

**MINUTES OF THE SILVER JUBILEE AND ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING
OF ODISHA GEOLOGICAL SERVICE ASSOCIATION (OGSA) HELD ON 31.10.2015 AND 01.11.2015
AT HOTEL SURYANSH, BHUBANESWAR AND DIRECTORATE OF GEOLOGY, ODISHA, BHUBANESWAR**

The Silver Jubilee and Annual General Body Meeting of OGSA was held at Hotel Suryansh, Bhubaneswar on 31.10.2015 and Directorate of Geology, Odisha, Bhubaneswar on 01.11.2015.

31.10.2015

The Silver Jubilee function was attended by members and Ex-Members of OGSA. The inaugural session was graced by Chief Guest Sri P K Mallik, Hon'ble Minister of Steel & Mines, Labour and ESI, Government of Odisha. Sri R K Sharma, IAS, Principal Secretary to Government of Odisha, Steel and Mines Department and Sri A T Dash, Director of Geology, Odisha attended the inaugural function as the Guests of Honour. Sri Bikash Chandra Sahoo, Vice President presided over the meeting in the absence of President, as he voluntarily retired from Government Service earlier during the year.

The meeting started with Welcome Song followed by lighting of lamp by the Chief Guest, Guests of Honour, OGSA Vice President Sri Bikash Chandra Sahoo and General Secretary Dr Prabal Kumar Chand.

Delivering the inaugural address, Sri Bikash Chandra Sahoo, Vice President of the Association said that completing 25th year is a huge accomplishment for Odisha Geological Service Association. Not only has the association overcome the challenges of the formative years successfully, it has grown in strength from time to time. Solidarity among the members has been the striking feature of OGSA. All these years, the association was always pro-administration and the members have conducted themselves to the highest levels of decency. The member officers have silently worked hard on whatever assignment was handed to them. He expressed hope that the members would keep up the good work during the coming days. He was delighted to welcome the ex-members of the association to this Silver Jubilee Function and said that the seniors were always like guiding light for the member Officers. He further said that no words or deed could be sufficient in expressing gratitude towards them.

Dr P K Chand, General Secretary in his Annual Report extended a hearty welcome to the Guests, members and ex-members of the Association. At the outset he provided a historical account of the Steel and Mines Department, Directorate of Geology and the Service Association. He expressed concern that the Service Cadre was very old and needed immediate restructuring. Dr Chand offered a brief account of the achievement of the members of the association in mineral exploration and discovery. He said, that the mineral revenue earned by the State is mainly due to the hard work of the Geoscientists in the field. The General Secretary expressed his satisfaction over the fact that the Association is functioning in a democratic manner and conducting the Executive body and Annual General Body Meetings regularly. Dr Chand expressed further concern on the challenges faced by the members of the association during field work and the gross neglect by the Government in addressing the genuine issues of the association. Throwing light on the inordinate delay in the promotion of officers he demanded early filling up of the vacant posts and creation of several posts as per the proposal submitted by OGSA to Government. Officers of many cadres are enjoying Jr Class-I entry level posts whereas Officers of the Directorate were deprived of the same until now which should be immediately addressed by the Government.

Guest of Honour Sri Artatrana Dash, Director of Geology advised the member Officers to keep themselves abreast with the latest advancements in mineral exploration techniques and use them in their work. He said that the new technology and gadgets have made the life of the Geoscientists easier than the old days.

Sri R K Sharma, Principal Secretary said that the Geoscientists were dear to his heart as exploration was the most important part of the mineral development and the work of these Officers led to the auction of the mineral deposits. He urged upon the members of the Association to step up the exploration efforts with higher commitment and assured to take care of the issues faced by the members of the Association like restructuring of the cadre and filling up of the vacant posts. Sri Sharma praised the Ex-Members of the Association for their contribution to the field of mineral development and said that their services could soon be hired by the Government in various mineral exploration initiatives.

Addressing the gathering, Chief Guest Sri P K Mallik, Hon'ble Minister, Steel & Mines, Labour and ESI said that the Department was contemplating to send the Officers on higher training inside the country and abroad. He advised the Geoscientists to take the expert opinion of the Professors of Universities and other technical institutions. He further requested the Principal Secretary to make provisions for suitably rewarding the Officers, who excel in their work, so that others can also be inspired to do better work.

The inaugural session ended with a vote of thanks from the Jt Secretary (Organisation) Md Q J Khan. Later in the day, the Ex-members of the Association were felicitated. The felicitation ceremony was followed by a cultural programme in the evening.

01.11.2015

Day 2 of the function started with the inaugural address of the Vice President Sri Bikash Chandra Sahoo. Sri Sahoo thanked the members for their overwhelming support and cooperation in making the Silver Jubilee function and the felicitation of members a successful one. The Vice President then expressed hope that the Minister and Secretary would act upon their promise and help in fulfillment of the long standing demands of the Association.

General Secretary, Dr P K Chand in his address discussed the action taken on the resolutions of the previous AGM. Dr Chand threw light on the latest development on various issues like Restructuring of the cadre, filling up of the vacant posts of Joint Director of Geology and Deputy Director of Geology at headquarters as well as zonal survey offices of the Directorate, preparation of updated gradation list of Officers, provision of insurance for Officers of the Directorate, enhancement of TA allotment and training of the Officers. He expressed hope that the restructuring of the cadre was overdue and government may very soon address the issue as per the proposal earlier submitted by the Association.

During the business session, the members discussed on the resolutions of the previous AGM and suggested ways and means to apprise the Government for an early action on the long standing demands of the association. It was unanimously resolved to bring the issues to the notice of the Director of Geology, Principal Secretary of Steel and Mines Department and Minister, Steel and Mines. The members also resolved to meet the Hon'ble Chief Minister and apprise him of their woes if the issues were not addressed at an early date.

During the afternoon session, the resolutions were adopted and elections were held to various offices of OGSA for the Year 2015-16. The newly elected Office bearers addressed the house. President Anup Kumar Rout expressed happiness over being elected to the post and vowed to serve the association with maximum dedication. General Secretary, Shubhransu Mishra said he would leave no stone unturned in pursuing the resolutions of AGM for early results. The Annual General Body Meeting ended with a vote of thanks from the Jt Secretary (Organisation) Md Q J Khan.

The election results are provided in the next page.

**RESULT OF ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS
OF ODISHA GEOLOGICAL SERVICE ASSOCIATION
FOR THE YEAR 2015-16**

Elections were successfully conducted by Sri Satchidananda Parida, (JDG L-I) and Jagatpati Panda, JDG, who were unanimously nominated by the house to officiate for the purpose.

Name of the Post	Elected member	Designation	Telephone
President	: Anup Kumar Rout	Deputy Director Geology	94370 53336
Vice President	: Bikash Chandra Sahoo	Geologist	98614 25699
General Secretary	: Shubhransu Mishra	Geologist	94370 30370
Secretary, Technical	: Dharmendra Sharma	Geologist	94372 14719
Joint Secretary, Headquarters	: Manoranjan Behera	Geophysicist	73811 77795
Joint Secretary, Organisation	: Md Qaiser Jamal Khan	Geologist	98610 67455
Treasurer	: Kalpataru Nayak	Geologist	98537 08288
Executive Committee Members			
	<i>Headquarters</i>		
	1. Dr Sushree Anupama Jena	Geologist	94371 72589
	2. Dr Sasmita Sahoo	Petrologist	98610 74460
	3. Swagatika Dash	Geophysicist	97773 71754
	<i>Zonal Surveys</i>		
	Berhampur : Satyajit Rout	Geologist	89847 27514
	Dhenkanal : Sujit Kumar Das	Geologist	88953 93596
	Keonjhar : Jayaprakash Nayak	Geologist	94378 65865
	Sambalpur : Sudhansu Kumar Rath	Deputy Director Geology	99373 97360
	Bolangir : Santosh Kumar sahu	Geologist	98616 05024
	Koraput : Bhabani Sankar Rauta	Geologist	94385 20764
Special Invitees	1. Dr Prabal Kumar Chand	Petrologist	94379 55222
	2. Gopa Krushna Bhuyan	Joint Director Geology (L-I)	98537 79992
Advisory Board			
	1. Arunbala Mishra	Joint Director Geology	94371 99333
	2. Kshitish Patnaik	Deputy Director Geology	94380 77936
	3. Saroj Kumar Sahu	Deputy Director Geology	94375 94319
	4. Mayadhar Behera	Deputy Director Geology	94371 19278
	5. Manoranjan Mahapatra	Deputy Director Geology	94371 93042

A K Raut
President

S Mishra
General Secretary