

**CELEBRATION OF 169th FOUNDATION DAY OF GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF
INDIA AT SU:ODISHA, BHUBANESWAR.
(4th TO 6th, MARCH 2019)**

The 169th Foundation Day of Geological Survey of India was celebrated at Geological Survey of India, SU: Odisha, Bhubaneswar from 4th to 6th March, 2019 with great sincerity and enthusiasm. The office premises were decorated with banners and lights. The inaugural function was held at Blanford Hall and was attended by the officers and staff of SU: Odisha along with retired officers and staff of GSI as special guests. At the outset, Shri U. K. Pradhan, Superintending Geologist, welcomed all to the ceremony. Shri L. L. Viswakarma, Deputy Director General, SU: Odisha, chaired the occasion and Shri S. C. Rath, DG (Retd), GSI was the Chief Guest and Shri G. P. Mohapatra, ADG (Retd), GSI as Guest of Honour. The ceremony was inaugurated by lighting of lamp which was followed by a Sanskrit *shloka* by Ms. Piyali Dev Berman, Sr. Chemist. Cake was cut by the dignitaries to mark the formal birth day of the organisation. The retired officers shared their memories, experiences in GSI and elaborated how the second oldest department of the country evolved to a premier multi-disciplinary geoscientific organization in the world. A small cultural session was also organized in Blanford Hall.

Chief Guest of the ceremony Shri S.C. Rath, Ex DG, GSI addressed the gathering and explained the glorious past of GSI and recited few Sanskrit *Shlokas* from Bhagavad Gita. The Deputy Director General, SU: Odisha addressed the gathering and congratulated all for successful completion of the celebration of the 169th GSI Foundation day. The vote of thanks was given by Shri. S.K. Nayak, Director & HOO in the concluding session.

On the concluding day i.e. on 6th of March, 2019, a workshop cum training programme on “Geology and Mineral exploration of the Ferrous Group of minerals in a Precambrian milieu of Odisha” was organised by the Institute of Geoscientists, Odisha in the Blanford Hall. Besides participants from GSI, SU: Odisha, geoscientists from NMDC, TISCO, Rungta also attended the programme.



Welcome Address by
Shri U. K. Pradhan, Suptdg. Geologist



Inauguration of the ceremony by
Lighting of lamp



Address by Shri L. L. Viswakarma,
Dy. D. G., SU: Odisha



Cake cutting by the dignitaries



Address by Dr. M. R. Mohanty,
Retd. Dy. D. G., GSI



Address by Shri S. C. Rath,
Retd. DG, GSI



Officials of GSI attending celebration of 169th Foundation Day
at Blanford Hall, SU: Odisha, Bhubaneswar



Light decoration of GSI building, SU: Odisha, Bhubaneswar



Lecture by Shri J. K. Nanda, DDG (Retd)



Lecture by Shri R. N. Patra, DDG (Retd)