

National Geoscience Awards 2016 Presentation Ceremony to be held at Rashtrapati Bhawan on 12 April 2017

Dr. Abhishek Saha of National Institute of Oceanography Goa receives Young Scientist Award

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Shri Pranab Mukherjee, the Honourable President of India, will confer the National Geoscience Awards - 2016 (#NGA2016) on twenty-seven geoscientists in Rashtrapati Bhawan in New Delhi on 12 April 2017, in the presence of Shri Piyush Goyal, the Minister of State (Independent Charge) of Power, Coal, New & Renewable Energy and Mines.

This year, twenty-seven geoscientists are receiving the National Geoscience Awards (NGA-2016), as individuals or team, for meritorious contributions in twelve fields of geosciences. Dr. Abhishek Saha from National Institute of Oceanography, Goa will receive the Young Scientist Award.

The Secretary Mines, Shri Arun Kumar, the Secretary Department of Science & Technology, Prof. Ashutosh Sharma, Director General Geological Survey of India, Shri M. Raju and senior officers of Ministry of Mines and other Ministries and heads of geoscientific organizations will be present on the occasion.

The National Geoscience Awards includes one Award for Excellence, one Young Scientist Award and nineteen individual and / or team awards in 16 fields of geosciences. The award carries a cash prize and a certificate of citation. So far, up to NGA-2014, eleven (11) awards of excellence, four (4) young scientist awards and seven hundred thirty four (734) awards have been conferred upon geoscientists from various fields.

The National Geoscience Awards (previously known as the National Mineral Awards) were instituted by the Ministry of Mines in 1966, to honour individuals and teams of scientists for their extraordinary achievements and outstanding contributions in fundamental and applied geosciences and mining and allied fields.

The list of awardees of NGA- 2016 is given below in Annexure-I.

Annexure-I

NATIONAL GEOSCIENCE AWARDS - 2016

LIST OF AWARDEES

DISCIPLINE AND AWARDS	TYPE OF AWARD
SECTION- I - Mineral Discovery & Exploration	
Field (i): Mineral Discovery & Exploration (excluding fossil fuels) of economic and / or strategic importance and application of innovative techniques) (2 Awards) Shri Chittaranjan Dash, GSI Shri Dinesh Kumar Thawait, GSI	Team Award

Shri Rohan Das, GSI	
Shri Shamiuddin Ahmad, GSI	
Field (ii) Coal, Lignite and Coal Bed Methane Discovery & Exploration of Economic and / or strategic importance and application of innovative techniques (1 Award) Shri Amit Soni, GSI Ms. Manju S., GSI Shri Kailash Chandra Sahoo, GSI Shri Sayan Kahali, GSI	Team Award
Field (iv) Groundwater Exploration (including project development, hydrogeological studies and management of groundwater resources) (1 Award) Dr. Pradeep Kumar Naik, CGWB, Chandigarh	Individual Award
SECTION- II - Mining, Mineral Beneficiation And Sustainable Mineral Development	
Field (v) Mining Technology (including development and application of new methods and technologies, research & development, conservation of mineral resources, systematic mine planning, mine safety, mine fires, mine hazards, mine reclamation & rehabilitation) (2 Awards) Shri Laxman Singh Shekhawat, Hindustan Zinc Limited, Udaipur Dr. Santosh Kumar Ray, CSIR- Central Institute of Mining and Fuel Research, Dhanbad	Individual Award Individual Award
Field - (vii) Sustainable Mineral Development (including mine closure, project development, institutional development and capacity building) (1 Award) Dr. Ebhin Reginald Masto, CSIR- Central Institute of Mining and Fuel Research, Dhanbad	Individual Award
SECTION- III - Basic Geosciences	

Field (viii) Basic Geo-sciences (including Stratigraphy, Structural Geology, Paleontology, Geomorphology, Economic Geology, Geodynamics, Petrology and Geochemistry including Mineralogy, Geochronology and Isotope Geology (2 Awards)	Individual Award
Dr. Santanu Banerjee, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay	
SECTION- IV - Applied Geosciences	
Field (ix) Applied Geology: Engineering Geology, Geo-thermal Energy, Seismotectonics, Geo-statistics, Photo-geology and Remote Sensing and Geo-Information System(including spatial data management applications and data integration) (2 Awards)	
Dr. Atul Nanda, Engineers India Ltd. Dr. Ranjit Rath, Engineers India Ltd. Shri Saikat Pal, Engineers India Ltd. Shri Gopi Kannan, Engineers India Ltd.	Team Award
Prof. Supriyo Mitra, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Kolkata	Individual Award
Field (x) Geophysics / Applied Geophysics: New Technologies in geophysical exploration, application of geophysical methods, geo-magnetism, geophysical survey techniques and instrumentation (2 Awards)	
Dr. N. Purnachandra Rao, CSIR-National Geophysical Research Institute, Hyderabad	Individual Award
Dr. Anand Kumar Chaturvedi, AMDER, Hyderabad Shri Markandeyulu Amulothu, AMDER, Hyderabad Dr. Veldi Ramesh Babu, AMDER, Hyderabad Shri Shailesh Tripathi, AMDER, Hyderabad	Team Award
Field (xi) Geo-Environmental Studies relating to mining, urban, industrial, coastal and desert management, paleoclimate, paleoenvironment, medical geology, climate change and studies related to their impact on ecosystem(1 Award)	
Dr. Aradhi Keshava Krishna, CSIR-National Geophysical Research Institute, Hyderabad	Individual Award

Field (xii) Disaster Management including scientific studies related to natural hazards such as earthquakes, landslides, floods and tsunamis (1 Award) Prof. Javed Husain N. Malik, IIT, Kanpur	Individual Award
Field (xiii) Ocean Development: Oceanography and Marine Geology (1 Award) Dr. Pratima Mohan Kessarkar, CSIR-National Institute of Oceanography, Goa	Individual Award
YOUNG SCIENTIST AWARD - 2016	
Dr. Abhishek Saha, NIO, Goa	

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