

Earth System Science Organization Ministry of Earth Sciences

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Text-Book Series for the Graduate Students in Earth Sciences

To encourage research in Earth Sciences and also to augment capacity building in the field of Earth Sciences, Ministry of Earth Sciences gave financial support to Indian Institute of Technology- Roorkee (IIT, Roorkee)

for writing of "Text-Book Series for the Graduate Students in Earth Science". The proposal aims to fill in knowledge gaps for the Earth Science Graduate Students by providing a set of 14 affordable and illustrative text books with examples that are India-centric. The writing of the books will



also help to overcome the acute shortage of text books in Earth Sciences for undergraduate students. The books written in a simple form cover topics on Stratigraphy of India, Plate Tectonics, Paleontology, Mineralogy, Structural Geology, Metamorphic Petrology, Petroleum Geology, Engineering Geology, Economic and Ore Geology, Remote Sensing and GIS, Plate Tectonics. The books proposed to be written in a phased manner by experienced scholars in the field, will be published by Geological Society of India, Bangalore a premiere society of the country established to promote the cause of advanced studies and research in all branches of Earth Systems Science.

Towards this direction, two books published by Geological Society of India and titled "Crystallography and Mineralogy" co-authored by Prof Ram. S Sharma and Prof Anurag Sharma and "Elements of Palaeontology" by Prof S.K.Shah were released by Dr Shailesh Nayak, Secretary, Ministry of Earth Science at a small function organized at Prithvi Bhavan, Ministry of Earth Sciences at 1100 hrs on 7th January 2014. Prof Sandeep Singh and Prof A.K.Jain, editors of the series were present along with the authors during the ceremony. The books priced at Rs 700 and Rs 350, are being initially offered by IIT Roorkee to over 22 colleges free of cost to be used for their undergraduate courses in BSc Geology and BSc (Hons) in Geology .