20th NATIONAL CONVENTION OF ECONOMIC GEOLOGISTS
(2015-16)

With
6th National Symposium on "GEMS AND GEMSTONES"
(November 28-29, 2015)
and
Round Table Conference of Geoscientists, Professionals and Entrepreneurs of Mineral Sector
(Nov. 29, 2015)
At Gwalior (M.P.)

Jointly Organized by
South Asian Association of Economic Geologists (SAAEG) : India Chapter
and
Krishna Gem House
Sarafa Bazaar, Gwalior

in Cooperation with
Jiwaji University, Gwalior

INVIATION
The 20th National Convention of Economic Geologists including the "Academic-industrial Interaction Program" of the South Asian Association of Economic Geologists (SAAEG) will be jointly organised with and hosted by the Krishna Gem Testing Laboratory, Gwalior and Jiwaji University, Gwalior M.P. during November 28-29, 2015.

As a part of this Convention, a National Symposium on Gems and Gemstones will be held during November 28-29, 2015 at Gwalior in the context of the rapid strides that the South Asian region, in general, and India in particular, have made in the recent years specifically in the sectors concerned with the gems and gemstone-based industries.

Further, with a view to providing a forum for free and fair interaction among various stakeholders with experts and interested participants on key topics concerning with the region's new mineral policy, mining and environmental laws, a Round Table Conference is also proposed to be organized on 29th November 2015 at Gwalior.

The Organizing Committee has great pleasure in extending a cordial invitation to the interested organisations/companies and individuals to participate in the above referred programs and join the organizers in achieving the much aspired success of the Convention.

OBJECTIVE
Gemmology, the science and art of gems and gemstones, has fascinated the mankind since time immemorial. The gemstone aply described as the "Flowers of the Mineral Kingdom" - have been valued not only for their charm and beauty in manufacturing high-cost jewellery, but also for their therapeutic and astrological significance.

India's status as one of the leading repositories of the multitudes of world class gemstones has enhanced in recent years to world's biggest manufacturer of the processed (i.e. cut and polished) gemstones. The share of India in the global production of cut and polished diamond alone is about 80% in terms of quantity and about 55% in terms of value. The export of gemstones from India is also of the order of about Rs. 1000 crore per annum. The prospects of developing diamond and other gemstone-based industries further in the country are quite bright and the geoscientific community can help in modernizing it and also in upgrading the awareness among the common people about their identification, testing, grading, valuation, trade and job opportunities.

The two states of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh are endowed with numerous deposits of good quality diamond and other gemstones. About 95% of the production of diamond in India comes presently from the Kimberlite pipe of Malgajwara and the remaining 5% from the Quaternary gravels in Panna district of M.P. Besides, the precious and semiprecious varieties of several other minerals e.g. Corundum (ruby and sapphire), Emerald, Aquamarine, Alexandrite, Rock crystal, Apatite, Beryl, Topaz, Tourmaline, Garnet etc. are being mined from different parts of the two states.

THEMES OF THE SYMPOSIUM
The major themes/sub-themes of the Symposium shall be as follows:-
I. Mode of occurrence, genesis and controls of gemstone mineralization
II. Gemstone exploration and exploitation (mining) technology, including environmental aspects
III. Gemstone identification, gradation and valuation. Cutting and polishing technology
IV. Enhancement and treatment of gemstones
V. Gemstone-based industries, marketing, trade, export and import policies related to diamonds and gemstones
VI. Interfaces of Gemmology, Astrology and Medical science, principally Ayurvedic system of medicine

The programme shall comprise keynote addresses and contributed papers on the above-stated sub-themes by geoscientists and experts of the country. Special sessions as part of the workshop will be conducted by the experts to elaborate new methodologies and techniques employed for geological investigations.

THEMES OF THE ROUND-TABLE CONFERENCE (RTC)
Programmes of this Conference will cover the thematic/aspectus concerning the new mineral policy and the mining and environmental laws revised in recent years and the repercussions on the plans and programs of mineral sector's development in a sustainable and scientific manner in the context of its targeted growth by 2020. Papers dealing with the above-stated themes/subthemes of the Symposium or the RTC are invited.

ABOUT THE ASSOCIATION
South Asian Association of Economic Geologists (SAAEG) was founded in 1996 at Colombo (Sri Lanka) as an independent and non-political forum of geoscientists, technocrats, professionals and strategists concerned with sustainable development of geo-resources in South Asian Region. Its Indian chapter has been registered as "Association of Economic Geologists" under Society Registations Act XXI, 1860 at New Delhi. The Association has its headquarter at National Institute of Technology, Raipur (CG) its 20 regional Chapters Cover almost all mineral-producing provinces and states of the country. The general objective of the organization is to share and disseminate the latest geoscientific information and knowledge among its members and other professionals in the broad field of Economic Geology, Mining Geology, Mineral exploration, Mineral Economics and sustainable development of Geo-resources through periodic orientations of attractive programs including various conferences, seminars and symposia at national and international levels and bring out relevant publications, that include the "Journal of Economic Geology and Geo-resource Management", being brought out by the Association since 2004.

You may visit the Association's website at www.saaeg96.org for further details about its activities and achievements.

CALL FOR PAPERS
The extended abstract of papers, not exceeding 1000 words, on any of the above stated themes may be submitted preferably through e-mail to organizing secretary on or before 15th October 2015. Papers selected for presentation and deliberation under various Technical sessions of the Symposium and Round Table Conference shall be included in the pre-Conference Volume. The authors shall be given an opportunity to upgrade the contents of all such papers before selected among them are published in prospective issues of the "Journal of Economic Geology and Geo-resource Management" - the official journal of the South Asian Association of Economic Geologists.

Submission of Manuscript:
Complete manuscript should be submitted preferably by e-mail, in MS-Word format to Dr. A.N. Singh, Convenor.

SAAEG AWARD FOR BEST PAPER
Special awards of Rs. 3000/- in addition to certificate of appreciation, will be given to the contributor(s) of the papers adjudged as good among the papers presented at the Symposium and Round Table Conference.

ABOUT THE CITY OF GWALIOR
Gwalior is a historical and major city in the Indian state of Madhya Pradesh. It is located at 319 km southeast of Delhi, the capital city of India. The city occupies a strategic location in the Central region of India, its fortress has been under the control of several historic northern Indian kingdoms. After the Tomars
ABOUT KRISHNA GEMS HOUSE

Krishna Gems House was set up on May 24, 2012 under the direction and supervision of Dr. A.S. Bhalla, a famous ENT specialist, with the assistance of Dr. N. Singh. He is taking keen interest in monitoring the identification and sale of GEMS. The Krishna Gems House is located in Sarala Bazaar which is very near Gwalior Fort. GEM traders from all over the world visit Gwalior for the marketing of GEMS. Their quality, colour, clarity, inclusion etc. are being studied in the KRISHNA GEMS HOUSE to render assistance to the local people and traders located around Gwalior. The institute of Krishna Gems House is equipped with all latest geological equipment and three workshops have already been held under its aegis.

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