

GEO India 2022: Triumphant Conclusion and Valedictory

GEO India 2022- 5th South Asian Geosciences Conference and Exhibition concluded successfully on 16th October 2022 at the JECC, Jaipur. The three-day international conference inaugurated by Hon'ble Minister of PNG and Housing & Urban Affairs, Shri. Hardeep S Puri Ji on 14th October, 2022, attracted over 1250 international and national participants from across the E&P companies, service providers and academia.



President Shri S N Chitnis addressing the gathering at the conclusion of the event with esteemed presence of Shri. Hriday Bhandari, Executive Director, IOCL, Dr. Manas Kumar Sharma, Director (Exploration), OIL, Chief-Patron APG & CMD ONGC Dr. R K Srivastava, and Vice-President APG Dr. Ravi Misra.

The three days of the conference saw exhilarating and thought-provoking sessions in alignment with the theme "Fossil Fuels, Decarbonization and Changing Energy Dynamics". A host of luminaries representing policy makers, experts from E&P, service providers, and leading academicians shared their vast experience through a plenary session & three panel discussions. The sessions enriched the minds of participants with ideas, information, statistics, visions and the way forward in energy sustenance and net zero.



Vice-President Dr. Ravi Misra felicitating Shri. Hriday Bhandari, Executive Director, IOCL, Chief-Patron APG & CMD ONGC Dr. R K Srivastava, and President APG Shri S N Chitnis.

The mainstay of Geo India 2022 was the rich array of technical sessions, comprising oral and poster formats. During the course of deliberations, a total of 193 papers were presented and discussed, out of which 103 papers were deliberated in oral sessions and 90 papers were presented in poster sessions under three tracks—"Explorations the Core", "Technology the Enabler" and "Energy the Road Ahead". The oral sessions were chaired and evaluated by distinguished professionals from industry and academia while posters were evaluated by a panel of eminent experts. Also, industry leaders and thinktanks from academia were invited to deliver key note talk in each technical session which invariably set the tone for an in-depth discussion amongst audience. There was overwhelming response from industry

and academia in all the technical sessions and the technical presentations were well appreciated by the audience.



Award distribution for the technical sessions.

The exhibition was an important aspect of the conference as more than 52 exhibitors comprising IOCs, NOCs, major service providers, professional societies, and leading publishing houses demonstrated their strengths & capabilities giving a glimpse of latest technology under a single roof. To support the call of our Hon'ble Prime Minister of India on 'AtmaNirbhar Bharat,' this year Indian start-ups in the E&P were given special promotion by providing exhibition booths without any charges. The best exhibitor award was bestowed to Exxon Mobil and among startups to Syook.



Best exhibitor award winners ExxonMobil team receiving award.

The Conference was preceded by 19 pre-conference continuing education courses which was attended by 438 professionals from different companies. In addition, two geological field work in the Western Vindhyan Basin and around Chittorgarh, Rajasthan during 20th – 24th September, 2022 were conducted, in which 23 geoscientists from ONGC, OVL, OIL & IOCL participated.



CMD ONGC & Chief Patron Dr R K Srivastava (<https://bit.ly/3eEdB0f>) and President APG Shri S N Chitnis (<https://bit.ly/3SjGwVq>) sharing their experience while interacting with Publicity team, GEO India 2022.

Earlier in the day, while interacting with the Publicity team, CMD ONGC & Chief Patron APG Dr. R K Srivastava shared his experiences of GEO India 2022:

“It’s great to be here to participate in a South Asian geoscience conference as a geologist first and as a student who is in quest for learning new things. And this is home, where the confluence of minds, technologies and ideas interchange exchange takes place. Role of these geoscientific societies in my mind has always been like tributaries and distributaries to assimilate the knowledge and disseminate into the masses. So this is what geoscience conference is meant to be and I believe it has lived to its expectations. And now as a Chief Patron, I would like to thank all my team members who worked with me to make this event a mega success. The value and contribution that this geoscience conference has been able to give masses, can be judged from the very fact that this was inaugurated by Hon’ble Minister himself in the presence of Secretary MoPNG and international as well as national domain experts of various subjects. And I am delighted with the news that, I am getting about the success of, this event is phenomenal. And I think GEO India has done a great job in bringing all the scientific community persons together to discuss not only on the relevant topic of fossil fuel, but all that is emerging, contemporary and relevant in the future in energy spectrum. I am very happy to be here”.



Dignitaries honouring & recognising Pre-Conference CE course faculties.

Another effort towards strengthening the industry academia interface “The Student Programme” at GEOIndia 2022 was conducted to bring together the new breed of Geoscientists – the students, learned academicians – the faculties from different universities

across India, and the industry experts – the professionals on a same platform. The Students' Programme was specially designed to facilitate aspiring young professional to hone their technical and competitive skills through active participation in Technical Lectures, Workshops, Quizzes, JAM sessions and Expert Industry Leader Interactions. The "Students Programme" covered **Industry-Academy Interaction** wherein students interacted with eminent geoscientists and industry leaders. To add value through infotainment and for the joy of participation, a quiz program and extempore JAM Session was conducted. Kirtika Bhatt, Winner Graphic Era University, K Chamang, 1st runner up, Nagaland University, Ashwini Singh Rathore, 2nd runner up, MLS University, Udaipur.



Extempore JAM session winners receiving awards from the dignitaries.

A cultural extravaganza was organized on the evening of 14th October 2022 where Bollywood Gharana enthralled the audience, providing the participants a much needed refreshing change after an exhausting day of technical engagements.

On the sidelines of main event the spouse programme included special and unique programs full of enjoyment, boosting cultural connect with Karva Chauth celebrations, visit to historical places, fun filled activities, local shopping experiences and cultural event.



Secretary APG Shri Jayanta Sarkar felicitating VP APG Dr. Ravi Misra and delivering vote of thanks.

Shri Jayanta Sarkar, Secretary, while presenting the vote of thanks on behalf of APG declared GEO India 2022 has been a fulfilling and stimulating experience for every stakeholder and was immensely successful in charting out a course for the path ahead in the context of the changing energy dynamics and net zero. He reiterated that Oil India Limited has graciously accepted to be the lead sponsor and host of GEOINDIA-2024.



Team GEO India 2022-One for the album.

Info to readers: All the monologues recorded during the interaction with the Publicity team will be uploaded to GEOIndia 2022 YouTube channel (Link: <https://bit.ly/3VCftqV>) shortly. Stay tuned to the channel and twitter handle @GeoIndia2022 for more updates.

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