geoheritage Trail: Prospect and proposition-</i> Satyabrata Guha, Deputy Director General, GSI (Retired)
	Session 3: Heritage Stones
12:20-12:40	<i>Makrana Marble: A popular Heritage Stone Resource from North West India-</i> Gurmeet Kaur, Professor, Chandigarh University
12:40-13:00	<i>Laterite- A Potential Heritage Stone Resource from Peninsular India-</i> S K Wadhawan, Director General, GSI (Retired)
13:00- 13:30	Q&A session
13:30-14:30	Lunch Beak
	Session 4: Geotourism & Geoparks
14:30-14:50	<i>Geotourism in India: a prologue</i> – Snigdha Ghatak, Director, GSI
14:50-15:00	<i>Geotourism Map of India-</i> Nabanita Nandy & Pradip Mukherjee, Director, GSI
15:00- 15:20	<i>Geomorphosites in India: Their inventory, evaluation, promotion and conservation-</i> Viswas Kale, Professor, Pune University (Retired)
15:20-15:30	<i>Geotourism destinations in Maharashtra: few case studies-</i> M S Bodas, Deputy Director General, GSI (Retired)

15:30- 15:50	<i>Geotourism potential of Vishakapatnam-</i> Rajsekhar Reddy, INTACH & Professor (Retired), Andhra University
13:50- 16:10	<i>Geoparks development in India- the road ahead-</i> Pradeep Singh, Director Technical, Ministry of Mines
	Session 5- Geoethics
16:10-16:20	<i>Geotourism through the lens of Geoethics</i> – Sylvia Peppoloni, Professor, IAPG (Audio-visual)
16:20-16:40	<i>Geoethics toolkit for sustenance of geodiversity-</i> Surya Prakash, Professor, NIDM & IAPG India Chapter
16:40-17:00	<i>Geoethics in mineral exploration</i> – M K Devarajan, Vice President, Exploration, Supreme Gold Corporation
17:00-17:05	<i>Geoethics and Palaeontology</i> – Daniel De Miguel, IAPG (Audio-visual)
17:05-17:15	<i>Fossil sampling and Geoethics</i> - Debahuti Mukherjee, Director, GSI
17:15-18:00	Panel discussion & summing up (including Q&A) Panellists: S Raju, DG, GSI M M Power, HOD & ADG, ADSS, GSI Neloy Khare, Scientist – “G”, Ministry of Earth Sciences Sugata Hazra, Professor, Jadavpur University Sunil De, Professor, NEHU & President, IAG Ravi Kumar Vundavalli, Director, GSI (Retired) M S Bodas, DyDG, GSI (Retired) Other Stakeholders
18:00	Vote of Thanks

Rapporteur: Geetanjali Rana/ Diptansu Sengupta, Senior Geologists, GSI

Meeting Link:

<https://gsi-chq.webex.com/gsi-chq/j.php?MTID=m444bc0b44d6b3feefb1f4101fe8d65bd>
Thursday, Oct 14, 2022 10:00 am | (UTC+05:30) Chennai, Kolkata, Mumbai, New Delhi
Meeting number: 2511 449 0729
Password: 8144
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