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Smt. Meira Kumar Confers National Geoscience Awards-2010

The Speaker of the Lok Sabha Smt. Meira Kumar conferred "National Geoscience Awards-2010" to 43 Eminent Geoscientists, Mining Technologists at a function organized by the Ministry of Mines here today. The awards are given for outstanding contribution in the fields of mineral discovery and exploration, basic and applied geosciences and mining & allied disciplines.

Speaking on the occasion Smt. Meira Kumar said that Global warming and climate change have emerged as major challenges which are required to be addressed on priority. She also said the demand for all natural resources including minerals, water and energy has grown exponentially with sharp focus on locating new assets and developing those that have remain un utilized. She further added that policy and decision makers must encourage geo scientific information, knowledge and strive to mainstream these measure into developmental plans and programmes.

Smt. Meira Kumar also emphasised that for sustainable development, we must delve into our traditional knowledge systems in mineral exploration, mining and water recharge and identify alternative sources of energy like solar energy, wind energy, hydropower, geothermal power, tidal energy and bio-mass energy from urban and agricultural wastes. She said we have to encourage use of indigenous and environmentally sound technologies.

The Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Mines, Shri Dinsha J. Patel outlined various policy interventions to create a congenial atmosphere for overall growth of the mineral and mining sector. He said that National Mineral Policy 2008 is a comprehensive exercise in that direction which has laid contours for the future development of Mining and Mineral Industry in India. Shri Patel also said that there is an urgent need to redefine offshore and onshore exploration strategies for locating deep-seated mineral deposit by deploying state of art techniques available all over the world.

Shri Patel said that the Geoscientists have to play a key role in discovering new locales of minerals and intensifying their exploration activities for mineral occurrences for converting them into viable economic resources which can be utilized by the indigenous industries. "Most mining areas lie in environmentally fragile and backward areas and its development needs special emphasis because of technical, financial and organisational problems" the Minister pointed out.

The Minister congratulated the Award winners and said that those who have been recognized today are only a reflection of our prowess in this sector. He particularly congratulated Prof. C. Leelanandam who received the National Geoscience Award for Excellence-2010 this year for his lifetime achievements in geosciences. On this occasion an amount of Rs. 5,00,000 /- have been awarded to "National Geoscience Award For Excellence -2010", Rs. 2,00,000/- to each in Individual category, Rs. 60,000/- to each member of the Team award and Rs. 50,000 has been awarded to Young Research Award category.

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The list of Awardees along with their field of specialisation is given below.

National Geoscience Awards for Excellence – 2010

Prof. C. Leelanandam
Emeritus Scientist

National Geoscience Awardees – 2010

| S.No. | Awardees | Field | Organization |
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| 1. | Shri Narendra Kumar Kavdia | <u>Mineral Discovery</u> | <u>Hindustan Zinc Limited</u> |
| 2. | Dr. Prabhakar S. Sangurmath | <u>Mineral Discovery</u> | Hutti Gold Mines Limited |
| 3. | Shri Prem Ballabh Maithani | <u>Mineral Discovery</u> | Atomic Mineral Division, Hyderabad |
| 4. | Shri Mohan Babu Verma | <u>Mineral Discovery</u> | Atomic Mineral Division |
| 5. | Shri Prakhar Kumar | Mineral Discovery | Atomic Mineral Division |
| 6. | Shri Perakalapudi Nageswara Rao | Mineral Discovery | Atomic Mineral Division |
| 7. | Dr. Malayath Aravindakshan Atmanand | Oil & Natural Gas Exploration | National Institute of Ocean Technology , Chennai |
| 8. | Dr. G.A. Ramadass | Oil & Natural Gas Exploration | National Institute of Ocean Technology |
| 9. | Dr. Sethuraman Ramesh | Oil & Natural Gas Exploration | National Institute of Ocean Technology |
| 10. | Shri Joseph Manecius Selvakumar | Oil & Natural Gas Exploration | National Institute of Ocean Technology |
| 11. | Shri Annamalai Subramanian | Oil & Natural Gas Exploration | National Institute of Ocean Technology |
| 12. | Dr. Dharmaraj Sathianarayanan | Oil & Natural Gas Exploration | National Institute of Ocean Technology |
| 13. | Shri Raju Ramesh | Oil & Natural Gas Exploration | National Institute of Ocean Technology |
| 14. | Shri Gopalkrishnan Harikrishnan | Oil & Natural Gas Exploration | National Institute of Ocean Technology |
| 15. | Dr. Dipankar Saha | Groundwater Exploration | Central Ground Water Board |
| 16. | Dr. Kalendra Bahadur Singh | Mining Technology | CIMFR, Dhanbad |
| 17. | Dr More Ramulu | Mining Technology | CIMFR, Nagpur |
| 18. | Dr. Manish Atmaprakash Mamtani | Basic Geosciences | IIT, Kharagpur |
| 19. | Dr. Sarbani Patranabis Deb | Basic Geosciences | Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata |
| 20. | Dr. Hetu Chandrakant Sheth | Basic Geosciences | <i>IIT, Bombay</i> |

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| 21. | Dr. Ravi Prakash Srivastava | Applied Geophysics | National Geophysical Research Institute, Hyderabad |
| 22. | Dr. Shalivahan | Applied Geophysics | <i>Indian School of Mines, Dhanbad</i> |
| 23. | Dr Navin Juyal | Geo-Environmental Studies | <i>Physical Research Laboratory, Ahmedabad</i> |

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| 24. | Dr. Tummala Srinivasa Kumar | Disaster Management | Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), Hyderabad |
| 25. | Shri B. Ajay Kumar | Disaster Management | Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), Hyderabad |
| 26. | Shri B V Satyanarayana | Disaster Management | Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), Hyderabad |
| 27. | Shri Ch. Patanjali Kumar | Disaster Management | Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), Hyderabad |
| 28. | Shri G. Suresh | Disaster Management | India Meteorological Department, New Delhi |
| 29. | Dr. M. V. Ramana Murthy | Disaster Management | National Institute of Ocean Technology, Chennai |
| 30. | Ms M.V. Sunanda | Disaster Management | Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), Hyderabad |
| 31. | Shri Tata Sudhakar | Disaster Management | National Institute of Ocean Technology, Chennai |
| 32. | Dr. B. Ashalatha | Oceanography & Marine Geology | National Geophysical Research Institute, Hyderabad |
| 33. | Dr. Naresh Kumar Thakur | Oceanography & Marine Geology | National Geophysical Research Institute, Hyderabad |
| 34. | Dr Pasupuleti Prasada Rao | Oceanography & Marine Geology | National Geophysical Research Institute, Hyderabad |
| 35. | Dr. S. Rajan | Oceanography & Marine Geology | National Centre For Antarctic and Ocean Research, Goa |
| 36. | Dr. John Kurian P | Oceanography & Marine Geology | National Centre For Antarctic and Ocean Research, Goa |
| 37. | Dr. Dhananjai Kumar Pandey | Oceanography & Marine Geology | National Centre For Antarctic and Ocean Research, Goa |
| 38. | Dr. A.K. Chaubey | Oceanography & Marine Geology | National Institute of Oceanography, Goa |
| 39. | Dr. K.S. Krishna | Oceanography & Marine Geology | National Institute of Oceanography, Goa |

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| 40. | Shri Gopal Chandra Bhattacharya | Oceanography & Marine Geology | National Institute of Oceanography, Goa |
| 41. | Shri Rajesh Asthana | Geo-Scientific Expeditions & Antarctic Studies | Geological Survey of India |

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| <p style="text-align: center;">Young Researcher Award – 2010</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Shri Yogesh Ray</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology, Dehradun.</p> |
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