

Obituary



Subir Raha, Chief Patron SPG, India and former C&MD ONGC & Chairman ONGC Group of Companies left for heavenly abode on 1st February, 2010.

Subir Raha was born on August 28, 1948. He graduated in Electronics & Tele-communication Engineering from Jadavpur University in 1969. He was also an alumnus of the Administrative Staff College at Henley of Leeds University, UK.

He started his career with Indian Oil Corporation Ltd, as a Management Trainee in 1970. After a series of field and staff assignments in various disciplines, he joined the Indian Oil Board as Director (Human Resources) in June 1998.

He joined Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd as Chairman & Managing Director in May 2001; and separated on completion of 5 years tenure in May, 2006.

ONGC achieved multiple milestones during his tenure. ONGC's market capitalisation zoomed to become the highest among all Indian Corporates. He was instrumental in ONGC acquiring MRPL and turning it around from almost BIFR status to the present Mini-Ratna status. He also led ONGC into aggressive exploration, within and outside India (through ONGC Videsh Ltd.), and initiated IOR/ EOR arrest the decline of its depleted fields. He initiated expansion of ONGC into various value integration projects in the field of Petrochemicals, SEZ, Power, clean coal energy and alternate sources of energy.

As Chief Patron of SPG India, he energised the society and enhanced its relevance to the Indian E&P industry and academia. His singular contribution by way of starting Job Fair during SPG conferences for geoscience students will always be remembered.

Subir Raha is survived by his wife Mita, daughter Shuva and son Abhijit.

SPG family stands together to deeply mourn the sad demise of their beloved former Chief Patron