



Inauguration of



QUATERNARY & ENVIRONMENTAL GEOLOGY DIVISION

NORTH EASTERN REGION, SHILLONG

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA

The 'Quaternary and Environmental Geology' division was inaugurated in NER, GSI, Shillong by Shri Mulkh Raj Jarngal, ADG & HoD, NER on 30-04-2019 at the Bareh Building, Pohkseh, Shillong. The inaugural function was attended by the DDGs and RMH-I, II and III and other supervisory officers and officers, staff of NER, Shillong. The function was hosted by Dr. Sabyasachi Shome, DDG & RMH-IV, NER, Shillong.

In his welcome address, Dr. Sabyasachi Shome gave the backdrop on the necessity of creating the Quaternary and Environmental Geology division in NER, especially in light of VAQ recommendations of Theme -4 (Public Good Geosciences). He also highlighted that NER has taken one FSP item on Bank Erosion Vulnerability studies of Majuli Island from SU-Assam and one more item on Environmental Geology is also contemplated from Tripura state.

Shri Janak Raj, DDG & RMH-I stressed the importance of such division in light of changing scenario where sustainable development of the nation is in priority. He also pointed out that this particular division will pave way for synergy between Mission I and Mission IV.

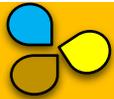
Dr. J. Rajeshwar, DDG & RMH-II highlighted the importance of environmental geology and complimented the efforts taken by the organization in this direction.

Shri R. R. Raul, DDG & RMH-III has pointed out that NER has plenty of scopes to carry out study in Quaternary Geology and this division should take up work immediately so that division remains relevant in today's world.

Dr. Tapan Pal, Director PSS, highlighted that the seed of this particular division was sowed long before the VAQ meeting when the-then DDG & RMH-IV, Shri M. J. D'souza had sent the concept note on the Quaternary Geological studies in Brahmaputra River basin. He highlighted that this division will definitely take up important projects for societal benefit. S/Shri M. K. Kaistha and J.K. Naik (Director) also welcomed this endeavour and hoped that this division will strive hard to establish GSI's presence in the field of Quaternary Geology as well as Environmental Geology and similar branches of multi-disciplinary geo-sciences like Urban Geochemistry and Agrogeology.

In his concluding remarks, Shri Mulkh Raj Jarngal stressed upon that with the opening up of this division, NER is now more oriented to take up challenges of sustainable development and this region has huge scope for taking up new items in this domain in collaboration with stakeholders. He wished a very bright future for this new division.

Dr. Bibhas Sen, Director, Regional Mission-IV, who compeered this inaugural function, also expressed thankfulness to the organizers of this event for making it successful.



Glimpses of Inauguration Ceremony

