

Welcome

1. Shri R.H. Sawkar, Secretary, Geological Society of India welcomed the Guests and Delegates and said that the Geological Society of India was founded in Bangalore on 28th May 1958 with almost all the leading Geologists of that day joining the Society as Fellows of the Society.
2. Realizing the independent growth of the Society for the first 25 years the DST, Government of India came forward to support the activities of the Society in the publication of Journal, Memoirs and Text Books. At the time of celebrating Golden Jubilee year on 12th October 2008, realizing the effective and visible structure that has been built over 50 years by the Society, MoES has sanctioned Rs. 25 lakhs every year for the next five years to promote the cause of geological research by publication of Journal, Memoirs and Text Books. This will greatly help the Society to represent internationally the scientific works of India in the field of earth science.
3. Sri S.V. Srikantia, Vice President of our Geological Society of India initiated the celebration of foundation day, which was held on 28th May 2008 at Society Office. At the inaugural function of the celebration of the golden jubilee year on the 12th October 2008 it was decided that foundation day should be celebrated every year on 28th May, with ultimate goal to strive for excellence in geological education, mineral exploration, development of water resources, participation in international projects and placing geology in the service of mankind.
4. Keeping the suggestions made at the time of celebration of Golden Jubilee in October 2008, the Society in association with HGML, has organized 2 days Seminar on Gold Industry in India followed by a visit to important fold fields of Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh. The aim of the seminar and field trip is to initiate action to bring known gold deposits one by one into production.
5. Society in fact organized first seminar on gold and brought out first Memoir on Gold Mining Industry in India in the year 1963 which initiated exploration activities by the Government Agencies. Since last 50 years, large number of significant papers has been published in Society Journal and it is proposed to bring out a volume highlighting the significant papers from the journal as Memoir of the Society.
6. To highlight the methods adopted in the development of gold industry in South Africa, Australia, Canada and China, it is planned to have interactive field visits of selected experts of exploration, mining, metallurgy, environment and finance and address the Central and State Government authorities to play a proactive role in the development of gold industry which can create rural employment and permanent wealth.
7. The seminar is divided into 5 technical sessions and the detailed programme has been circulated with Abstract Volume and Field Guide Book.
8. Sri V.D. Rajagopal, Director, Department of Mines & Geology, Andhra Pradesh and Vice Chairman, Andhra Pradesh Mineral Development Corporation Ltd., invited the Society to hold its 2010 Foundation Day at Hyderabad followed by field visit to important gold and diamond deposits of Andhra Pradesh.