

## A Report on Delhi-NCR Chapter

A significant event was recorded in the history of ISEG when The Delhi-NCR Chapter was formally launched on 8-2-2010 at NPTI Auditorium, Faridabad during one day workshop organized for same. The new regional chapter was launched by Dr. P.C. Nawani, President, ISEG and Dr. Faquan Wu, Vice President (Asia), IAEG by lighting the ceremonial lamp.

The event was a great success which is indicated by the fact that it got very good support from the engineering geology/ geotechnical fraternity of Delhi and NCR region and was attended by 106 delegates who became members of the Delhi-NCR Chapter for year 2010. The event was whole heartedly supported by ISEG and co-sponsored by M/s. Patel Energy Resources Pvt. Ltd., NOIDA and M/s. Teesta Urja Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi. Other frontline organizations that are active in the field of engineering geology and geotechnique such as NHPC, CRRI, ICCS, GMR, EPIL, NTPC, SNC- Lavalin, and Reliance Energy had also nominated strong contingents of delegates along with their best wishes for the new Delhi-NCR Chapter. M/s. ATES & MRIU were also represented at the workshop besides some individual delegates who participated enthusiastically. ISEG was represented by its President, Secretary, Joint Secretary and many Council Members some of whom had come from distant places like Kolkata, Kolar and Lucknow to attend the workshop. The presence of many well known Engineering Geologists and Geotechnical Experts from Delhi- NCR region and other places including Dr. Faquan Wu, from China, representing IAEG and a number of Council Members of ISEG added to the success of the event as a whole.



Speaking on the occasion, Dr P. C. Nawani, President, ISEG said that the Society was making a fresh beginning by the Launch of Delhi-NCR Chapter and hoped that many more regional chapters shall be initiated in near future. Shri Y. Deva, Secretary, ISEG gave a brief account of the activities of ISEG, future plans and requested the professionals to join the society.

The technical proceedings of the workshop included lectures on "Brief Introduction to Geohazards Prevention in Three Gorges Project Area" by Dr. Faquan Wu, Professor at Institute of Geology and Geophysics, Chinese Academy of Sciences and Vice-President, IAEG (Asia). The talk by Prof. Wu gave a brief account of the treatment of landslides taken up on a massive scale to make the reservoir rim stable and also the rehabilitation efforts carried out on massive scale to resettle more than one million people affected by

this mega project. The lecture of Prof. Wu was followed by another presentation on 'Engineering Geology in 21<sup>st</sup> Century' by Dr. P.C. Nawani, Director, NIRM and President, ISEG. Dr. Nawani mentioned about the developments that are likely to take place in the field of Engineering Geology in near future. He also discussed about the important role likely to be played by Information Technology, Communication Technology and Computers in the development of Engineering Geology in coming times. Both the lectures were well received by the delegates and were followed by lively discussions. The workshop ended with a vote of thanks given by Shri S. Bhatnagar, Joint Secretary, ISEG.

The workshop organized for the event was followed by the General Body Meeting of the newly formed Delhi-NCR Chapter. The objective of the GBM was to elect a governing body for the year 2010. Following persons were elected by the GBM:

- Convener - Shri Imran Sayeed, Chief (Geology) NHPC and Council Member, ISEG
  - Co-Convener - Shri C.K. Sengupta, Geologist (Sr.), GSI, New Delhi
  - Treasurer - Shri P.K. Gupta, Chief (Geology) NHPC
- Members of the Governing body S/Shri S. Kannan, GMR and S.K. Garhia , Energy Infratech

It is pertinent to add here that a beginning towards launching of the Delhi-NCR Chapter was made when the ISEG Council passed a resolution to this effect during a meeting held in October 2009 and entrusted the task of organizing the workshop to Shri Imran Sayeed, Chief (Geology) NHPC and Council Member, to mark the launching of this local chapter of ISEG. The objective of the regional chapter is to promote interaction amongst the Geotechnical professionals and Scientists based in Delhi-NCR region. The event could not have been possible without the support and encouragement given by Dr. Gopal Dhawan, Vice-President, ISEG and Executive Director (Geotech), NHPC.

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