

SPG- Gauhati University Student Chapter-Another Feather to SPG, India

The inauguration of the Gauhati University student chapter of Society of Petroleum Geophysicists, India (SPG-GU Student Chapter) was held on 1st April, 2012 at the conference hall of the Department of Geological Sciences, Gauhati University. The meeting was attended by a host of dignitaries including Prof. O K Medhi, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, G U, Sri Apurba Saha, Executive Director, ONGC and President, SPG-India, Sri K K Nath, Exec. Director, Oil India Ltd., Sri S K Jain, Basin Manager, Assam-Arakan Basin, ONGC, Dr. Rahul Dasgupta, President SPG-Duliajan Chapter, Sri C L Baloni, President-SPG Jorhat Chapter, Dr. JVSSN Murthy, Secretary-SPG Jorhat Chapter, scientists from Centre of Excellence in Energy Research OIL, Guwahati, faculty members from Gauhati University besides the students and research scholars.

The inauguration started with the presentation of the Gauhati University Anthem by students of the Department of Geological Sciences followed by welcome address by Dr. Parag Phukon, President of SPG-GU Student Chapter. In his welcome address Dr. Phukon thanked the SPG-India president Sri Saha and president of SPG Duliajan Chapter Dr. Dasgupta for their cooperation and support in forming the new student chapter and hoped that the new addition will prove itself worthy of the ideals of the SPG India. He also drew attention of the geoscientists to some research problems in Assam-Arakan basin viz., standardisation of the stratigraphic nomenclature for Cenozoic sequence by



President-SPG and President-Duliajan chapter with newly formed SPG-GU Student Chapter



Sri Apurba Saha, President, SPG-India addressing the audience

integrating the geophysical, geological, geochemical and biostratigraphic data, precise mapping of the basement structures, particularly in the North bank of the Brahmaputra, stratigraphic boundary problems viz., Pliocene-Pleistocene and Pleistocene-Holocene boundary, integrated basin models for Assam Arakan and Himalayan Foreland basin.

Mr. Apurba Saha, President, SPG-India, congratulated and thanked the faculty members and members of SPG-GU chapter for organising and forming the body. He declared that the GU student chapter is granted affiliation and the student members can avail all the facilities available as per rules of the SPG India. He assured that in due course it would be linked with the SPG-India's website. Sri Saha explained the activities of the SPG and the need for such forums and emphasised that SPG should be called as "special protection group" to shoulder the energy security of the country. Towards this it is important that budding talents are attracted towards geosciences and where the forums like SPG can play significant role. He highlighted the need for curriculum development keeping in mind the requirement of the industries and suggested introduction of geophysics in the course curriculum of Gauhati University in the long run and immediately Geophysics should be taught as part of MSc degree in Geology. Sri Saha offered all help in such an endeavour.