

**Message from the Director General,
Geological Survey of India
Operationalisation of OCBIS – a new beginning
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The prestigious and ambitious IT enablement project of Geological Survey of India, Online Core Business Integrated System (OCBIS) is finally ready to be used all across the country. The beta version of the OCBIS Portal was launched by the then Secretary, Ministry of Mines, Shri Balvinder Kumar on 18th October 2016. Since then, we have come a long way. We have already started using critical applications like FSPMIS for formulating FS 2017-18, Enterprise Portal, Content Management System and Bhukosh – the Geospatial store. True to our promise, we have already started disseminating invaluable geoscientific information through the Portal and Bhukosh. Through OCBIS we are also attempting a paradigm change in field data collection approach. GSI is going to introduce digital field data collection for the Baseline Data Generation projects from FS 2017-18. Extensive training workshops are planned in next few months to that effect to equip our young, energetic and dynamic field going officers.

Administrative and support applications namely Laboratory management, THReDs Payroll, HRMS, APAR, Material Management, Core library, Grievance redressal, Country collaboration, RTI, Tenement Data Management system, Parliament Question, Estate Management, Rajbhasha, CGPB, Drilling Management

and Vehicle Management, Vigilance, Legal, have been developed based on significant contributions from our domain experts and their enthusiastic participation throughout the software development cycle. These are now ready for operationalization and widespread usage.

The 7th Pay Commission recommendations and other GOI rule changes have impacted the roll-out of Claims and Integrated Finance Management System to some extent, but we are sure of getting these applications live very soon.

FS 2017-18 is a crucial year for us. We have to imbibe these applications in our daily working environment with zeal and zest. I am sure that each one of us will cooperate towards successful and full operationalisation of OCBIS applications. I hope with the e-Governance cells in place all offices including one at CHQ and with active support of the RMH-III and the Geodata personnel along with the 24x7 support of the OCBIS Help desk, the project will certainly achieve the desired goal.

Friends, OCBIS is an enabler. OCBIS applications are designed to be used for all our day-to-day work, efficiently and effectively, with the added bonus of all data getting stored, archived digitally – paving the way for a paperless office in near future. OCBIS has got the potential to transform GSI and that would be possible only with a concerted effort from all quarters. I appeal to all members of the GSI family to make this path breaking digital endeavour a stupendous success, and reach higher level of excellence in every sphere of our activities. *Digital GSI* will be a noteworthy contribution in respect of the Digital India initiative of GoI and towards the bigger cause of Nation building.

With Warm Wishes



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