

**A note on the Workshop on Inter-institutional convergence on analytical capabilities & data sharing with special reference to geological applications, organized by Geological Survey of India Training Institute and Southern Region, Hyderabad**

A Workshop on “Inter-institutional convergence on analytical capabilities & data sharing with special reference to geological applications” was held at GSI Training Institute, Hyderabad on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018. The workshop was chaired by Dr. K. Rajeswara Rao, Additional Secretary, MoM, Government of India in presence of Shri N. Kutumba Rao, DG, GSI and Shri M. Sridhar, ADG & HoD, SR, GSI. The workshop was attended by the heads and senior scientists of various organizations viz. NGRI, AMD, CIMFR, JNARDDC, IBM, IMMT, NML, MECL, NMDC and State DMGs of Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, etc.

In the opening remarks, Additional Secretary, MoM, succinctly put the objective of the workshop as GSI is getting more and more attention from policymakers, the need for speedier delivery with an increased quantum of work is the expectation, which can only be achieved by overcoming the challenges of optimum delivery in faster time period. Convergence of capabilities of the State owned Research Laboratories, educational institutions, etc. into the exploration operations of GSI and similar exploration agencies like DGMs, AMD, etc. can help immensely in the delivery challenges.

Sh. P. Tarafdar, Dy. DG, PSS-P&M, GSI, presented an overview of activities of GSI and possible potentialities for collaboration and convergence. This was followed by the presentations on analytical capabilities and laboratory network of GSI by Sh. G. Vidyasagar, ADG & NMH-IV, GSI and on capabilities of chemical laboratories of GSI by Sh. F. Kharshing, Dy. DG, Chemistry.

Then the participating delegates presented on the workshop theme and presented their analytical and instrumental capabilities and potential for future collaboration fields. The Workshop then progressed on discussing various aspects of future collaboration potential, especially in the analytical capabilities and data sharing domain, which have emerged out of the workshop’s proceedings.



Dr. K. Rajeswara Rao, AS, Mines, Shri N. Kutumba Rao, DG, GSI and Shri M. Sridhar, ADG & HoD, SR, GSI at the inauguration of the Workshop

Distinguished delegates from different organisations at the Workshop



Shri M. Sridhar delivering the welcome address



Dr. K. Rajeswara Rao delivering Chairman's address



The proceedings of the workshop is in progress