



Umesh Chandra Pati
(1950-2006)

Late Umesh Chandra Pati belongs to Bhadrak district of Orissa. He was born in November 1950. He did his MSc. in Geology from Utkal University in 1971 and joined GSI as Geologist (Jr.) at Lucknow in 1974. He was transferred to Bhubhaneswar in 1982 and was deputed to the Bhutan Unit of GSI at Samtse from 1983-1985. He was promoted to the post of Geologist (Sr.) in early 1985. During his posting at Lucknow and Bhutan, he carried out systematic geological mapping and mineral exploration in the Himalayas. After completion of his deputation to Bhutan, he was transferred back to Bhubaneswar where he was posted till 1997. During his posting at Bhubaneswar, he was associated with the study of the Eastern Ghats. Besides, he held various administrative positions.

He was transferred to GSI Training Institute, Hyderabad in 1997. On his promotion to the post of Director, he was posted to Southern Region, Hyderabad in 2000. At Hyderabad, he held many important positions and was actively associated in formulation of policies and

programmes of the Region.

He was transferred to Operations Orissa, Bhubaneswar in August 2006 and breathed his last in the early of 22nd November 2006 from a liver related disease after a brief period of hospitalization. He is survived by his wife, son, daughter and an aged ailing mother.

Late U.C. Pati, fondly called by his friends as Umesh was a live wire of personality, a friend in need and was very popular among the officers and staff of GSI in all the places of his posting. An avid reader, an organizer of Seminars and author of a host of scientific papers, Pati will always be remembered by the earth science community for his contribution to the Geology of Orissa. He had a flair for cultural functions. Especially, he and his wife were good stage actors in drama.

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