

sponsored GIS Facility of the Department. The participants were exposed to various GIS applications like geo-referencing, on-screen digitisation, exporting and importing GIS data in different platforms, and the like. The resource persons were drawn from different organizations like NESAC, IIT (Guwahati), Jorhat Engineering College, Dibrugarh University, PCI Geomatics, EnGEO Consultancy and Research Centre and Patkai Labs.

On the penultimate day of the workshop, a field trip was organized to the NESAC headquarters, located at Barapani (Meghalaya). At the centre, the participants were welcomed and given a brief overview of the centre's activities, by the Deputy Director. The participants visited the RS and GIS lab of the centre, where the various scientists presented a brief outline of the several current ongoing projects. This

was followed by a field visit to the areas adjoining the centre, which was led by Ms. Kuntala Bhushan and Samarjit Singh of NESAC. In the field, the participants were given the opportunity to handle the portable GPS device, and were taught the procedure for undertaking field surveys with the aid of satellite imageries and GPS.

In the valedictory function, the participants gave valuable feedback and opinions on the workshop. During the same function certificates were distributed to the participants by the course coordinator.

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Announcements

ARTICLES FOR *SHILALIPI*

Popular and review articles are invited from geoscientists and academicians of our country and abroad for the 2006 volume of *SHILALIPI* – A popular journal on Earth System Science and Technology being brought out annually by the Post Graduate Department of Geology, Khallikote Autonomous College, Berhampur. The sole objective of this journal is to popularize and promote Earth System Science and Technology among students and the public. For further details, please contact: Dr. B. Mishra, Editor, *Shilalipi*, P.G. Department of Geology, Khallikote Autonomous College, Berhampur - 760 001, Orissa. **Email:** mishrageol@rediffmail.com/shilalipi_essp@rediffmail.com **Phone:** 0680-2223966 (R).

SEDIMENTARY BASINS OF THE HIMALAYA: CHALLENGES FOR THE FUTURE AND XXII CONVENTION OF INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF SEDIMENTOLOGISTS

Wadia institute of Himalayan Geology, Dehra Dun is organizing the above seminar and convention scheduled to be held during 21-23 December, 2005 including one day field trip. The major themes to be addressed are: Himalayan Sedimentary Basins, Foreland Basin Systems, Proterozoic Sedimentary Basins, Responses to Sedimentary Systems to South Asian Monsoonal Shifts, Applications of Sedimentology to Geohazards and Petroliferous Sedimentary Basins – Challenges. For further details, please contact: Dr. Sumit K. Ghosh, Convener, WIHG, 33, GMS Road, Dehra Dun – 248 001 (UA). **Phone:** 0135-2624806, Extn. 551 (O); 0135-2625773 (R); 09412381151 (M). **Email:** skghosh@wihg.res.in, skgesh@rediffmail.com