

## Report on the 9<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Geomorphology and post-conference Intensive Course for Young Geomorphologists

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Although this is my second times participation in the IAG organized International Conference after Paris in 2013, I was really very excited as this time the conference was holding in my home country India. I was really eager to see several famous Geomorphologists together attending this conference and to represents my specific topic of research in front of world famous experts of my field.

I was really fortunate that I have received the “Young Geomorphologists” Grant again for attending this conference in Delhi. In addition the assigned post conference field trip for the Young Geomorphologists was also an attraction for me about this seminar.

From the very first day of registration in the conference, I had been meeting with several famous national and international delegates of geomorphology and geology disciplines. More than 450 participants from 44 different countries had participated this conference which was really spell bounding experience for me. The cultural programme in the evening was also amazing and truly representing the unity in variety of India.

In the first day of technical session of the conference I had my paper to present entitled “Human Intervention on Fluvial Hazards: A Case Study of the Nagavali River along the Rayagada District, Orissa”. My paper was in the session of ‘Hazard and Risks’ and was chaired by Mihai Micu, Margreth Keiler, Dan Balteanu and James Terry. In that particular session a total of four papers have been represented and all are very much useful to me.



*Some glimpse of 9<sup>th</sup> ICG in Vigyan Bhavan, Delhi*

Throughout the rest of the days of the conference I have listened several plenary lectures from different renowned Geomorphologists and also several different papers from my as well as other branches of geomorphology. These really enhance my knowledge and also aware me about different

new concepts, techniques and methods of geomorphology. In the same conference I got appreciation from the IAG members for my books entitled “Human Interference on River Health: A Study on the Haora River, Tripura, India” published from Springer.

From 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 onwards we had our scheduled field trip to Dehradun. On the first day in Dehradun we heard about 8 lectures from eight renowned Geomorphologists and geologists throughout the world namely Peter Van der Beek, Mauro Soldati, Deepak Chandra Srivastava, Irasema Alcantara Ayala, George Philips, Giuseppe Mastronuzzi, P.K. Champati Ray and V.S Kale. They had presented very interesting presentations on Fluvial, Tectonic events, landslides, Disaster risk and management and most importantly the fault system of Himalaya. The next two days were scheduled for field trip. I have really gained a vast knowledge about the Main frontal thrust, Main boundary thrust of the Himalaya, composition of Siwalik and lesser Himalaya, other fault systems and related topographic expressions.

As a whole, I have enormously enriched in academic concepts and have got some new fields of interest in my research. I also got the opportunity to meet and interact with some other young Geomorphologists from different countries and to share ideas with them. Therefore I would like to thank IAG organization for giving me this opportunity and definitely want to continue this type of research in future.

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*Participants and experts were in different moods during field trip of 9<sup>th</sup> ICG in Dehradun, India*