

## Address of Sh. S. L. Kapil, Secretary, ISEG, 2020-21



Dear ISEG Members,

At the outset, I thank the esteemed life members of ISEG from bottom of my heart for providing me an opportunity to serve this prestigious society dedicated to geoscience by electing me as the Secretary, ISEG for the term 2020-21. I am definite that with the support of luminaries, the glorious past council members, the illustrious life members and newly elected executive council, ISEG shall definitely excel and shall contribute significantly for overall growth of Geotechnical Engineers and Geological fraternity as a whole. I sincerely feel that the ultimate aim of ISEG that is to project India in the international forum as a leading geotechnical force is not far away.

My heartfelt thanks goes to the past President Prof. K.S.Rao and past Secretary Dr. Saibal Ghosh for successfully carrying the ISEG banner high and strong for last two years. Under their guidance, ISEG successfully organised EGCON-2018 at Hyderabad. Moreover, the Journal of Engineering Geology has also got a facelift to match with the international standards. I am sure the present council will also carry forward this responsibility with equal zeal and vigour. My heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Gopal Dhawan, Shri R.N. Mishra, Shri M.Raju, Shri Yogender Deva, Shri A.K.Mishra, and all other senior and active members of the society whose never ending spirit and enthusiasm are the sources of inspiration for all of us.

As I am bestowed with the responsibility of the secretary of this glorious society, I look forward to work on the proposed future roadmaps of the society in close collaboration with the newly elected council and support of our seniors and fellow members. It is worth

mentioning here that the present council is a perfect congregation of experts from academics, Central Govt. Organizations, Public Sectors, Corporates, Entrepreneurs stewarded by our President - an eminent Construction Engineer. I am sure the council will produce excellent results by working together.

Some highlights of the proposed carryover for the next council are:

- To initiate recognized certification courses on Engineering Geology under the aegis of ISEG.
- To enhance the quality of the journal and make it an internationally acceptable indexed electronic journal.
- To improve the connectivity with the members electronically and create E-learning resources.
- To enhance membership base of ISEG and IAEG for better penetration at National and International levels – to start “each one make one” initiative.
- To showcase presence of ISEG in the forthcoming International Geological Congress (IGC)-2020 in March, 2020.
- To organize at least one International Conference and one National Conference during the tenure.

I pledge my sincere support and dedication in transforming the above goals to reality in best of my capacity. I am sure the present vibrant council will work towards introducing innovative, latest technology in the field of Engineering Geological Investigations to raise the bars and improvise on the age old traditional practices that are in place. This will help in bridging the gap and make the geotechnical engineers stand at par in international forum. I once again thank our senior members and past council for entrusting me with this opportunity to serve this society and Engineering Geology as a whole.