

Message from President ISEG



Dear Members

I am greatly overwhelmed by the honour you have bestowed upon me to serve as the 27th President of the Indian Society of Engineering Geology for the term 2018-19 and take this opportunity to share my thoughts with you.

The Society has grown significantly and established good traditions. It is a tribute to our past Presidents, Secretaries other Office bearers and members that the ISEG not merely survived but is a vibrant and thriving assemblage of engineering geologists today. The Society has carved a place for itself and over the years its members have distinguished themselves nationally and internationally.

India is a gigantic country and is Geologically as varied as its numerous ethnic and languages. The country has embarked upon major projects such as construction of kilometers of highways, metros and large storage spaces, numerous hydro projects in the north and north east regions, mining of mineral resources, offshore structures in the difficult Krishna-Godavari basins, nuclear power projects with waste disposal repositories and some of the most challenging railway tunnels and bridges in the Himalayas and also mitigation of natural disasters. The beautiful Leh valley consisting of thick fluvio-glacio-lacustrine deposits completely washed away due to cloud burst, left a devastating trail of human misery. The country experiences recurring earthquakes, landslides, mudslides, floods and other failures, natural or otherwise require mitigation strategies and ingenious solutions to minimize risk and improve living conditions.

Keeping pace with the needs of the country, the ISEG has contributed significantly to the national development, teaching and research in the field of Engineering Geology. Regular routine activities of the Society will be continued and pursued vigorously. Based on the consultations of a large cross section of the members of the Society, I tried to frame a road map and action plan for the Society. A few of the priorities are listed below:

- To increase the role of the Society in the decision making process of the country at an administrative level and provide inputs to make development plans effective.
- To improve the quality of the journal and make it internationally acceptable. Eventually with an international editorial board, bring out the journal in electronic format
- To improve the connectivity with the members electronically and create E-learning resources
- To initiate Student Membership for early induction and spread the activities across the country
- To increase membership base especially from the academic, corporate and research institutions.
- To create ISEG Building Fund for a permanent House in NCR for the Society

- To create a more robust technical annual calendar
- To create vibrant Web with payment gateway
- To create all Geo-societies forum to achieve some common goals
- To enhance IAEG membership and International visibility

Thanks for electing a very energetic EC. My job is cut out for the next two years! Action on some of the above issues is already initiated. I passionately urge all members of the Society to actively contribute and bring the "Paradigm Shift". The shift we all deserve. Please write your views on the above and more.

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