



## ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2017-18 (Presented at the Annual General Meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2018.)

Prof. Ashok Sahni, President of the Society and esteemed Fellows.

A very warm welcome to you all at the 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Body Meeting of your Society. I am happy to present a brief annual report of the activities of the Society for the year 2017-18.

### Annual General Meeting

The 61<sup>st</sup> Annual General Body Meeting of the Society was held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017 at the Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology, Dehradun. Prof. Ashok Sahni presided over the meeting and 32 fellows attended the meeting. Incidentally it was the first time that the Annual General Meeting was held outside Lucknow on the invitation of Prof. Anil K. Gupta, Director, Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology, Dehradun.

### Council Meetings

The Executive Council of the Society met on 4 occasions during the preceeding year for transacting the routine business of the Society.

### Lectures

35<sup>th</sup> M.R. Sahni Lecture was delivered on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017 by Prof. Jere Lipps, Professor of Graduate School, Museum of Palaeontology, University of California, U.S.A. on “**Palaeo**

**Parks : Protecting and conserving Fossil Resources world wide ”.**

19<sup>th</sup> Prof. S.N. Singh Memorial Lecture was given by Prof. Talat Ahmad, Vice-Chancellor, Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi on 14 October, 2017 on the topic “**Evolution of Ladakh Arc : constraints from SHRIMP U-Pb Ages ”.**

Dr. Rasik Ravindra, former, Director, National Centre of Antarctic and Ocean Research, Goa, was the speaker of 6<sup>th</sup> Prof. R.C. Misra Memorial Lecture. He spoke on “**Polar Regions and the Climate Change Scenario**” on 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2017.

### Awards

**M.R. Sahni Memorial Gold Medal** was awarded to Ms. Anjali Kushwaha for securing highest percentage of marks in Palaeontology at 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Semester (Combined) examinations of 2017 of Lucknow University.

**Prof. R.C. Misra Memorial Life Time Achievement Award** for the year 2017 has been conferred on Dr. Rasik Ravindra, former Director, National Centre of Antarctic and Ocean Research, Goa.

Prof. Anil K. Gupta, Director, Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology, Dehradun was awarded Prof. S.N. Bhalla commemorative Gold Medal for the year 2016 in recognition of his outstanding contributions in the field of micropalaeontology.



Prof. Devesh Sinha of Delhi University delivering 36<sup>th</sup> Prof. M.R. Sahni Memorial Lecture

The Society celebrated **International Fossil Day** on 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 in collaboration with Regional Science City, Lucknow. About 200 School Children from Lucknow and adjoining districts participated. Prof. Ashok Sahni and Dr. V.P. Mishra gave lectures on significance of Fossils. An exhibition of fossils was also organized in which children participated enthusiastically. A quiz programme on Fossils was also organized and winners were awarded prizes and certificates.

#### Current Membership

Life Member	328
	(Including 3 in current year)
Ordinary Member	01
Honorary Member	02
Institutional Member	03
	(Including one in current year)
<b>Total</b>	<b>334</b>

#### Publication

The Society publishes SCI Journal of the Palaeontological Society of India biannually beside publishing special volumes and field guide books as and when required.

#### Obituary

This year the Society has lost three distinguished fellow. Pof. Anil Kumar Jauhri, Editor of the Journal of the Palaeontological Society of India, Prof. P.K. Mishra and Prof. R.S. Loyal.

The Society places on record its deep sense of sorrows. May their souls rest in peace.

#### Acknowledgements

The Society expresses its deep sense of gratitude to the **Department of Science & Technology, Govt. of India** for granting Rs. One lakh towards publication of the Journal of the Society. Financial Assistance provided by Sri Arun Mishra is gratefully acknowledged. I am personally obliged to Prof. R.P. Tewari Vice-Chancellor, Hari Singh Gaur Sagar University for enrolling his university as institutional member. The Society is grateful to Prof. Rameshwar Bali, Head, Centre of Advanced Study in Geology, Lucknow University and all faculty members, Staff and students for their help and support in the activities of the Society.

The Society feels obliged to all scientists who assisted editors in evaluating scientific contributions received for publication in the Journal of the Society.

Lastly I would like to thank members of the Executive Council of the Society and fellows for their help, support and guidance in the smooth functioning of the Society.

12<sup>th</sup> March, 2018

(M.P. Singh)

Secretary

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**STATEMENT OF RECEIPT AND PAYMENTS**  
(From 1st April 2016 To 31st March 2017)

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT (Rs.)	PAYMENTS	AMOUNT (Rs.)
<b>Opening Balances:</b>			
F.D.R	1933677.00	Honorarium to Part-Time Worker	75600.00
UCO Bank (A/C No. 16644 )	2999.34	Auditors Fees	8588.00
IOB (1867)	36783.97	Printing & Stationery Expenses	4796.00
Cash in hand	5608.18	Postage Expenses	27342.00
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>1979068.49</b>	Telephone & Internet Expenses	21836.00
		Publication Expenses	397260.00
Admission & Subscription Fees	22200.00	Miscellaneous Expenses	3417.00
Sale of Publication	287581.00	M.R Sahnii Memorial Lecture Expenses	13748.00
Interest on S/B A/C	5881.00	Conveyance Charges	1850.00
Interest on FDR	165142.00	Bank Charges	20.93
DST Grant (SERB)	100000.00	Website Maintainence Expenses	10500.00
WIHG Grant	100000.00	R.C. Misra Memorial Lecture Expenses	1412.00
		IPA Membership	1705.50
		Brain Storming Expenses	56732.00
		TDS on Interest On FDR	657.00
		Gold Medal expenses	5670.00
		Renewal of Registration Expenses	1000.00
		Travelling Expenses	9085.00
		Computer Expenses	18150.00
		Fossil Day Expenses	5398.00
		<b>Closing Balances :</b>	
		Cash in hand	1327.18
		UCO Bank (16644)	3091.34
		IOB (1867)	148305.54
		F.D.R.	1842381.00
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As per our report in form 10B of even date

For Amit Agarwal & Co.  
Chartered Accountants

(CA A.K. Agarwal)  
Partner

Place: Lucknow  
Date:06/10/2017

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