

## VETERAN PETROLEUM GEOLOGIST HONOURED



Shri A.B. Das Gupta

Shri A.B. Das Gupta, the 86-year old distinguished petroleum geologist and former Member, Oil and Natural Gas Commission, and Managing Director, Oil India Ltd., was honoured with the "Life Time Achievement Award" by the Petrotech Society. At an impressive ceremony at Delhi on 10.1.03, the Prime Minister, Shri Atal Behari Vajpayee conferred the Award on Shri Das Gupta in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the Petroleum Geology of India. Following excerpts from the citation recall the career of Shri Das Gupta:

".....Beginning his career in Burmah Group of Companies in 1941, his contribution to the petroleum geology of Eastern India has been unparalleled. In recognition of his competence, dedication and commitment, he became the first Indian to rise to the level of Managing Director of Oil India in 1969. He was a member of Oil and Natural Gas Commission for several years. His contribution was well recognized by the Government of India, when he was awarded *Padmashri* in 1971".

In his acceptance oration, Shri Das Gupta recounted

his entry into Petroleum Geology/Industry 62-years back by chance. He worked his way into the entirely new field of Petroleum Geology which led him further into areas such as Reservoir Engineering, Photogeology and finally to higher echelons of management in the oil industry of the country. His life has been a saga of hard work, dedication and total involvement that should inspire the younger generation.

His characteristic response to this honour was:

"I usually work for my own personal satisfaction. I do not particularly look forward for any reward, but I must confess that I do feel happy if once in a while an appreciation does come along".

The geological fraternity of the country offer their hearty felicitations to Shri A.B. Das Gupta on this signal honour bestowed on him and wish him many more years of fruitful activity in the service of geology.

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