

National Workshop on Five Decades of GSI's Contributions to Geoscience of Karnataka and Goa — H.S.M. Prakash, M. Keshav Rao and Santosh Ingole (*Email: dr.hsmprakash@rediffmail.com*)

A two day national workshop on five decades of GSI's contributions to Geoscience of Karnataka and Goa was organised on 20th and 21st September, 2013 by GSI, Bangalore office at the spacious auditorium of Dayanand Sagar Institutions, Bangalore on the eve of the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of the State unit: Karnataka and Goa. The programme was inaugurated by R.H. Khwaja, Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Mines accompanied by Sri D.S. Mishra, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Mines. It was well attended by scientists and professors from geological institutions and universities in Karnataka and Goa and retired officers and staff members of the State unit: Karnataka and Goa and RSAS, Bangalore.

In his inaugural address, R.H. Khwaja complimented the geoscientists for their contributions to the fundamental and applied aspects of geosciences over the last five decades which have resulted in augmenting the mineral resources wealth of Karnataka and Goa to the extent of Rs.1,35,000 crores. Contributions during the first three decades when many modern facilities were not available have to be greatly appreciated as they formed the basis for future work. While recalling the past glory, responsibility of the future work has to be kept in mind as demand for mineral resources is going to increase in the subsequent decades. Both R.H. Khwaja and D.S. Mishra chided the concerned

divisions for the delayed Heli surveys and called for an urgent action plan for the ensuing season. Both the officers complimented A. Sundaramoorthy, DG, GSI, for the timely acquisition of the new ultra modern ocean research vessel named *Samudra Ratnakara* which will be dedicated to the nation in the third week of October, 2013. S. Balakrishnan, DDG & HOD welcomed the gathering and the vote of thanks was delivered by M. Ravikumar, DDG, SU: K&G.

A geological exhibition was arranged in the foyer of the auditorium which was appreciated by the public and students. Technical sessions comprising 23 presentations by geoscientists of GSI, other organizations and retired stalwarts and veterans were arranged on 20th and 21st September, 2013. One exclusive session was allocated for presentations by younger scientists. Key note addresses were delivered by M. Ramakrishnan, S.V. Srikantia, M.M. Swamy, A.K. Rai, Prabhakar Sangurmath, Mohamed K. Najeeb, A.V. Jayaprakash, T.V. Ramachandran, Parijat Roy, R. Jayakumar, K.T. Vidyadharan, H.M. Ramachandra, N. Rajendran, S.K. Bhushan, K. Prabhakara, on various aspects of the geology and mineral resources of Karnataka and Goa. The panel discussion was held during the concluding session and the recommendations of the workshop were presented to the DG, GSI such as reopening of the PGE

investigation in Hanumalapura area and investigating for PGE in other mafic-ultramafic bodies of Karnataka and Goa, age determinations for reinterpreting the Archaean-Proterozoic boundary, to reassess known low grade sulphide deposits, to explore other schist belts for gold, etc., to make FSP comprising teams of geologists, geophysicists and geochemists, to synthesise the NGCM data, to strengthen engineering geology, ore microscopy, petrology, etc, to publish Bruce Foote volumes and to bring out a special volume on the deliberations of this workshop. DG, GSI called upon officers of SU: K&G to update memoir No.112: Supracrustals of Southern Karnataka as lot of new data is available and to take up new STM items in critical areas.

The office of SU: Karnataka and Goa was opened in August, 1961 with B. Lashkar as its first Superintending Geologist. This office has done commendable work on Dharwar Geology, Sargurs, PGC, Deccan Traps, Kaladgis, Badami's, Bhimas and mineral investigations for gold, copper, PGE, Ti-V, diamond, limestone, iron, manganese, chromite, dimension stone, etc. A colourful souvenir was released on the occasion along with the revised half million scale map of Geology and Mineral resources of Karnataka and Goa, eight mineral belt maps and one quadrangle map.

ERRATUM

In the Obituary note on K.V. Krishnamurthy, published in the October 2013 issue of the Journal, on page 436, the date should read as (1934-2013) instead of (1993-2013). The error is highly regretted.