





The Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur created a new Department of Earth Sciences in February 2014 with the aim of establishing an interdisciplinary Earth Sciences teaching and research program of contemporary relevance.

## Objectives:

- Integration of quantitative approaches and techniques across various earth systems and application of geological, geophysical and other related analytical methods.
- Training students and developing an aptitude for conjunctive use of field, experimental, analytical and numerical approaches.
- Providing high-quality industry and research-oriented manpower in various fields of Earth Sciences.

## FROM HOD'S DESK

"The BS-MS and M. Tech. students of the Department of Earth Sciences, IIT Kanpur get thorough academic training that includes course works on fundamental and applied Earth Sciences as well as hands-on training on analytical techniques relevant to our society. Particularly, they learn about natural resources (identification and exploration techniques), Solid Earth geology, Quaternary geology, Sedimentology and Basin analysis, Natural hazards, and Applied geochemistry, etc. Our students are well-trained with the theoretical aspects of hydrocarbon exploration from the basic to advanced stages, theoretical and practical Rock Mechanics, Rock Physics, and different geophysical exploration techniques with laboratory-based components. They visit several exploration industries, their mining sites, and beneficiary plants. In our teaching program, field geology is one of the essential components with emphasis on geological mapping and interpreting geological structures. IIT Kanpur campus environment encourages students to develop as better human beings, leaders, and team members."



DEBAJYOTI PAUL Professor and Head Earth Sciences

## **Academic programs and Specializations**

#### **BS-MS** in Earth Sciences

#### 1) Geology:

Geology of Fuels, Structural Geology, Sedimentary Processes and Stratigraphic Principles, Hydrology, Engineering Geology, Economic Geology

#### 2) Geophysics:

Fundamentals of Geophysics,
Exploration seismology,
Geophysical methods, Potential
Field Theory and application, Well
logging, Remote sensing

## 3) Solid Earth studies:

Earthquake seismology, Petrology, Rock Mechanics, Geochemistry, Geodynamics

#### 4) Natural Hazards:

Tectonic
Geomorphology,
Flood risk and
mitigation, Disaster
management

#### 5) Elective courses:

Advanced courses of PG level offered by Department, Open Electives by Institute

#### M. Tech Geological Technology

#### 1) Compulsory courses:

Applied Geophysics and Well logging,
Mathematics in Earth Sciences,
Instrumentation in Earth Sciences,
Remote Sensing and Geo-Source
Evaluation

#### 2) Elective courses:

Geochemistry and Geology of Petroleum, Solid Earth Geophysics, Advanced Structural Geology, Experimental Rock Deformation and Rock Physics, Applied Sedimentology and Basin Analysis, Natural Hazards





Professor & Head, PhD, Cornell University,
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Paleoclimate Reconstruction)



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Assistant Professor, PhD, Brown University, USA (Planetary Vis-NIR Remote Sensing, Lunar Geology, Characterization of Enceladus plume, Impact cratering)



#### Javed N.Malik

Professor, PhD, M.S. University of Baroda (Active Tectonics and Paleo seismology, Geomorphology, Paleo tsunami)



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Assistant Professor, PhD, Florida International
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#### **Animesh Mandal**

Assistant Professor, PhD, IIT Kharagpur, India (Exploration Geophysics, Modelling and Joint inversion, Geophysical data processing/enhancement)



#### Ishwar Kumar

Assistant Professor, PhD, IISc Bengaluru, India (Earth crustal and surface processes interaction Petrology, Tectonics and Archean Crustal Evolution Paleogeography, Remote sensing and GIS)



#### Amar Agarwal

Assistant Professor, PhD, IIT-Roorkee and KIT-Germany (Applied Structural Geology, Impact Cratering, Rock Magnetism)

# Schlumberger activities with the department

- The world's largest oilfield service provider company "Schlumberger" has been associated with Earth Sciences department at IIT Kanpur from 2017.
- Schlumberger day has been celebrated on 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> October where technical events like:
- Case studies
- Poster presentation etc., were conducted.
- Since then mutual sharing of knowledge between the institute and the company has been entrenched.



Placement record of Y17 PGs



Prabhati Sen



Saket Patidar

Internship offer to Y18 PGs



Anjali Dixit

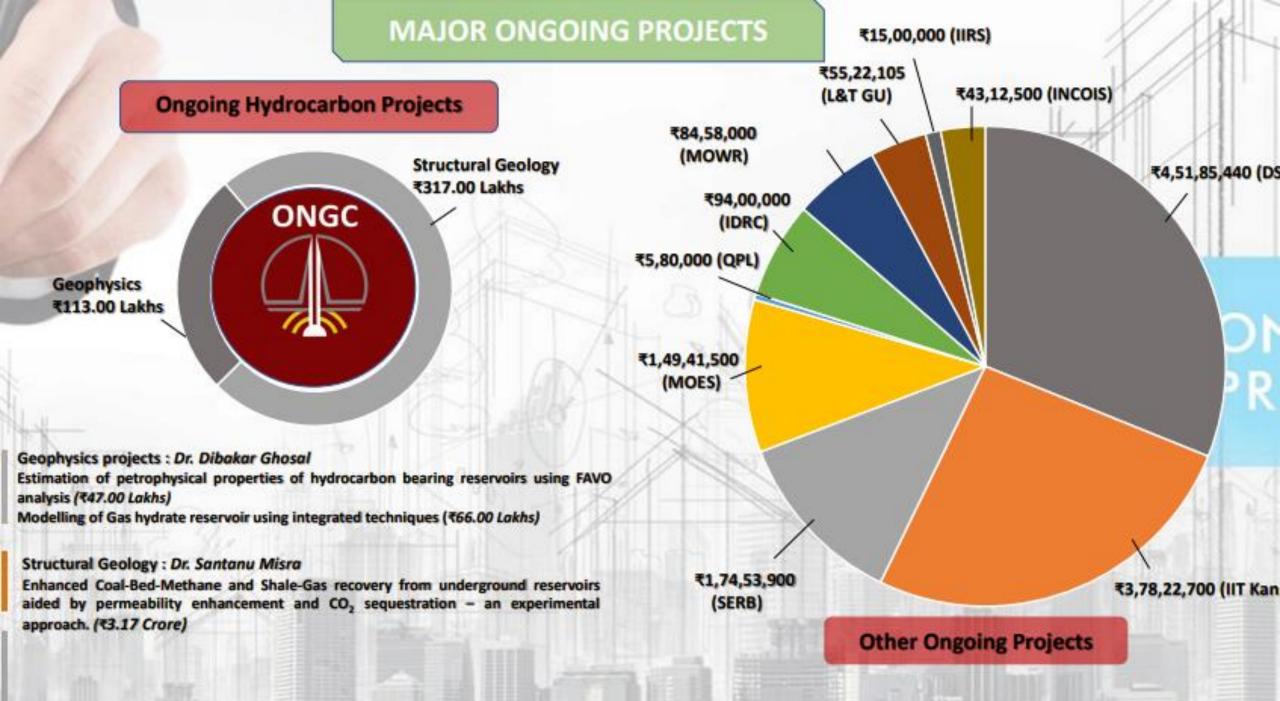


Himanshu Singh Gehlot



Aashee Shukla

\*\*\*The department is now looking towards spreading roots and establish a promising relation with major oil and gas companies.



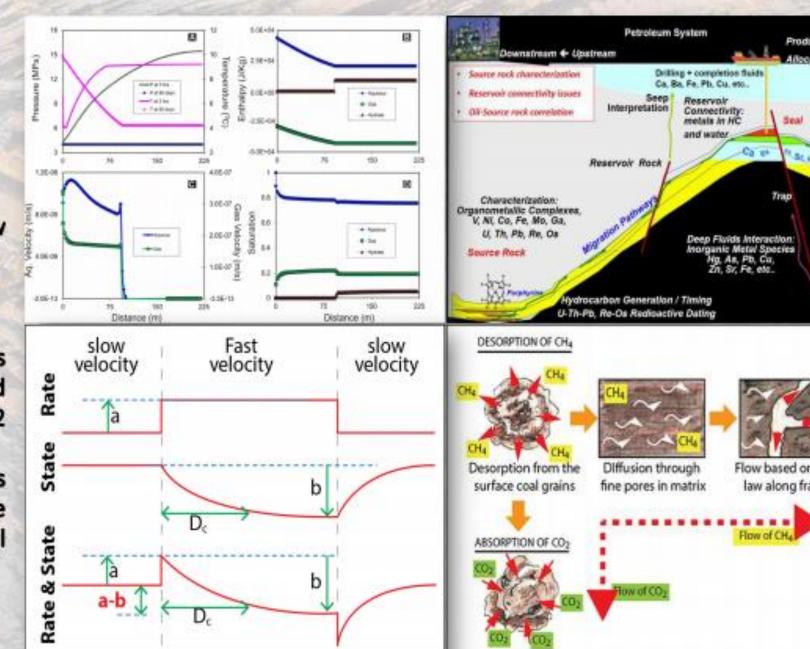
## Research Areas

## **Hydrocarbon Studies:**

- Seismic studies on:
  - Gas hydrate reservoirs
  - Poro-elasticity
  - Refraction Tomography
  - **Full Waveform Inversion**
- Application and development of new inorganic tools in hydrocarbon exploration

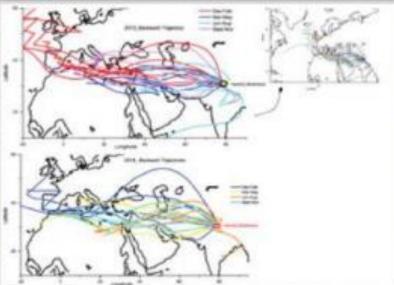
## Structural studies:

- Enhanced Coal-Bed-Methane and Shale-Gas recovery from underground reservoirs aided by permeability enhancement and CO2 sequestration – an experimental approach
- Characterization of the frictional properties and seismic-aseismic transitions in active faults of the Himalaya: an experimental investigation



## **Geochemical Studies:**

- Isotopic evolution of terrestrial reservoirs in open system models of the Earth
- Magnitude and Pathways of Anthropogenic Platinum Group Elements: Emerging Environmental Contaminant in India
- On-Site Detection of Arsenic Fluoride & Hardness in Drinking Water
- Design and Development of Aquatic
  Autonomous Observatory for In situ
  Monitoring, Real Time Data Transmission and
  Web based Visualization







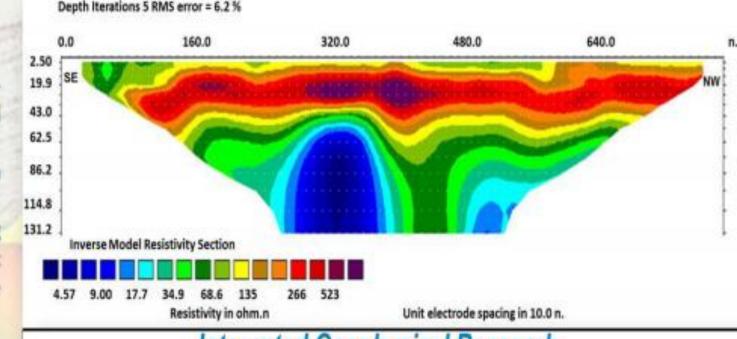


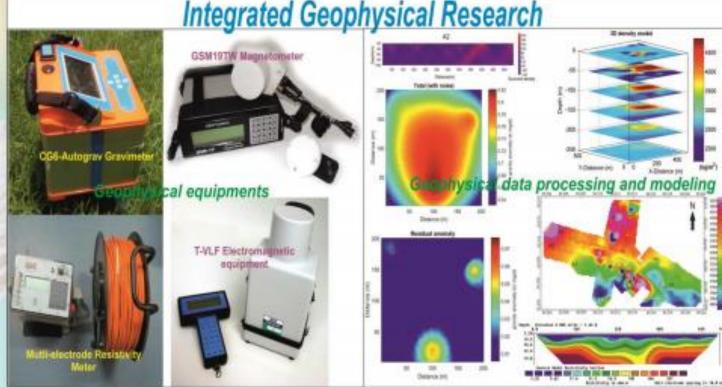
## **Groundwater Structure and Dynamics**

- Geomorphic controls on ground water aquifersintegrated approach using borehole data and modelling
- Forecasting the response of the ground water system to plausible future changes in the water cycle
- Modelling ground water flow dynamics under varying stresses-historical water level data analysis, isotopic methods for source characterization and recharge estimation; ground water modelling

#### And also some major studies on:

- Potential field methods
- Integrated geophysical research
- Mineral exploration and near surface studies
- Tectonic studies
- Geophysical data processing/enhancement
- Modeling and joint inversion





## Other research areas

#### Natural Hazards:

- Landslides and slope stability
- River flood risk assessment

#### Paleo-seismology and Paleo-tsunami study:

- GPS measurement-crustal deformation studies in NW Himalaya
- Paleo-tsunami investigation in Andaman & Nicobar islands

#### Paleoclimate Reconstruction:

Paleo climate reconstruction using sedimentary archives

#### Planetary Studies:

 Aspects related to composition, texture and surface morphology on the Moon and it's plume Enceladus

#### River Sciences:

- Human transformations of river system-impact of LULC, anthropogenic interventions and overexploitation on river forms and processes
- Geomorphic features of active tectonics-geomorphic indices, morphometric analysis,
   Remote sensing and GIS methods

#### **Environmental Sciences:**

Environmental flow and river health assessment

#### Geochemical Studies:

- Impact of aerosols and Aeolian dust, sea salt spray, soil erosion and volcanic emissions on chemical fluxes on Earth's surface
- Implication for crustal evolution, heat flow and Open system geochemical evolution models



## Research facilities

#### **Geophysics lab**

- Well Logger
- Seismic Thumper
- Geophones (RAU)
- High Performance Workstation
- Gravimeter
- Magnetometer
- Very Low Frequency
- VES

#### Other Useful terrain mapping tools such as

- Total station
- · DGPS
- UAV
- GPR

#### **Rock Mechanics Lab**

- Rock core Drill Machine
- Vacuum Oven
- Pulveriser
- Low speed diamond Saw
- Automatic Rock curring Polishing
- Uniaxial Rock Machine
- Lathe Machine
- Hydraulic Press
- Hydraulic Hot Mountain Press
- Lapping Machine



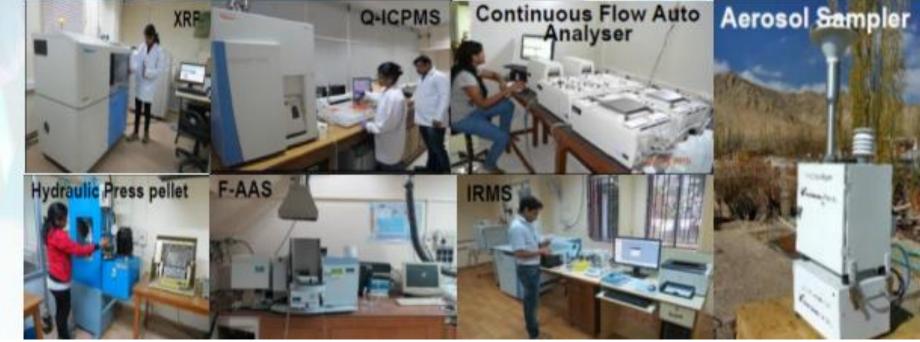
### Sedimentology & Microscopy Facilities

- Sedigraph
- XRD
- Sieve shaker
- OSL Reader
- Isodynamic Magnetic separator
- Ultra-Thin Section bench Top
- SEM
- Vibratory Cup mill
- Vacuum Impregnation Unit
- Thin Section Preparation Unit
- UIC coulometer
- Leica Optical Microscope
- Stereo Zoom Microscope (SMZ 1000)
- Cathode Luminescence Microscope

#### **Analytical facilities**

- XRF
- Q-ICPMS
- IRMS
- Aerosol Sampler
- Hydraulic Press pellet
- · F- AAS
- · Core Archival and Analysis Facility
- Core Scanner (DCS)
- · Metal-Free clean lab
- Bartington Magnetic Susceptibility
   Meter-dual Frequency
- Laser Water Isotope Analyzer
- Nutrient Analyzer





## Synergy with other Departments

#### **Material Science** & Engg.

Minerals, Material characterization

#### Civil Engineering

Hydrology, Fluid dynamics, River Science, Environment

#### IME, Design

Energy, Innovation

#### Mechanical Engineering

Geomechanics and computational seismology

#### Earth Sciences

#### **Physics**

Atmospheric Processes, Energy, Fluid flow, Earth's Magnetism

#### Humanities

**Environmental Economics**, Energy Economics, **Econometric** methods

#### Mathematics and Statistics

Data structure, Statistics modeling

#### Chemistry

Physical chemistry, Environmental Chemistry, Bio chemistry, Ancient life on earth



