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Dated the 13th January, 2020

Dear Sir,

It gives me pleasure to say that India, with the support of its neighboring countries – Bangladesh, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka – will be hosting the prestigious 36th International Geological Congress (36th IGC) during 2-8 March, 2020 at the state-of-the-art venue, the India Expo Mart Limited, Greater Noida. Described as the Olympics of Geoscience Conferences, IGCs, are held quadrennially under the aegis of the International Union of Geological Sciences. The event clocks an attendance of the order of 6000-8000 delegates from across the globe and the Who's Who of the mines and mineral industry.

2. The conference is likely to be inaugurated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India.
3. The Ministry of Mines, Ministry of Earth Sciences and Indian National Sciences Academy are the major partnering organizations with Geological Survey of India as the official nodal agency for organizing the event.
4. The 36th IGC will be a perfect stage for congregation of the Explorers, Miners, Scientists, Researchers and Technologists across the globe to showcase their capabilities, achievements, innovations, interests and aspirations to the world community.
5. It is a matter of pride that India is the only Asian country to have the distinction of hosting the IGC twice on its soil, the first being in 1964. The event comes with a host of dividends in the form of investments in mining and mineral sector apart from a phenomenal legacy value for the entire scientific community of the country.
6. We would, therefore, request the Ministry of External Affairs, to kindly support us in this endeavor and provide a link on its website to the website of the 36th IGC which is www.36igc.org. The logo of the Congress is attached herewith. A brochure containing the highlights of the conference is also attached for your ready reference.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,



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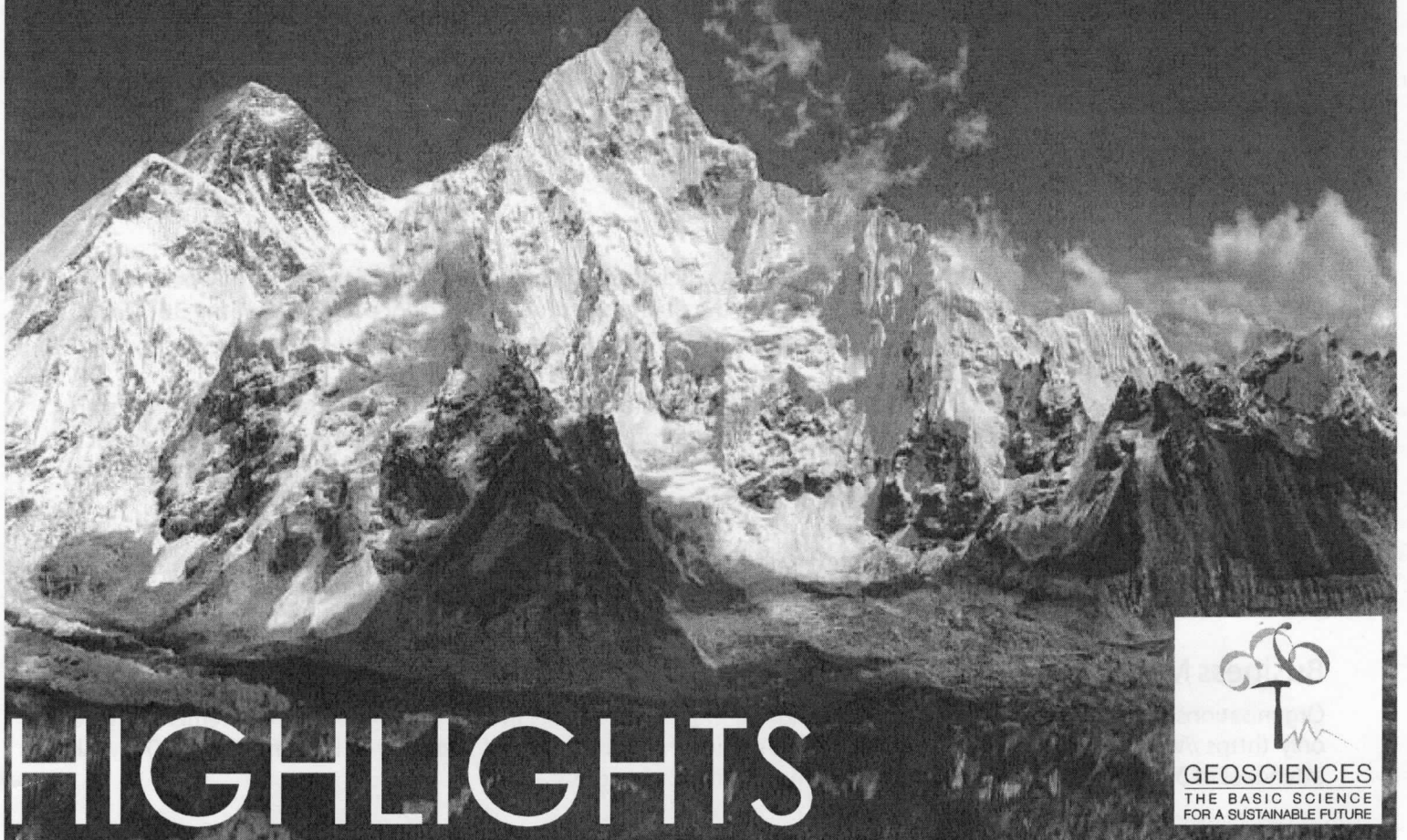
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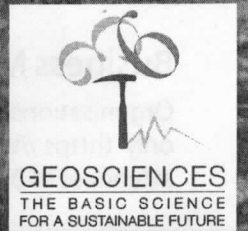
36TH INTERNATIONAL GEOLOGICAL CONGRESS

GEOSCIENCES: THE BASIC SCIENCE FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

2 - 8 MARCH 2020, DELHI, INDIA



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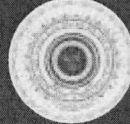
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Geological Survey of India



India, in association with Bangladesh, Pakistan, Nepal and Sri Lanka, will hold the 36th session of the International Geological Congress (IGC) in Delhi-NCR during 2-8 March, 2020. The event will be held in the state-of-the-art convention centre – India Expo Centre and Mart, Greater Noida. Described as the Olympics of Geosciences, the IGCs are a prestigious global geoscientific event held quadrennially, under the aegis of the International Geological Sciences. The 36th IGC is being funded by the Ministry of Mines (MoM) and Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), Government of India, and supported by the Indian National Science Academy (INSA) and the science academies of the co-host countries. Geological Survey of India is the nodal agency for organizing the event.

Likely to be attended by more than 5000 delegates from across the globe, the event is designed to offer a platform for intensive Geoscientific discourse including nearly 3000 oral and 2000 poster presentations, a premium Geo-exposition involving around 200 leading global agencies related to the mines & mineral industry, 70 exciting field excursions covering the geological superlatives of the subcontinent and many other attractions including high level business meetings with the international opinion makers.

We welcome you to be a part of this mega geoscientific event!

Science Program

Sustainability is a key word in every sphere of life which includes science. We, as geoscientists, firmly believe that geosciences contribute immensely towards achieving a sustainable future. The Science Program of the 36th IGC is, thus, built on the theme 'Geosciences: The Basic Science for a Sustainable Future'.

Inclusive participation and contribution are paramount to achieve the global goal of sustainability. As a small step towards towards this, it has been attempted to incorporate pertinent themes of geoscience in the Science Program. Today, the program includes 45 themes and 287 symposia. It also includes 13 Plenary Talks and one Public Lecture by internationally renowned geoscientists.

We sincerely hope that our scientific program will usher in an opportunity for cooperative and multidisciplinary scientific research to address contemporary and challenging issues to ensure sustainable development.

Business Meetings

Organisations wishing to conduct Business Meetings during the 36th IGC are invited to submit their requirements online only (<https://www.36igc.org/business-meetings>). Deadline for submission of requests is December 31, 2019. All attendees of Business Meetings must register themselves for the congress.

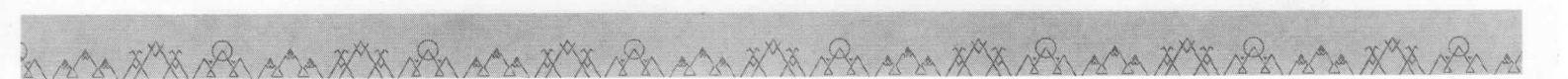
The government departments, PSUs and the private sector organizations can hold strategic business meetings with national and international agencies for formulating collaborative projects and attracting investments.

Rooms for Business Meetings will be provided free of charge. Any special room set up, audio-visual and catering requirements etc. have to be taken care of by the meeting organisers themselves.

Field Trip Program

The Indian subcontinent, by virtue of being a constituent of several older supercontinents, has common geological ancestry with many parts of the globe. Subsequent to the breakup of the Gondwanaland, the Indian landmass moved northward for over 5000 km to collide and get stitched with the Asian landmass, resulting in the present landforms, typified by the Himalayan mountain chain. The subcontinent is also host to a wide range of geological marvels - from the Archaean crustal nuclei to the present day volcanism.

The 36th IGC offers an exciting assortment of field trips both pre and post-Congress. 60 field trips will be held in India, 6 in Nepal, 3 in Bangladesh and one in Sri Lanka. Field Trip bookings are open to the Congress registrants and accompanying persons.



Geoexpo

An elaborate GeoExpo comprising 200 booths covering an area of nearly 7000 sq.m has been planned at the venue alongside the Congress. It has a mix of pre-fabricated booths and raw spaces. The latter can be customized as per the requirements of the exhibitors. There will be a wide range of exhibitor kit items, including panels, furniture and lighting to choose from. The catalogue will be released shortly.

Sponsorship Opportunities

The 36th IGC offers rewarding sponsorship opportunities. Six premium categories of sponsorship ranging from INR 10 crore to 50 lakh have been devised under Titanium, Platinum, Diamond, Gold, Silver and Bronze. In addition, there are Standard Packages ranging from INR 40 lakh to 5 lakh. Customized packages can also be developed on request. The cost of sponsorship packages with complete details are given in the Sponsorship Brochures which are available on the Congress website.

Geohost and the Special Registration Support Program

The GeoHost Support Program of the 36th IGC is unprecedented in the history of the IGCs. It offers support for travel, registration and local hospitality to 1000 delegates in each of these three categories. A candidate can avail the support in full or in combination.

Applications were invited under the following categories:

Category A: Early career geoscientists (Students and Young Researchers) less than 40 years of age as on 31st December, 2019.

Category B: Financially disadvantaged geoscientists (preferably holding passport of a middle/low-income countries – as per the World Bank database)

Category C: Registration fee waiver for IUGS officials, Youth GeoHost Program grantees, Geo-quiz winners, Hutchison Awardees and others.

The deadline for applying was 15 November, 2019.

36th IGC has also launched a “Special Registration Support Program” for the Early Career and Retired Indian Geoscientists. The deadline for applying was 15 November, 2019.

Candidates are being selected through a rigorous process.

Important Dates

31 Dec 2019	Field Trip Bookings Close	31 Jan 2020	Standard Congress Registrations Close
31 Dec 2019	Early Bird Registrations Close	01 Mar 2020	Late Registrations Close
31 Dec 2020	Requests for Business Meetings Close	02 Mar 2020	Onsite Registrations Commence

Visa Information

To attend the Congress, one may need to obtain Visa (conference Visa) or an e-Visa (e-conference visa). Details are at: <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/evisa/>.

Citizens of all other countries should apply for and obtain a visa issued by the Indian High Commission/Indian Embassy in that country. The procedure to apply and the type of visa required (conference visa or e-conference visa) would depend on the country of citizenship.

e-Visa

The Indian government presently offers the e-Visa facility to citizens of 169 countries. To check the eligibility criteria and application procedure for an e-Visa please visit: <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/evisa/tvoa.html>

Other important links related to visa are as follows:

https://mha.gov.in/PDF_Other/AnnexIII_01022018.pdf

https://mha.gov.in/PDF_Other/AnnexI_01022018.pdf

Congress Registration Fee Structure

(US \$)

Type of Registration	Delegate Registration	Student Delegate	Young Earth Scientist (yes) delegate	Day Registration	Opening & Closing Ceremony day Registration	Senior Citizens (above 65 yrs)	Accompanying person's Registration	Welcome Reception (Guest Ticket)
Early Bird (1 Sep-31 Dec)	750	340	575	425	150	500	120	40
Standard (1Jan 2020-31Jan 2020)	850	350	600	450	175	550	135	40
Late (1 Feb-1 March 2020)	950	400	625	475	200	600	150	40
Onsite	1000	425	650	500	225	650	150	40

Congress Registration Inclusions

- Congress materials including handbook and proceedings and access to Congress sessions.
- Ticket to the Congress Welcome Reception. Extra tickets can be purchased at US\$ 40 per guest.
- Lunch and refreshments on each day as per the Congress program
- Accompanying Person registration includes name badge, ticket to Welcome Reception, and city tour, but NOT access to Congress sessions.
- Registration does not include Congress dinner; it is optional. The cost will be announced later.

Accompanying Persons' Program

The Accompanying Persons' Program is a special facility available only to partners and/or family members of a registered delegate. The program includes access to spouse lounge with tea, coffee and water; access to opening & closing ceremony; access to social events; and walking tour/half day shopping tour. Day tours and trip to Taj Mahal are to be purchased.

The registration costs are given under the Congress registration fee structure.

36th IGC Contacts

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