

**SH. A. K. SINGH, CHAIRMAN AND MANAGING DIRECTOR, NHPC LTD.
HAS TAKEN OVER AS PRESIDENT, ISEG**



Sh. A. K. Singh, Chairman and Managing Director, NHPC was recently elected as the 28th President of Indian Society of Engineering Geology (ISEG) for the term 2020-21. The charge was formally handed over to him by his predecessor Prof. K. Seshagiri Rao, President, ISEG 2018-19 by handing over the Presidential shield during the AGM of the society held on 11.01.2020 at NHPC Office Complex, Faridabad.



Prof. K.S. Rao, President ISEG 2018-19 is handing over the Presidential Shield to Sh. A. K. Singh, President, 2020-21

Born in 1962, Sh. Abhay Kumar Singh completed his Civil Engineering from National Institute of Technology, Durgapur (formerly REC, Durgapur), West Bengal in 1983. Sh. Singh started his professional journey with NHPC in 1985 as a Probationary Executive at Tanakpur HE Project. His persistent learning attitude coupled with the ability to multitask, resulted in his taking up various responsibilities of the project at a very early stage. With his strategic thinking mindset, fact-based result oriented decision making, he could utilize the

available resources to the fullest and also succeeded in achieving targets ahead of schedule. In his 35 years of professional life, he has played pivotal roles at many Hydroelectric projects like Tanakpur (94.2 MW), Dhauliganga-I (280 MW), Teesta Low Dam Stage-IV (160 MW), Parbati Stage-II (800 MW), Parbati Stage-III (520 MW) and Kishanganga (330 MW) with responsibilities ranging from construction management of key project components to the Head of the Project (HOP) and Regional Head roles. He possesses strong capabilities in tackling complex site challenges such as managing local issues, technical & commercial issues, managing geological uncertainties, re-mobilizations, etc.

He took over as Chairman and Managing Director of NHPC Limited, India's premier hydropower utility and a Schedule 'A' Enterprise of Government of India on 24th February 2020. Prior to his appointment as CMD, NHPC, Sh. Singh held positions of Executive Director, Project Monitoring and Support Group and Renewable Energy and Consultancy Divisions of NHPC as well as Nominee Director in Loktak Downstream Hydroelectric Corporation Limited.

Being a charismatic leader in true sense, he strongly believes in team work through ownership, responsibility competency, knowledge, and one company mind-set. He is passionate about development of hydropower projects, and at the same time is open to advancements and diversification in the power sector, including other Renewables. He is a firm believer of inculcating new technologies in investigation, scheduling, execution, monitoring and state-of-the-art construction equipment/ machinery for faster and development of any project. He has taken keen interest in introducing state of the art investigation techniques viz. Resistivity Imaging, Seismic Tomography and Tunnel Seismic Prediction (TSP) for accurate prognosis of sub surface and ahead of face geological conditions in tunnels.

Recognizing his contribution to Hydropower development and Water Resources Sector in India, REPA (Renewable Energy Promotion Association) and ENERTIA Foundation has conferred him with 'HYDRO RATNA' award.

In his welcome address Sh. Singh expressed his sincere gratitude to all the ISEG members for providing him the opportunity to serve as president of this prestigious society. He stressed upon the important role of ISEG in providing a technical platform wherein geoscientists and engineers can sit together and exchange their technical knowledge in resolving the complex geotechnical issues in hydropower and infrastructure projects. He assured his full support and cooperation in raising endeavour of the society in new heights. He also sought support and cooperation from all the members in achieving the future goals of the society.