

**GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF INDIA**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1974**

The Council of the Geological Society of India have pleasure in presenting the 16th annual report of the Society for the year 1974 and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1974.

**MEMBERSHIP**

Membership continues to increase steadily as is shown below :

<i>As at 31st December</i>	<i>1973</i>	<i>1974</i>
Fellows . . .	532	564
Life Members	21	24
Hon. Fellows	6	8

35 Fellows were newly elected during the year. The Society lost 2 Fellows by death and 1 resigned. The Council regrets to record the death of Prof. L. Rama Rao and Mr. Percy Evans during the year 1974.

The Council elected Sir Frank Dixey and Dr. S. R. Nockolds as Honorary Fellows. The total number of Honorary Fellows stood at 8.

**COUNCIL MEETINGS**

During the period there were four meetings of the Council.

**PUBLICATIONS**

36 long papers and 22 Shorter Communications were published in Volume 15 of the Journal for the year 1974.

**SEMINAR**

The Society organised jointly with the Institution of Engineers, Karnataka Centre, the Cement Research Institute of India and the Indian Standards Institution a two-day panel discussion on Standardization of Exploration Techniques in Limestone Prospecting on the 12th and 13th January 1974.

**ACCOUNTS**

The Balance Sheet as at 31st December 1974 together with the Income and Expenditure statement is enclosed. Excess of expenditure over income amounted to Rs. 9,620. This was largely due to the expenditure of Rs. 17,923 which had to be incurred towards purchase of paper.

Revenue through membership subscription increased by Rs. 1,253 over last year. Journal sales also registered an increase by Rs. 2,200 and amounted to Rs. 22,766. Although these are improvements over last year, it has to be stated with regret that nearly 10% of the Fellows still continue to keep their subscription in arrears.

The National Science Academy who were contributing Rs. 2,000 to the upkeep of the journal, reduced their grant to Rs. 1,000 during the year 1974 and have since written to say that they will not be in a position to contribute even this small amount hereafter. The Society therefore has to forego this one source of revenue and will have to meet its growing expenditure through its own efforts.

On the expenditure side, the heaviest item is the cost of paper purchased. Cost of printing and postage have gone up and have a further tendency to rise for which increased provision will have to be made in the coming years.

One tape recorder was purchased at a cost of Rs. 1,215 to keep a record of proceedings of seminars, group discussions and other important meetings.

A sum of Rs. 12,000 had to be drawn from the Vijaya Bank for meeting the cost of paper for the journal and is outstanding payment.

Another sum of Rs. 12,000 was advanced as loan to B. B. D. Power Press to enable them to meet certain urgent items of expenditure. Excepting for a sum of Rs. 4,325 the rest of the amount had been paid at the close of the year.

#### AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

A special general body meeting was held on 2nd December 1974 to amend the existing article to provide for an increase in the subscription to Rs. 40/- per year to cover the increased cost of printing and postage. The amendment was unanimously accepted and adopted. The increased rate of subscription will be effective from 1-1-1975.

#### PUBLICATION FUND

There was no addition to the Publication Fund and it remained at Rs. 48,893-23.

#### GROUP DISCUSSION ON THE GEOCHEMISTRY OF THE PRECAMBRIAN ROCKS OF INDIA

For the first time, the Society organised a group discussion on the Geochemistry of the Precambrian rocks of India, at the time of the Annual General Meeting on the 8th and 9th March 1974. The discussion proved extremely valuable enabling presentation of a review of geochemical work in India and identifying gaps in our knowledge. The discussion also helped in formulating certain research projects which could be undertaken in future. In order to give a permanent form to the several important papers contributed during the course of discussion, the last number of the journal of the year (Volume 15, No. 4) was specially devoted to the publication of the proceedings of the discussion. It is hoped that this publication will stimulate interest in the study of this most important branch of research.

#### CONCLUSION

The Council wishes to place on record its deep sense of gratitude to all those who have served the Society in an honorary capacity. The Council thanks the proprietors of the B. B. D. Power Press who have identified themselves with the Society and have spared no efforts in bringing out the Journal on time.

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