

Recent International collaboration activities

India-Canada

- Dr. Andrew Rencz, Programme, Manager, Geological Survey of Canada (GSC) visited GSI on 24th, 25th & 29th January 2007 in connection with Arsenic Toxicity Project. During the discussion the report on the first phase i.e. Implementing Arrangement entitled “Scoping Study on Arsenic Toxicity in Groundwater, West Bengal” has been finalised.
- Dr. Alex Desberats, GSC, Dr. Roger Beckie and Ms. Casandra Kroenig, University of British Colombia, Canada visited GSI on 13th February 2007. Dr. T. Pal, Geologist (Sr.) and Shri P.K. Mukherjee, Asstt. Geologist, CHQ, GSI, Kolkata along with scientists from Canada carried out field survey in and around Gotra and Ghentugachi village, Chakdah Block, Nadia District, West Bengal between 16th February and 5th March 2007 as part of the project ‘Development of Mitigation Strategy to Manage Risk from Arsenic Toxicity in Groundwater of West Bengal, India’.
- Dr. Peter Bobrowsky and Dr. Baolin Wang, Geological Survey of Canada met with the dignitaries of GSI at CHQ, Kolkata on 5th January 2007 in connection with the Project, ‘Monitoring/ Mitigation of landslides at selected sites in India’, signed between Earth science Sector (ESS), Canada and Ministry of Mines (MOM), Govt. of India. The Project was granted extension till March 2009.

India-Nepal

A MoU was signed between Geological Survey of India and Joint Project Office, Sapta Kosi Sun Kosi Investigation (JPO-SKSKI), Nepal on 8th March 2007 at GSI, Kolkata. As per the MOU GSI will provide consultancy and support to prepare a detailed Project Report of Sapta Kosi High Dam Multipurpose Project and Sun Kosi Storage-cum-Diversion scheme in Nepal.

International Geoscience Programme (IGCP)

- The 32nd Indian National Committee (INC) meeting for IGCP was conducted on 22nd January 2007 at Geological Survey of India (GSI), Central Headquarters, Kolkata. IGCP India Newsletter - 26, which encompasses Indian IGCP activities during the year 2006, was released by Shri P.M. Tejale, Director General, GSI and Chairman, INC for IGCP. The on-going IGCP projects in India were reviewed and a new project IGCP - 507 was considered for Indian participation for 2006-2010.
- Dr. P. Bobrosky, Secretary General, IUGS visited GSI and an official meeting was conducted with the Director General, GSI along with senior officials of GSI on 4th January 2007.

Foreign Dignitaries visit to GSI

- Dr. Yasunari Shigeta, Department of Geology, National Science Museum, Tokyo, Japan visited GSI from 19th February to 2nd March 2007 to study and make rubber moulds of selected ammonoid type fossils at the Fossil Repository, CHQ, GSI.
- Dr. Roger Bilham, Prof. of Geology, University of Colorado, USA visited GSI, Kolkata in connection with the writing of biography of Sir R.D. Oldham.

Fellowship Programme

- Shri Vimal Kumar Gaur, Geologist (Jr.), Opn.: UP & UP, Northern Region, Lucknow is undergoing a nine (9) months Diploma Course in Geoinformatics with specialisation in Photogrammetry at ITC, the Netherlands from 15th January 2007 under ITC Grant.
- Shri Saibal Ghosh, Geologist (Jr.), Eastern Region, Kolkata and Shri Pankaj Jaiswal, Geologist (Jr.), Northern Region, Lucknow is in Netherlands as part of Ph. D research programme on ‘Use of New Earth Observation Techniques for Landslide Hazard and Risk Assessment’ at ITC, the Netherlands from 7th February 2007. The focus of study are the landslides in Himalayan and Nilgiri areas as per the signed MOU among GSI-NRSA-ITC.