

## NEWS BULLETIN

### ISG — AHMEDABAD CHAPTER

#### CONSTITUTION OF NEW ISG COMMITTEE 2017-2020

Annual General Meeting was held at Space Applications Centre on 04 August 2017. On behalf of previous committee Shri R P Dubey presented the spectrum of activities carried out in last one year. After receiving good applaud for the efforts in the previous term for popularization of the technology, the responsibilities were handed over to the newly elected committee for the term 2017-2020.



Photograph of Outgoing and New committee members

Newly elected executive committee (office bearers)		
Chairman	Shri N S Mehta	SAC (ex-SAC)
Vice-Chairman	Dr Alpana Shukla	M G Science Institute
Secretary	Dr C P Singh	SAC
Joint-secretary	Dr Parul Patel	Nirma University
Treasurer	Dr Nikhil Lele	SAC

Apart from the office-bearers listed in the table above, Executive Members includes Dr P S Thakker SAC (ex-SAC), Shri K P Bharucha, Shri B P Rathore, Shri D A Maroo, Ms Shweta Mishra (all from SAC), Ms Darshana Rawal (CEPT) and Dr. Ranendu Ghosh (DAIICT). New members were greeted with hearty welcome and wishes by everyone. Chairman N S Mehta presented immediate activities and tasks to be carried out by the new committee.

#### POPULAR LECTURE AT MG SCIENCE INSTITUTE

On the occasion of Dr Vikram Sarabhai's birthday, eminent Space Scientist Prof. Narendra Bhandari was invited for a popular talk on "Falling Stones & Secrets of the Universe" on 12th August 2017. The event arranged at GIDC Bhavan 2017, was well-attended by professionals and more than 150 students. Dr Bhandari shared his research experiences, which were highly motivational for the youngsters.



#### REMOTE SENSING DAY CELEBRATION IN CEPT

Remote sensing day was celebrated at CEPT on Sept 2, 2017. The event received overwhelming response from nearly 250 UG & PG students from Gujarat University, MG Science Institute and CEPT University. A full day event included activities like Origami, quiz and visit to VSSE. Dr Raj Kumar presented valedictory remarks and the prize distribution to the winners.



## OUTREACH PROGRAMME AT M.N. SCIENCE COLLEGE, PATAN

As part of outreach activity, the programme entitled 'Geomatics: An Instructional Tool' was conducted at Patan on July 22, 2017 involved around 70 college students. On this occasion, lectures were delivered by Dr. Prakash Chauhan, Dr. Alpana Shukla and Dr. C.P. Singh.



## WORLD OZONE DAY CELEBRATION - BY GMIS

Every year, 3rd Saturday in the month of September is globally celebrated as World Ozone day. The program organised by Global Mission International School at Sanskar Dham (Bopal-Godhavi road) was attended by 450 students from class 6 to 12. Dr Mehul Pandya (SAC) was invited to deliver a talk on "Role of Space Science in Ozone and Earth Observation."



## ACHIEVEMENTS

- Shri Tapan Misra, Director SAC was awarded with Atulya Ghosh Memorial Award.
- Dr Anjana Vyas was felicitated by Pandit Dindayal Petroleum University (PDPU) for her work in field of Geomatics on the occasion of Teacher's Day.

## UP-COMING EVENTS BY ISG-AC

1. 22 September 2017. 'Applications of Geospatial Technologies for Sustainable Development' at Dept. of Geography, Geoinformatics and Geology, Gujarat University .
2. 11 November 2017. GIS day celebration at CEPT (Quiz, talks,... and much more)
3. 7 January 2018. Scientific excursion – Vachara bet , Little Rann

## IN REMEMBRANCE ...



Prof U R Rao was instrumental in designing the first Indian satellite 'Aryabhata'. Under his leadership as Chairman ISRO, launch vehicles have made enormous progress, including PSLV and initiation of cryogenic stage of GSLV. Besides several scientific achievements, he was conferred with Padma-Vibhushan- the second highest civilian award in the country.



Prof Yash Pal was the first Director of SAC, Ahmedabad after it was constituted in 1973. By profession he was a cosmic ray scientists and held key positions in DST, UGC and Planning Commission. He was instrumental in setting up IUCAA (Pune), which is one of its kind in the country. Dr Yash Pal was known for his role in popularisation of science.



Dr K N Shakara was former Director of SAC and ISRO Satellite Centre (ISAC), Bengaluru. Electrical communication specialist by education, he was responsible for development of INSAT satellites and microwave sensors. He was later involved in development and direction of India's communication satellite programme.

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