

Note on the one day state level seminar organized by GSI, SU: Manipur-Nagaland at Liberal College, Luwangsangbam, Imphal.

One day state level seminar on “**Role of Geology and Geological Survey of India (GSI) in the society**” was jointly organized by GSI, SU: Manipur-Nagaland and Dept. of Geology, Liberal College, Luwangsangbam at the Seminar Hall, Liberal College, Luwangsangbam on 24th May, 2019 as a part of “BHUVISAMVAD” programme of Geological Survey of India under Ministry of Mines, Govt. of India. The official team of Geological Survey of India was led by Dr. C. Debojit Singh, Director and accompanied by Shri. M. Pradipkanta Singh and Shri. N. Herojit Singh, Sr. Geologists of SU: Manipur-Nagaland, GSI, Imphal. Kh. Inaobi, HOD, Dept. of Geology, Liberal College hosted the seminar, participated by faculties, students from most of the departments of Liberal College and S.K. Women College, Nambol, Imphal.

The seminar was inaugurated with lighting of candle by the dignitaries. Smt. W. Ibechaobi Devi, Principal, Liberal College gave the welcome address wishing the seminar a grand success and thanked the organizers for holding the seminar within short notice. She opined that such technical session is a pioneering activity and will enhance the scientific spirit of the faculties and students. In his key note address, Kh. Inaobi, HOD, Dept. of Geology, Liberal College highlighted the importance of such seminar which will increase the awareness of geology not only to the parent diaspora but also to the general public. Other guest speakers showed their eagerness to unravel geoscientific studies and contributions of GSI to the society.

Dr. C. Debojit Singh, Director started the technical session on the topic “**Role of Geology and Geological Survey of India (GSI) in the society**” and highlighted the prime importance of geology in our life. The speaker technically justified the need of geological study in today’s scientific world to the audience. He focused on the legacy of GSI since the 19th century, multi dimensional geo scientific studies and data generated by GSI covering the entire geographical length of the country. The talk ended in the appraisal of the GSI’s leading contribution in nation building. Shri N. Herojit Singh, Sr. Geologist spoke on “**GSI Portal - its Services and Utilities**” describing the GSI’s open access policy of scientific data sharing with other organizations. The various services provided by GSI through its web portal were discussed. Access to publications, reports, manuals, brochures and geo-infos were also highlighted. Interaction on the BHUKOSH- the gateway to the enormous geoscientific data of GSI was also carried out. Shri M. Pradipkanta Singh, Sr. Geologist showed the audience online demonstration of the various services and utilities of GSI portal. The afternoon session showcased the interactive session on “**Landslide**

Scenario in North East India” presented by Dr. C. Debojit Singh, Director. He reproduced many scientific data on landslide studies by GSI spanning about two decades in the region and vividly explained the causative factors and immediate remedial measures as well.

Certificates were also awarded to the participants by the organizers. The seminar culminated with the unanimous thought to carry forward the spirit to enhance geoscientific studies for the betterment of the society. Students opined that the seminar had been an eye opener for them. The dignitaries and faculties applauded the efforts of GSI. They assured for taking up collaborative research work to identify the critical gap areas in the geological setup of Manipur, in view of future prospects in mineral exploration in the ophiolite belt and geo-societal issues like landslide and seismic projects. The Principal expressed their desire to send students for field training under GSI sponsored programmes also.



Visuals of the Bhuvisamvad programme at Liberal College, Luwangsangbam, Imphal on 24th May, 2019