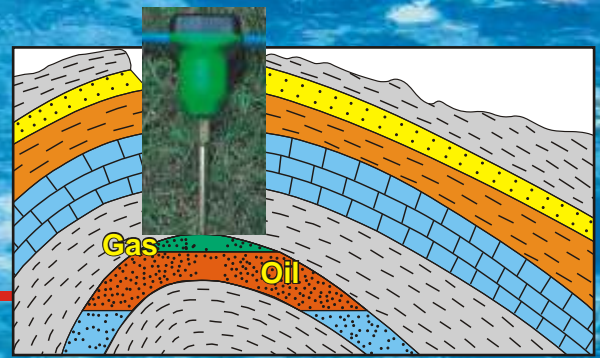




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Field Crew Ambushed

A field crew of ONGC (GP 33) was ambushed on 24th June 2002 while returning from work. This attack occurred near Dhansiri railway station in Karbi Anglong district of Assam. Indiscriminate gunfire led to the death of Sh. Rajendra Prasad SG (S), Sh. R C Kakoty AE (Mech) of ONGC and S/Shri Barik, Jairam Timong, C R Hansa, Samsung and Ashok Chetri; all contract workers. Sh. Mithai Lal SG(S) ONGC was amongst several others seriously injured in the attack.

(Assam Tribune and ONGC Reports)

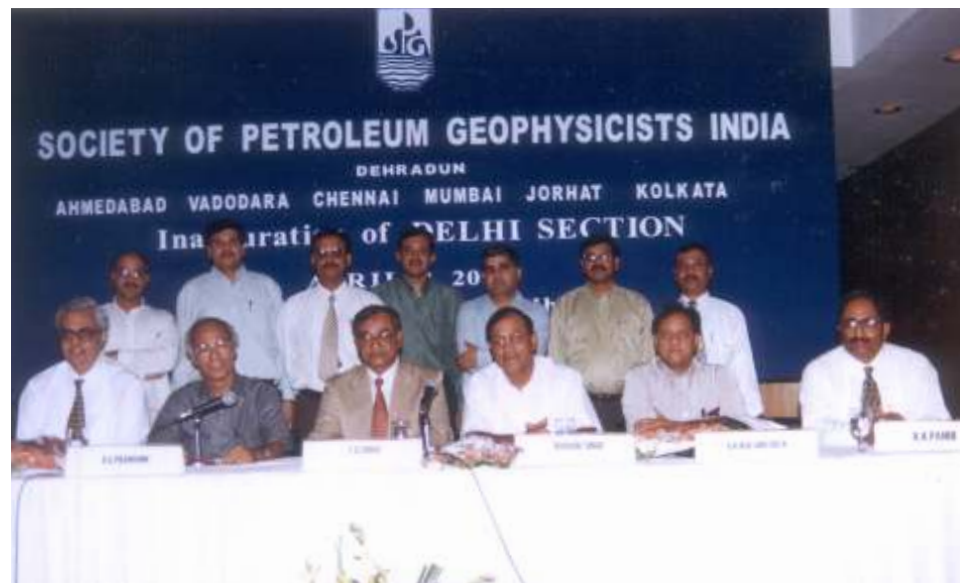
More SPG Sections and Student Sections

With a view to widen the reach of SPG new regional sections have been started at Delhi and Hyderabad (see picture).

Shri Y.B. Sinha, Director (Expln.) ONGC, presided over the function of SPG Delhi Section attended by geoscientists from DGM, ONGC, Schlumberger, Silicon Graphics, IBM, CGG Pan, Cairn Energy amongst others.

Shri Kharak Singh, President SPG, congratulated the office bearers and impressed upon them their pivotal role in coordination between E&P companies, service companies and governmental regulatory bodies.

The Inaugural function of SPG Hyderabad Section was attended by scientists from NGRI, Osmania University, Alpha Geo, Alcor Technologies etc. Dr. Harinarayan, doyen of geophysics in India lit the lamp to mark the occasion.



SPG Delhi Section inaugural function at Le Meridien

The executive committee of these sections have been duly constituted as per list below.

Executive Committee at SPG Delhi

President : Sh. V. K. Kulshrestha, OIL

Vice-President : Sh. Darshan Singh, CGG PAN

Secretary : Sh. S.P. Rana, ONGC

Joint Secretary: Sh. D. Nanda, ONGC

Treasurer : Sh. Rajeev Kumar, ONGC

Executive Members:

- (i) Sh. Ajay Kumar Gupta, ONGC
- (ii) Sh. J. Malhotra, Schlumberger
- (iii) Sh. P. K. Tyagi, Landmark
- (iv) Sh. Tanuj Upadhyaya, ONGC
- (v) Sh. Pawan Kumar, OIL



(vi) Sh. A.K. Jauhary, ONGC
**Executive Committee at SPG
Hyderabad**

Patron : Dr. V.P. Dimri, Director NGRI
President : Dr. D.C. Mishra, NGRI
Vice President : Prof. I.B. Ramprasad,
Osmania University
Secretary cum Treasurer :
Sh. M.M. Dixit, NGRI

Executive Members:

- (i) Dr. T. Harinarayan, NGRI
- (ii) Dr. V.M. Tewari, NGRI
- (iii) Dr. H.C. Tewari, NGRI

New student sections have also come up at Hyderabad, Waltair, IIT Kharagpur and Kurukshetra University (see picture).

The list of office bearers for various student sections is given hereunder:-

**Executive Committee at SPG
Student Section, Andhra University
Waltair**

President/Advisor : Prof. C. Subba Rao
Vice President : Sh. S.B.V. Bhaskar
Secretary : Sh. S. Prabhu
Treasurer : Ms. M. Lalitha

**Executive Committee at SPG
Student Section, NGRI Hyderabad**

President / : Dr. H.V. Ramababu
Advisor
Vice President: Sh. A.P. Pandey
Secretary : Ms. Nimisha Bedanti
Treasurer : Sh. R.S. Rajesh

**Executive Committee at SPG
Student Section, IIT Kharagpur**

President / : Dr. A.K. Bhattacharya
Advisor
Vice President : Jyoti Behura
Secretary : Sh. Hussain Iqbal
Treasurer : Ms. Sweta Bhattacharya

**SPG Jorhat organises
geological tour**

SPG North East chapter at Jorhat organised a geological tour along Shillong - Jowai Badarpur section. Beginning 7th April, A team of 15 geoscientists, led by Sh. Satyajit Choudhary, DGM(Geol) ONGC, Jorhat, visited various outcropping sections around Shillong, Shahbazpur, Narayanchara, Masimpur, Badarpur and Silchar over a four-day, period. Exposures of Pre-cambrian basement,

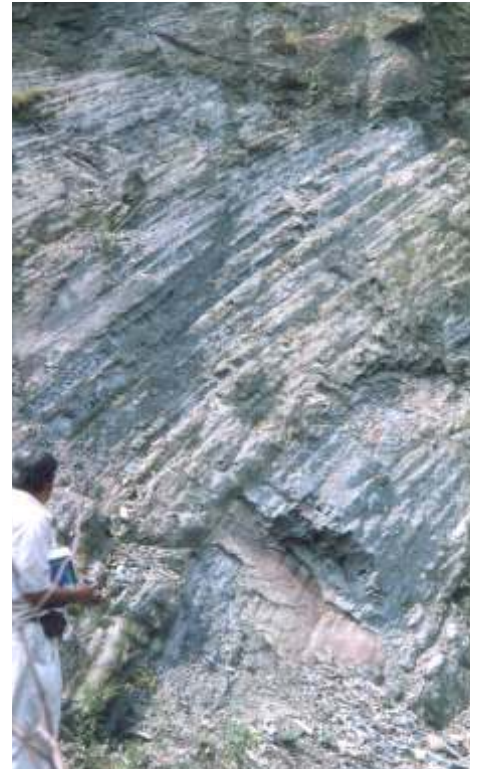


Inaugural function of NGRI

Sylhet Limestones, Renji, Bhubans & Dupitilla formations, Haflong thrust and a few unconformities were also witnessed during course of excursion.

**SPG Dehradun organises
geological excursion...**

SPG Dehradun organised a daylong geological tour to Saketi Fossil Park and Nahan- Renuka section on 25th April. Sixty geoscientists led by Sh. A.G. Pramanik, ED, ONGC visited the fossil park (69 kms from Dehradun) and witnessed various



Exposed Bokabil shale at Masimpur



SPG members on geological tour of Shillong-Silchar section



SPG organised geological excursion to Sirmour district

formations, thrusts and unconformities exposed along road and river cuts. Sh N K Verma and Dipankar Dutta very ably guided the tour (see pic).

New President at SPG Ahmedabad...

Sh. Shyam Mohan DGM, ONGC has taken over as President of this section from Sh. I Jay Kumar w.e.f 18 May.

SPG Student Chapter wins 2nd Prize...

The student chapter of SPG at Kurukshetra University participated at Science Day Exhibition and displayed models depicting Plate Tectonics, Earthquake Hazards and Geostationary Satellite. This was judged and awarded 2nd place (see pic.). Congratulations!

News Column

Polish Party Begins Seis-data Acquisition Over Godavari



SPG organised geological excursion



SPG student section at Kurukshetra puts up an award winning show at Science Day Exhibition.



Seismic data acquisition over Godavari, A.P. by Geofyzyka Toruń

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- **SPG central executive body during its meeting on 12 June decided that 5th SPG Bi-ennial Conference and Exposition would be held at Hyderabad in January 2004.**
- **It was also decided to organise a training program on 3D Survey Design (Faculty: Dr. G Vermeer of 3DSymSam, Norway). Await more details!**

A seismic field party from Geofyzyka Toruń, Poland has begun seis-data acquisition over logistically very difficult area of river Godavari. This party is contracted by ONGC for an area replete with river course, saltpans and commercial fishponds. Sh. A.G. Pramanik, ED, ONGC visited the party (see pic) to take firsthand stock of operations.

- OVL is to invest US\$750 Million in Sudanese JV. This will give OVL 25% stake (earlier held by Talisman Energy of Canada) in a field currently producing 2,30,000 bopd. Other partners are CNPC of China, Petronas of Malaysia and Sudapet of Sudan.
- Oil industry continues to do well financially, thanks to ONGC and IOC, the leaders in upstream and downstream oil sector, for having improved their profit after tax by 18% and 32% respectively over last year.
- OPEC is to maintain current crude production level.
- Web based DGPS survey-planning services are now being made available at www.surveyplanner.com by M/S Fugro Systems.
- BP has completed 15 well program of **drilling with casing** in Wyoming USA. Using normal oilfield casing as drill string, producing strata at up to 9600 ft. were drilled. More details at www.worldoil.com
- RCC, ONGC, Kolkata has been recommended for ISO 9001 certificate for "Seismic Data Processing & Archival" by the renowned certification body BVQI. Congratulations to the unit leader Shri C.L. Balooni, CG(S) and his team.

- Paradigm Geophysical has changed hands. Fox Paine & Company LLC, San Francisco has acquired control of the company. Fox Paine has an investment base of over US\$1.5 billion.

Relocations

Shri V.M. Saxena, Jt. Secretary is now relocated at Vadodara and Shri A.K. Dube, Treasurer and Shri A. Agarwal member Executive Committee are now at Jorhat. Shri S. Banerjee is now the Working Treasurer of SPG.

Calendar of forthcoming events

1. National Seminar on Exploration for Non Conventional Resources-Tools & Strategies: on 30-31 Aug 2002 at Andhra University Visakhapatnam. Register at encorets@yahoo.com
2. APG Conference and Exhibition: 28-29 Sept 2002 at Mussorie.
3. AEG Conference and Exhibition : at New Delhi. Visit website at www.aegindia.org
4. 65th EAGE Conference and Exhibition : 2-5 June 2003 at Stavanger, Norway. Visit website at www.aeg.nl
5. 1st North Africa / Mediterranean Petroleum & Geosciences Conferences and Exposition : 6-9 Oct 2003 at Tunis. (Sponsored by EAGE & ETAP)

OBITUARY

It is with great sadness that we report the demise of following senior members of SPG.

1. Sh. V.N. Deekshitulu (7th Apr 1935-

20th April 2002), a post graduate in Geophysics, retired as I/C, RCC, Chennai after a distinguished career in ONGC. A noted geoscientist, Sh. Deekshitulu excelled in all API activities. Till recently he was working with AlphaGeo at Hyderabad. He is survived by his wife, two sons and four daughters.

2. Sh. Ashok Kumar (2nd Mar 1935-Jun 2002) ex GM (Expln.) breathed his last at Dehradun. A postgraduate in Physics from Agra Sh. Kumar was involved in all aspects of petroleum exploration in India from 1956 till his superannuation in 1990. He is survived by his two sons.
3. Sh. Rajendra Prasad (2nd Mar 1954-24th Jun 2002) SG(S), ONGC died during course of performing official duties in Assam. A postgraduate in Chemistry, Sh. Prasad had been working with ONGC since 1976,

ATTENTION ALL SPG MEMBERS!!!

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