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DIRECTOR'S REPORT





I am delighted to present the Annual Report 2018-19 of National Institute of Rock Mechanics (NIRM), an autonomous organisation of repute under Ministry of Mines, Government of India which summarizes the major activities and achievements of the institute during the last fiscal year. The Institute provided technical and consultancy services to various user organizations in India and abroad. We made significant contributions to knowledge generation as evidenced from research papers. We strive to put our best foot forward every day to serve the industries in the most efficient and effective ways possible. In this year's report, we are highlighting many though certainly not all of the Institute's accomplishments and activities to advance our vision ensuring high quality and standards.

Established as an R&D support and expertise to Mining industry, NIRM deals with field and laboratory investigations, basic & applied research and solving complex problems in almost entire spectrum of Rock Mechanics and Rock Engineering related to Mining and Civil Engineering activities. During this year, NIRM made big strides across the spectrum of energy sector and most of urban infrastructure by providing solutions through applied research. During 2018-19, the Institute was associated with over 153 projects spread across mining, energy and infrastructure sectors. Different investigative techniques are also integrated as per the requirement of various industries. In addition to this, laboratory and in-situ testing services of material and rock samples were also done as required by the industry.

An important event that will have long term impact on R&D activities in NIRM as a whole was the workshop conducted in the month of February 2019 at Bengaluru with industrial partners for understanding their future requirement and expectations from NIRM for timely execution of the projects and the program was chaired by Dr K Rajeswara Rao, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Mines, Government of India. As part of information dissemination and skill development exercise, NIRM conducted two training courses during 2018-19 one each for the Executives of Singareni Collieries Company Limited, Govt. of Telangana and other for executives of Druk Green Power Corporation Ltd., Bhutan. During the financial year there was a surge in number of projects executed in the mining sector and NIRM has made significant contributions to the development of safe and economic practices coal, metal and opencast mines under difficult geomining conditions. Significant projects had been oriented to reduce the risk and hazard by modifying/monitoring the mining methods and adopting best safety practices.

In mining sector NIRM conducted studies viz., design of method of mining, feasibility studies, design of stoping parameters, yield zone & stress distribution determination, review of Ground Control & Management Plan and Strata Control & Monitoring Plan of mines and monitored rock burst that is being continued at KGF, stability studies of pit and dumps, stability analysis through instrumentation and numerical modelling, and monitoring of ground vibration to name a few.

NIRM made a notable contribution in Energy sector. 3dimensional numerical models were created for underground caverns and monitoring of structures using instrumentation. In a significant study, Powerhouse orientation of Devasari HEP hasbeen determined



through in-situ stress analysis. There were issues of crown collapse in the underground cavern of PHEP during excavation, which hindered the progress of the work. NIRM supported and facilitated further excavation through controlled blasting and numerical modelling studies. In-situ stress measurements were also done for the design of Pothead yard and to determine the stress regime in the vicinity of surge gallery.

In Nuclear energy sector NIRM's involvement started from the studies for site selection to foundation clearance through blasting. Seismotectonic evaluation identified suitable sites for siting studies for nuclear installations at east coast of India from three locations. For KKNPP, NIRM is exclusively involved in the blast vibration monitoring. As per BARC's request NIRM also involved in the process of selecting site for nuclear repository through in-situ stress studies. For thermal power plant at Sundargarh, controlled blasting method of operations is adopted for the foundation excavation of various components of installations.

During the period NIRM was involved in five Lift Irrigation Projects (LIP) for various studies. Studies were carried out at Godavari, Palamur and three packages of Kaleshwaram LIPs. In-situ stress studies were conducted for Palamuru and J Chokkarao LIP, whereas the test is conducted for the design of steel liners and delivery mains for B.R. Ambedkar LIP. NIRM was involved in two marine projects for support of extraction, grading and testing of armour rocks for Gopalpur port and a naval base near Vishakhapatnam. In another significant work, geophysical survey was conducted along the pipeline route to identify potential subsidence zones in the Raniganj-Asansol coal fields. NIRM also extended services to housing sector for identifying basement configuration and for optimising blasting activity. With a highly sophisticated DGMS approved testing laboratory & facilities, NIRM has carried out in-situ testing of mining components in the mines viz., SCCL, SAIL, HZL, HCL, HGML, NALCO etc., In addition to this, in-situ testing of various mining components was also done. Laboratory testing of ropes, material and rock samples for determination of various physico-mechanical properties was also done for various industries including ONGC, Varsha project and other mining companies. Many of our Scientists received National and International recognitions, served as expert members on important committees. As part of motivating and encouraging young talent in the field of Mining Engineering, Civil Engineering, Geology, Geophysics etc, the Institute also awarded training and internships to B. Tech and MSc students. This past fiscal year was one of great accomplishments for Vision Forward and the people we serve.

The above mentioned achievements are just illustrative in nature and not exhaustive. These were possible only because of the dedication of Scientists & staffs of NIRM. Team NIRM acknowledges with immense gratitude the enduring support extended by the Chairman & members of General Body, Governing Body and Peer Review Committee. I am indeed thankful to our external experts who guided us in our pursuit for excellence. NIRM has taken enormous strides during the year 2018-19 and we look forward to the institute emerging as the highest performing unit of Ministry of Mines.

Jai Hind !

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H. S. Venkatesh



INTRODUCTION

National Institute of Rock Mechanics provides its R&D support and expertise to the mining industry (surface and underground), power industry (hydel, thermal and nuclear) and infrastructure projects (rail, road, metro, irrigation, marine, urban construction etc.) by carrying out varieties of investigations in the area of rock engineering and rock mechanics. Key areas of activities of the Institute include numerical modelling, excavation engineering, controlled blasting, engineering seismology, slope stability, site characterisation (including geological, geophysical and geotechnical investigations), laboratory testing of rock samples, wire ropes and other mining accessories and NDT testing (both in laboratory and in-situ).

During this year, 35 projects were taken up in the mining sector, out of which 3 were from coal mines, 28 from metal mines and 4 others from open cast exploration for granite, limestone, gypsum etc. While investigations were completed and final report submitted for fifteen of them, twenty other are being continued as either data processing or under investigation.

Power sector is the backbone of NIRM and accounts for more than 50% of the revenue earning. Extending our expertise by way of providing consultancy services to the power sector is one of key areas we extend our services in solving the site specific problem and carried out crucial investigations for the design and development. During this year 47 projects were taken up in the power sector, out of which 13 were for nuclear power, 30 for hydroelectric power and 4 for thermal power. Most of the studies were related to the construction stage investigations for safe practice and/or site characterisation for the design implementation. While investigations were completed and final report submitted for twenty two of them, investigation or data processing is being continued for the remaining twenty five.

Apart from key work areas of Mining and Power sector, NIRM extends its R&D support and expertise to the Infrastructure sector which includes Irrigation and Marine projects, Drinking water, Urban housing and Metro and Rail/Road projects. During this year 34 projects were taken up in the infrastructure sector, out of which 18 were related to irrigation projects, three marine projects, seven housing projects and remaining two each from pipeline, underground cavern and metro & road projects. While investigation was completed and final report was submitted for twenty one of them, investigations are being continued for the remaining thirteen projects.

NIRM has DGMS approved testing laboratory for testing of material and rope samples. Both destructive testing at laboratory for wire rope samples and Non-Destructive Testing (NDT) at site for various mining equipment and accessories like winders, wire-rope and shaft components are done. During this year, 22 projects were carried out for these tests. Apart from them, the Institute has well established rock testing facility where both preparation and testing of rock samples for various physicomechanical properties are done as per ISRM standard. The fracture mechanics set-up at Institute determines both static and dynamic properties of rock joints. During this period seven projects related to rock testing were carried out.

In addition to these projects, six S&T projects including two in-house S&T projects and two projects related to miscellaneous sector carried out during this year.



1. Mining Sector

To reduce the risk, incidence, severity and damaging effects of possible rock-related hazards, a comprehensive Ground Control and Management Plan (GCMP) has been prepared by the mine management of Zawar Group (Mochia, Balaria, Zawarmala and Baroi). Accordingly M/s Hindustan Zinc Limited (HZL) entrusted NIRM to review and audit GCMP of Zawar Group of Mines for the years 2017-19. NIRM suggested to carry out proper geological mapping and also to install instrument



Rock bolt anchorage testing in the Mine

mapping and also to install instruments at critical locations.

► The rock failure mass was experienced India's in largest underground mine (Sindesar Khurd Mine) at CP03, resulting in failure of footwall drive at 65 mRL. Geological, geotechnical, empirical and numerical methods of analysis are used for reviewing probable failure characteristics of CP03A stope. The kinematic, Mathew analysis and 3D-FLAC numerical modeling analysis were carried out to know the yield and stress distribution zone



FLAC3D model of C block at Sindesar Khurd Mine

patterns. Based on comprehensive studies, suggestion were made to the mine management for safe extraction of ore from further primary and secondary stopes. Thus, it contributed in development of a new mining methodology to extract ore from primary stope, which was selected as a trial stope to implement the recommendations.

- HZL wanted to enhance the production of Rajpura Dariba mine (RDM) by adding new blocks. NIRM reviewed and determined alarming limits for surface subsidence through numerical modelling for the new blocks. A 3D numerical model is being developed in FLAC-3D by incorporating the previously excavated stopes and the planned stopes for excavation in South, East, Main and North lodes of RDM. Numerical modelling is under progress.
- Scientific study has been proposed at Hira Buddini Mine of Hutti Gold Mines Limited (HGML) to determine the impact of ground vibration on surface structures caused due to blasting. Ore is being mined by sub level open stoping. A preliminary site investigation was carried out and field investigation is under progress.
- Blast induced ground vibration and air overpressure studies were conducted near the rock quarry of M/s KNR Constructions. Ground vibration and air overpressure levels were monitored at different locations as per the suggestions from Dept. of Mines and Geology. A safe permissible peak particle velocity limits of 5 mm/s for the recorded frequency



above 18Hz is recommended for Sri Swayambu Pathala Vinayakaswamy temple located at a distance of 175m from the quarry.

- Study was conducted at Valasapalli and Kodur villages of Yerraguntla Mandal, Kadapa District, Andhra Pradesh on ground vibration and air overpressure, caused due to production blasts Zuari at limestone mine. Drilling and blasting practices of the mines were studied and blast induced vibrations were monitored at five different locations for varying blasting parameters. The study found that air overpressure generated by blasting are far below the permissible limit of 133dB. The safe maximum charge per delay for different distances was calculated based on the predictor equation for level within permissible limit.
- \triangleright As per the request from the Department of Mines and Geology, Govt. of Karnataka, blast induced vibration study was carried out Kumaraswamy for Temple, Bellary. The temple is a protected monument, located between the two operating iron ore mines. Ten trial blasts were conducted and vibration ground



controlling the ground vibration *Monitoring ground vibration and air overpressure near western* level within permissible limit.



Monitoring of ground vibration near Kumaraswamy temple

were measured at different locations around temple. The trial blasts indicated the normal blasting practices being followed at these mines. A peak particle velocity of 2mm/s was recommended as safe limit based on the Director General of Mines Safety (DGMS) standards.

Scientific studies of Pit stability monitoring towards north side of Krishna Limestone mine in Ramayanpatti village, Tirunelveli District, Tamil Nadu were conducted. Geotechnical studies were conducted in this mine and based on field investigations, monitoring using instruments & numerical analysis using the geotechnical parameters, recommendations for optimum design of bench parameters and ultimate slope angle were suggested.





View of Krishna Mine

Slope Stability Studies for deepening the quarry and enhancing the dump-3 height of Kaliapani Chromite Mine, Kaliapani, Jajpur District, Odisha were conducted. Based on field investigations, laboratory test and numerical analysis, the optimum pit bench parameters (8m width by 8m height) and overall slope angles of the pit footwall and hangingwall are recommended. The results allowed to extract considerable amount of ore more from the area.



Recommended slope design for footwall and hanging wall section, an ultimate pit slope of angle of 31°

Scientific study to assess the stability of south side (in-corp) highwall benches at MOCP, RG-1 area, of Singareni Collieries Co. Ltd., (SCCL) in Peddapalli District, Telangana State was conducted. On the south side high wall benches, cracks tensile and vertical subsidence (deformations of 1.4m deep at a distance of 26m from crest of the pit) were observed at top surface level of 835 mRL. The rock highwall section mass towards cracks and subsidence where



Final recommended highwall benches design in slope disturbed area of the pit

occurred was found to be stable during total station monitoring. The study recommended to maintain a minimum 25m platform at 100m depth of the pit. The suggested bench dimensions were 8 m height by 8 m width with an ultimate pit slope angle of 42° for



surface level to 100m depth and 48° from 100m to 145m depth in the disturbed slope area of the pit.

- Studies on design of stoping parameters at 11th, 12th & 13.5th level of Balaghat mine and design of sub-level stoping of Chikla & Munsar mine of MOIL with a view to optimize the stoping parameters by both empirical and numerical modelling is continuing. In addition to this at Balaghat, study has been done for (a) feasibility of conversion of insitu rib pillar to post pillar, (b) deciding dimensions of post pillars and placement of post pillars of varying widths and (c) placing of cable bolts and roof bolts. Data analysis of the instruments installed at Chikla mine is also carried out.
- A study was conducted to evaluate the factor of safety (FoS) of the remnant pillars of the underground Uranium mine operated by the Uranium Corporation of India Limited (UCIL) near Tummalapalle in YSR district, Andhra Pradesh. This study includes the results of numerical modelling to evaluate the FoS for the proposed mining method with long panels. All the pillar dimensions are as per the proposed design of pillar sizes. The strength and the FoS of the remnant pillars formed by the proposed mining method/sequence were examined by numerical modelling for their stability.



A:Mining Induced Stresses around the pillars after FW, Parting & HW lode mining without backfilling. B: FoS Values around the pillars after FW, Parting & HW lode mining without backfilling

- Scientific studies were carried on for the design and stability assessment of slopes of Dolomite project of APMDC, Vijayawada. It was proposed to carry out the studies with analysis based on physico-mechanical properties of material and reported deformations. This also includes analysis of monitoring data during the study period. Studies are in progress.
- Scientific Study for slope stabilization and monitoring of ground movement of South Face, Mine I of NLCIL, Neyveli, TN is being carried to suggest some immediate corrective measures to arrest further failure of slide. The study also includes pit slope analysis for determination of optimum slope angle and ultimate depth. Further studies are in progress.
- Scientific studies were conducted at A Narrain iron ore mine, operated by M/s Vedanta Limited, to suggest ultimate dump slope limit and its stability along with suitable dumping parameters. Field investigations and laboratory tests were conducted at the mine and dump samples were collected from the mine. For dump samples, large scale direct shear tests were carried out to generate numerical design of dump. Further studies are in progress.



Scientific studies to optimize the bench parameters and design of final pit slope stability is being carried out for K Deivendran Granite quarries and other quarries, Tamilnadu. Scientific studies were conducted to assess the stability of high walls and suggested bench parameters



The maximum Stress in this section is 10.54 MPa in the bottom level for one of the sections.

for overall final pit stability and to design final pit slope to work up to the maximum allowable depth.

Scientific study was conducted for design and stability evaluation of proposed deepening of mine workings (from-44 mRL to -66 mRL) including the surface dumps stability at Redi Iron Ore Mine of Gogte Minerals, Maharastra. The analysis is carried out for the existing slope parameters of the mine & the dumps and the corrected slope parameters. From the analysis of the slopes of the mine, the ultimate pit depth can be worked until -85 mRL. The dump with the maximum permissible height of 30m with the FoS at 1.2 has been recommended.



Showing the FoS values of Section 200 East Right

Geological mapping is done at multiple levels in different segments (from 14th to 4th Level) of the mine for determining geotechnical parameters to evaluate the feasibility of hang wall lode mining of Tumalapalle mine, UCIL, AP. The study also estimates the average Q and RMR values for different locations.



3D Mapping at UCIL

Studies carried out for the Iron ore operated by M/s M Hanumantha Rao in the forest area in Narayanpur village, Bellary district, Karnataka. The scope of work for the studies related to this project include studying the existing mine layout and method of working, testing of rock samples for determination of physico-mechanical properties, conducting



geological-cum-geotechnical studies to assess the stability of present slopes, and suggesting the ultimate pit slope along with recommendations for any remedial measures.

- Presently, seam '7A1' of Rajnagar (R.O.) underground mine of SECL is proposed for development in the panels P1, P2, P3, P4, P5, P6, P7, P8 & P9 with an extraction height of about 2.5 m. The depth of the workings in these panels ranges from 90 m to 150 m, with the seam gradient at 1 in 14. The roof strata consists of coarse grained sandstone. Strata control and monitoring plan (SCAMP) studies were carried out in view to understand the behaviour of the strata. Investigation is under progress.
- Seismic monitoring is continued to estimate seismic hazard at KGF. During this reporting period, five rockbursts have been identified. Monitoring and data processing work is in progress.
- In order to understand the behaviour of the strata while depillaring in the panels 9LS & 4LS of Kurja underground mine of South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL), the strata control and monitoring plan (SCAMP) studies were carried out. Further investigation is under progress.
- > Seismic activities in and around the minedout areas of Kolar Gold Fields were monitored to estimate the seismic hazards under an S&T project sponsored by the Ministry of Mines. The study indexed the mining area into five zones, least (Z1) to most hazard (Z5). Most of the surface area is falling low in to moderate hazard. During the monitoring, none of the seismic were found events bothersome enough to inflict a damage to any surface structure. As the stress conditions of the rockmass are and transient could change from one to other location. the hazard zones might migrate, which requires continuous monitoring.



Seismic Hazard Index of the KGF mining area

For optimization of crown and rib pillars as a part of stability evaluation, a 3D numerical model using FLAC-3D, is being developed for Baroi mine, HZL.



- > To prevent inrush of water infiltrating from the opencast workings of Chasnalla colliery and Damodar river, there is a proposal to construct water dams at six locations in the underground mine, operated by M/s Steel Authority of India Ltd. Insitu direct shear tests were conducted at the proposed water dam locations which consists of sandstone, coal and shale. The results show that cohesion values between rock to rock contacts are 9.42 kg/cm^2 , 5.17 kg/cm^2 and 2.28 kg/cm^2 , for coal, shale and sandstone, whereas for contact between concrete to rock 2.34 kg/cm^2 , 3.60 kg/cm^2 and 10.63 kg/cm^2 respectively. Foundation rock was found to be competent for constructing the underground water dam.
- \succ Studies carried out to assess the horizontal stress field in deeper horizons and to develop roof hazard maps of coal resources in Singareni Collieries Co. Ltd., (SCCL) command area. Hydraulic fracturing technique was used to measure the state of insitu stress deep below ground. Re-distribution of stresses studied by numerical modelling



Direct shear test equipment setup at test location, Chasnalla deep mine



Block configuration for RKNT Dipside block

and analysis on three possible cases for the stability of the mine opening with respect to maximum compression direction. Roof Hazard Maps have been prepared to anticipate the different geological, geotechnical & geo-mechanical parameters that are likely to be negotiated during the development. The study developed a methodology for devising support system and recommended most favourable orientation of the galleries.



2. Power Sector

Engineering geological investigations were carried out for the power house of Polavaram multipurpose project being constructed on river Godavari, after reaching the final design excavated profile. In power house area, the rock types exposed are quartzo-felspathicgarnetiferous granite gneisses with intermittent bands of pegmatite. The rock mass is being characterized based on Slope Mass Rating (SMR). Slope protection measures are being recommended. Cement grouting is being done in rock bolting holes before fixing of bolts.

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Geological map of the cut slope between 105 and 115m Elevation

Deformation and stability monitoring of underground powerhouse cavern of Sardar Sarovar project was continued for the year 2018-19, with the existing instruments. It is observed that the trend of displacement in all MRMPBX's (Magnetic Ring Multi-point Borehole Extensometer) are stable during the monitoring period. Geological sections were examined at locations where the displacement exceeded 4mm. It was found that all these anchors are located in agglomerate rock and near to shear zone. Instruments at chainages Ch 1516, Ch 1552 and Ch 1580 are also showing stable trend. Monitoring needs to be continued to ascertain the stability in view of the filling of the reservoir to full level at 136.68m.



Schematic plan of surface MPBX at Powerhouse Cavern and Displacements at RD1558

Analysis of instrumentation data of Desilting Chambers at Tala Hydropower Plant, Bhutan found that the load on ribs seems to be following a cyclic trend for with the water level in the reservoir. The variation of pore water pressure was in accordance with the water level in the reservoir and water levels in the Desilting chambers at most of the places. The variation in load on the ribs appeared to be due to changes in the rock mass



conditions due to hydrological variations and the temperature changes. It will not affect the stability of the chambers. This is confirmed by variations in piezometer observations during the same period.

- ➤ The Geodetic monitoring of Sardar Sarovar Dam was continued during this period. The verification of control points was done using DGPS survey. During the period 15 monitoring points were installed. A total of 23 points were monitored in the dam and data has been collected. NIRM has submitted a proposal to real SSNNL for time of Sardar monitoring Sarovar Dam
- ➤ Analysis of instrumentation data of Desilting Chambers, at Nathpa Jhakri Hydro Power Station, Himachal Pradesh indicated that pore water pressure distribution was normal and varies as per the reservoir levels. There significant was no convergence at desilting chamber access galleries during past 9 years. The displacements measured at Machine Hall Cavern showed stabilizing trend. Analysis of the instrumentation data from dam indicated that the values indicated by most of the instruments were within the



Control Point Survey at DGPSP1



Location of Instruments in NOF Block -3 of

design limits. Although a few instruments had shown values very near or in excess of the design values, these values did not indicate any trend.

Following the failure of Rock Mass in downstream surge chamber of Punatsangchhu-II Hydroelectric Project (PHEP-II) geotechnical and geodetic instruments were installed at major caverns of the powerhouse complex. A 3D instrumentation model incorporating the global positions, geological structures, over-break profiles, and actual positions of instruments was developed exclusively for PHEP-II. Detailed direct and derived analysis was carried out for different caverns of the PHEP-II on regular basis. Critical observations and suitable recommendations were made to the project execution team for timely action to prevent any further mishap.



> 3D numerical modelling of Punatsangchhu-II Hydroelectric Project, Bhutan was carried out to study the effect of cavity formation in chamber downstream surge on powerhouse and transformer hall cavern. A 3D discontinuum model was constructed with the actual geometry of the layout. The final cavity shape was also incorporated in the model. It was recommended to install longer bolts to anchor the bolts in competent rock, where the yield zone is extending beyond the rock bolt





length. It is recommended to install additional bolts, where the rock bolts have reached the yield load and formed continuous zones of yielded rock bolts.

 \geq In continuation to earlier 3D numerical model of power house cavern of Theri PSP project, HCC requested to rerun the same model different with shear strength parameters. A total of four studies were suggested by HCC for varying support system for modelling by using 3DEC software. The analysis found that-Maximum displacements in crown is within allowable limits (0.8%)strain). Displacements are maximum at the elevations 600 to 590 m and also along the zone of weakest rock type of PQT.



Model with shear joints dipping at 500

- A geological repository is being planned at Vishakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. As a part of feasibility studies in-situ stress measurements are being done to know the stress regime around the area and other geotechnical parameters of the rock mass. Field investigations are under progress.
- For the installation of pump houses for Units 3 & 4 of Kudankulam Nuclear Power plant, a detailed literature review was carried out to establish the permissible peak particle velocity for different ages of concrete during excavation. Accordingly, 15 trial blasts were carried out as close as 40m from the green concrete. Ground vibrations and air overpressure was monitored by 6 seismographs at different locations. The recorded frequency of the ground vibration was greater than 16 Hz. The



Monitoring blast vibration 6m before TB3





study suggested safe maximum charge per delay for different distances and suitable blast designs for pre-splitting.

- Units 5&6 of KKNPP are in proximity to the existing commissioned structures and also close to green concrete of different ages. Drilling and blasting method will be used for hard rock excavation. 18 trial blasts were carried at the proposed unit 5 & 6 for studying ground vibrations and air overpressure which was monitored at different locations. A site predictor equation for ground vibration and air over pressure was derived based on the data recorded. The recorded frequency of the ground vibration was greater than 10 Hz. Safe maximum charge per delay was suggested for different distances.
- National Thermal Power Corporation is setting up 2×800 MW Super Thermal Power Project in an area of 3000 acres near Darlipalli village in Sundargarh District of Odisha State. Controlled blasting method of operation is adopted to excavate the hard rock to facilitate various components of thermal power project. During Phase III Extension, ground vibration and fly rock mitigation study has been monitored out at two identified locations by deploying two seismographs. Blast vibrations were monitored for 807 blasts. Ground vibrations recorded are in safer limits and fly rock mitigation has been successful.
- During the excavation of Downstream Surge Chamber (DSC) of Punatsangchhu-II hydroelectric project (1020 MW) at Kamichhu, Bhutan a large collapse occurred from the crown area. Suitable blast designs were adopted according to the site requirements to excavate the tunnel connecting cable tunnel and northern wall of the Downstream Surge Chamber, Tail Race Tunnel-1 to meet the downstream wall of the Downstream Surge Chamber, excavation of Head Race Tunnel, ramp connecting Tail Race Tunnel to reach fallen muck from Northern side and benching in DSC northern side, Head Race Tunnel benching for a stretch of 200m in normal zone as well as in the critical zone



Tunnel from cable tunnel made holing through with northern wall of DSC

Controlled blasting method of operation is adopted to excavate the hard rock to facilitate various components of upcoming super thermal power project (2×800 MW) in Sundargarh district, Odisha. During Phase-III, 608 blasts were monitored for ground vibration and air overpressure and found safe with respect to blast vibrations and fly rock mitigation.



Monitoring ground and air overpressure towards Darlipalli village





- For the construction of 3 & 4 units near the existing units 1 & 2 of Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant, Tamil Nadu, hard rock has to be excavated by drilling and blasting methods in proximity to the structures of unit 1 & 2 and green concrete of different ages. To ensure the ground vibration within statutory limits, trial blasting was carried out by monitoring vibrations at five designated locations.
- Geotechnical and geodetic instrumentation were designed for the major caverns of the powerhouse complex of Punatsangchhu-II Hydroelectric Project (PHEP-II) as per the request from the project authority. The entire system is planned for remote and automatic data acquisition throughout the life of the project



Monitoring ground and air overpressure near Turbine Pit 3 west corner



A typical instrumentation section and network diagram

The main dam of Indira Sagar Polavaram Hydro Electric Project (960MW) is proposed to be constructed with rock fill material obtained by excavation of spill way, power house etc. NIRM formulated a detailed method statement incorporating the suitable blast design for production of graded rock (for revetment), vibration levels for different ages of concrete, vibration limits of civil structures and presplit blast design for wall rock control.



Showing the sequence of Pre-split blast operation

- The ground vibration and air overpressure monitoring related to blasting at 3&4 units of Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant, by deploying five seismographs, is continued during this period. The event report of the blast is duly submitted to the client for all the blasts conducted at site.
- The ground vibration and air overpressure monitoring related to blasting at 5&6 units of Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant, by deploying seismographs at five designated locations, is continued during this period. The event report of the blast is duly submitted to the client for all the blasts conducted at site.



- Punatsangchhu II Hydroelectric Project Authority (PHPA II) is constructing a 1200 MW underground hydroelectric project in Bhutan. NIRM is being associated with WAPCOS for technical guidance of the excavation of HRT bench portion for a stretch of 800m under different geological/rock conditions, deepening of DSC, excavation of draft tube tunnels and other associated tunnels. Considering the various project components which are under excavation, two scientists were deputed for the site as per requirement.
- For constructing Pazhassi Sagar, Small Hydro Electric Projects (SHEP) (7.5 MW) near Kuhiloor village, Kannur district, controlled blasting technique are being used for hard rock excavation. The trial blasts were conducted near intake pool and powerhouse areas. Suitable blast design were suggested to control the fly rock and restrict the ground vibration.



Blast location showing before and after muffling with rubber mat

- For constructing a SHEP (6 MW) at Peruvannamuzhi, Kozhikode District, Kerala, controlled blasting technique are being used for hard rock excavation. 12 blasts were carried out near penstock area and eight blasts in the surge shaft area. Suitable blast design was suggested to control the fly rock and restrict the ground vibration.
- Studies for sitting additional units (5&6) of Kaiga NPP site are in progress and NIRM extended intellectual services and support for geological investigations. The borehole logging carried out by the geologist of M/S SOHAM foundation Pvt. Ltd. were reviewed and it was observed that granite / granite gneiss as major basement rock. In some of the bore holes rock was highly fractured and at places shattered. At present the investigation is under progress.
- ➢ Bearing capacity of soil is determined for designing the coffer dam and switch yard area of proposed Arun-3 hydroelectric project and for dimensioning the foundation for any structure. The safe bearing capacity is determined by



Site before and after blast photographs taken at surge shaft

conducting plate load test. Field investigations are under progress.



- Microseismic monitoring system installed at the powerhouse of Tala Hydropower Plant, DGPC Ltd., Bhutan has been functioning since September 2013 for the stability status of the cavern of the powerhouse. Three significant cluster of events were observed. Planar Event Count, Displacement and Log (Apparent Stress) contour have been analysed in detail on the upstream wall of the machine hall. Seismic source parameters acquired indicate that the cavern and its wall are stable.
- Thirty stations microseismic monitoring system was installed to analyse the stability of the powerhouse of the Tala Hydropower Plant, DGPC Ltd., Bhutan. The recorded data was processed and analysed in detail and correlated with rock bolt failure. Variation of source parameter of microseismic events with both the rock bolts failure (reported from the project site) was correlated for the precursory signatures but there was no noticeable changes in the characteristics of source parameter. Displacement contour showed no significant change in stress regime nor development of any stress regime with time.
- > As a part of identifying a site for nuclear power plants along the east coast in Andhra Pradesh, NPCIL approached NIRM to carryout seismotectonic evaluation for 3 locations. The proposed study area is falling in seismic zone III. The Ongole region which is located in the north east of the proposed site, has witnessed 13 earthquakes in the past 30 years. The present study updated earthquake catalogue for 300 km radius and found three events within 20 km of the study area. The NW-SE trending lineaments are in general associated with abrupt change in river path or river pattern and with signatures of faulting. The studies recommended that, the faults/lineaments extending regionally, required more studies along the strike to understand the fault/lineament behavior in the geological time.



Microseismic events cluster (encircled) during 2018-19



Microseismic event (plan view) and Displacement contour: the red arrow points south



Lineament map for the upcoming sites around Ongole area.

For the design of dam and powerhouse of proposed Arun-3 hydroelectric project (900 MW), the in-situ deformability, shear parameters and stress tensor of the rock mass are required. Field investigations are under progress.



- 3D numerical modelling of powerhouse complex and surge shaft is being carried out for Arun-3, an upcoming hydroelectric project (900MW) in Nepal. The preliminary model of 3D powerhouse complex is generated with all information except in-situ stress data.
- For Punatsangchhu-II hydroelectric project (1020 MW) Western Bhutan, it is proposed to construct a pothead yard at the right bank of Punatsangcchu River on underlying soil strata consisting of silty, less clayey soil with intermittent boulders. Plate load test was carried out to determine safe bearing capacity for design foundation and the bearing capacity ranges between 32.890 and 41.996 T/m²
- Hydraulic fracturing test was carried out to determine in-situ stress regime at the vicinity of the downstream surge gallery of Punatsangchhu-II hydroelectric project. The results of the investigations indicate moderate stress regime at test locations, except at transformer hall cavern where it indicated high stress regime and is or



Setup for the Determination of Safe Bearing Capacity



indicated high stress regime and is oriented in 100°. This may be due to excavation influence on the state of stress. The in-situ results obtained at test locations Adit to DSC bottom and cable tunnel can be taken with high confidence as though the measurements were carried out at two distant places apart.

In-situ stress analysis was carried out to determine power house orientation of Devsari Hydroelectric project (252 MW) Chamoli District Uttarakhand. The results of the investigations at proposed powerhouse site recommend that the long axis of the underground powerhouse may be oriented along N 120°.



Execution of hydraulic fracturing test at borehole no 1

Studies are being carried out to evaluate the relationship between the characteristics of failure around an opening (cavern) with certain rock type under applied stress conditions. In this regard, a sophisticated system for the study has been developed. This system is used to study exactly the ratio in which the stress is controlled by anisotropy of the rock mass and assessing the rock failure trend under polyaxial loading conditions. It will be helpful to present the necessary data on the site for a site-adapted layout of the final repository and assessment for long-term stability. Field investigations are under progress.



3. Infrastructure Sector

➤ Geological/geotechnical mapping of the underground caverns and pump pits, for estimation of the rock mass quality (Q) recommendations for and suitable engineering measures based on Q-value and site geological conditions were for Package carried out -10 of Kaleshwaram lift irrigation project. Based on the classification of rock mass rating Bieniawski (1989). Recommendations for the treatment of foundations including the grouting patterns were provided.



Geological plan map of pump pit-1

- 3D engineering geological mapping was carried out for the pump house and surge pool cavities of Palamuru Ranga Reddy lift irrigation scheme packages 5 & 8 on 1:100 scale. Rock type exposed after the heading excavation of surge pool and pump house caverns is grey and pink granite belonging to the Peninsular Gneissic Complex of Archaean age and characterized by three number of prominent joint sets. Staining has been recorded along the joint surfaces where the joints are tight and where the opening is up to 20.0 mm, clay coating/filling and rock fragment fillings has been recorded. In general, the rock mass is characterized by the dry condition or minor inflow i.e. < 5.0 l/min. Based on the interpretation of data, appropriated support is recommended.</p>
- > Engineering geological investigations of deep underground pump house complex of Kaleshwaram lift irrigation scheme package-12 was carried out. The foundation of pump pits were mapped on 1: 200 scale after the final excavation. Detailed examination of rock types in each grid was carried out which included mineralogical composition, texture, classification and nomenclature and degree of weathering. ISRM (1978) classification for weathering



Foundation of Pump Pit-1and 2

rock mass and rock mass rating by Bieniawski (1989) were applied and bearing capacity of the foundation was evaluated. Based on engineering geological investigations, recommendations for the treatment of foundations were made.

The engineering geological foundation mapping of surge pool, pump house cavities and delivery main shafts and ventilation shafts for Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme Package-11, are being carried out to evaluate the design basis foundation parameters. RMR of Bieniawski (1989) has been attempted and based on investigations recommendations for the treatment of foundation were made.



determine the support ≻ To required for the surge pool (dia 26m) and pump house (dia 26.5m), 3D numerical modelling studies were carried out. The rock pillar between the two shafts is 54m. Based on FLAC-3D results, support in the form of rock bolts, steel fibre reinforced shotcrete (SFRS) and steel ribs has been suggested for both shafts. The maximum displacements are



maximum displacements are *3D model showing pump house, surge pool and draft tube tunnel* observed at the bottom of the shafts, in pump house it is about 7mm and in the surge pool it is 7.5mm.

Construction stage engineering geological investigations of pump house complex area of Godavari lift irrigation scheme phase-III, package-III, are being carried out. Underground surge pool and pump house caverns are converted into circular shafts after detailed investigations and taking safety factor in utmost concern. Existing excavated construction shaft (10 m diameter) is converted into pump house shaft. By doing this excavation time and construction cost will be less. Total depth of pump house and surge shaft are 140.60 m and 136.60 m respectively. These shafts will be deepest shafts in India for any type of lift irrigation schemes.



Excavation of Circular Pump-house

➤ Geophysical survey is carried out over the 146 years old, 15 m high Ambazari dam situated near the southwest border of Nagpur, for parametric evaluation of vibration induced instability for safe construction of MAHA-METRO



through its vicinity. Using induced vibrations from a vibratory road compactor, Peak Particle Velocity (PPV) and Peak Ground Acceleration (PGA) at different distances were measured. Multichannel Analysis of Surface Wave (MASW) survey was also done to determine the shear wave velocity profile of the dam body. Based on the spectral (frequency) signature, it was deciphered that vibrations from train would not cause



damage to the dam body. The study concluded that the structure of the dam was quite competent to sustain the vibratory impact from the simulation source.

- \blacktriangleright To evaluate the rock mass and strata condition along the proposed PAT and at the site of appurtenant structures of J.Chokka Devadula Rao Lift Irrigation Scheme (JCR DLIS), seismic refraction survey was used. The study also identified presence of weak zones (low velocity patches) within the hard rock (V_p > 3500 m/s) layer.
- > For proper planning of rock excavation works and better implementation of construction activities in a piece of land measuring 55,930 m² near Nagavara lake. Bengaluru, geophysical survey using seismic refraction was carried out. The results show that that the approximate thickness of soil & soft rock layer is around 3-5 m. The founding level at RL=874 m was generally seen in the hard rock layer.
- ➢ For developing a high rise commercial complex, Geophysical studies were conducted to have an accurate information of the subsurface strata at a site adjacent to the Yeswanthpur railway station and the Yeswanthpur flyover on NH 75. Studies using borehole tomography and seismic refraction survey





showed that the rocks in the construction site was quite competent.

Geophysical surveys were carried out along a section of oil pipe line route passing through Raniganj-Asansol Coalfields of West Bengal. The study was aimed at identifying



the potential threat zones with chances of subsidence or sinkhole formation. The study used Multichannel Analysis of Surface Waves (MASW) and Seismic Refraction Survey (SRS) surveys to determine the Vp/Vs ratio of the subsurface rock layers. Electrical Resistivity Imaging (ERI) was also done to correlate and confirm the signature of such weak zones. The data processing is in progress.

 \blacktriangleright To reconstruct the breakwater at Gopalpur port, 2.8 million tons of eight different graded material from 1 kg to 6000 kg is required. Detailed study was conducted to maximize the yield of armour rock of the specified sizes. Experimental blasts were field tested at one of the quarries



Photograph showing the fragmented muck

and the blast design was optimized.

- Varsha project near Vishakhapatnam plans to construct 3 km break water in the sea. For this purpose, 7.8 MT of eight different graded material of 1 kg to 10T and aggregates of about 5.5 MT is required. NIRM conducted trial blast in 6 m bench and recommended to continue the suggested design. During the trial blasts, the armour yield was 37 to 40%.
- Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) is planning to construct underground cavern and tunnel in Vizag for utility purpose. As part of this work, rock is to be excavated by drilling and blasting method. The study reviewed controlled blast pattern design for various components and endorsed them for implementation. The maximum charge per delay, void ratio effectiveness and conformity for the obtained profile was included in the reviewed blast pattern.
- For the design of the steel liner at Delivery Mains (DM) of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Pranahita Chevella Lift Irrigation Scheme, package-11, in-situ deformability test was conducted. The deformability modulus of rock mass (Ed) was ranging between 10.080 and 10.596 GPa and modulus of elasticity (Ee) between 11.535 and 15.929 GPa. The quality of rock mass falls in Good category.
- Hydraulic fracture test was conducted at the proposed pump house / surge pool of J Chokka Rao Devadula Lift Irrigation Scheme (JCRDLIS) to determine in-situ stress. The results of the investigations indicated a medium stress magnitude. The maximum horizontal principal stress direction was N 100°.
- For laying the foundation to construct a high raise commercial building project Kalyani Vista 2, strata have to be excavated to a depth of about 10m through drilling and blasting method. Considering multi-storeyed residential buildings located nearby, the number of holes were restricted to 30 in 3 rows in a blast. Muffling was done with multi-layer sand bags, link mesh and blasting mats to ensure the control of fly rock and sound.



> Hydraulic fracturing test was conducted to determine in-situ stress at vicinity of the the underground proposed pumphouse/ surge pool of Palamuru - Rangareddy Irrigation scheme Lift (PRLIS). The results indicated that a medium magnitude stress is observed along the horizontal principal stress direction of N 50°.



Lowering of hydraulic fracturing equipment with NQ rods

Seismic survey was conducted to classify the rock mass in a residential area near Nagawara lake, Bengaluru. The survey delineated the subsurface layers accurately with deviation > 5-8% and provided the rock mass classification required for foundation designing. The study also identified the location for additional basement and underground tanks.



Delineation of soil & soft rock layers using seismic refraction survey

For foundation purpose, strata have to be excavated to a depth of about 10 m from the ground level by drilling and blasting method in the above mentioned land. NIRM carried out field investigation, 15 blasts were monitored with different maximum charge per delays and blast vibrations were monitored at different locations. A site-specific predictor equation for ground vibration at 95% confidence level was derived and presented.



4. Testing Services

 \succ Three wire ropes of BD50-PAT Dozer were received from Bharat Earth Movers Limited, KGF Complex, for determining breaking strength. The Non-Destructive Test (NDT) test conducted includes Visual test, Penetrant test, Magnetic Particle Tests, Ultrasonic Tests,

Wire Rope Defectograph,



Testing of 20mm, RHL wire rope in the presence of M/s Kiswire, M/s BEML & Defence representatives at NIRM, KGF

Proof Load Test. Also conducted field tests like Infrared Thermography, Noise dose meter, Vibration Analysis, Self-drop test, Total station survey and major clientele includes HZL, NMDC, NALCO, HCL and SCCL.



NDT on winder vital components and on suspension gear parts at Rajpura Dariba Mines, M/s HZL.

HZL Mines, Rajpura Dariba has an underground mine with two vertical access shafts (Main shaft and Auxiliary shaft). NDT was carried out using MPT and UT on winder vital components and suspension gear parts of the winders. The NDT results on winder vital components and suspension gear parts indicated that they were free from surface, sub-surface and internal flaws. During non-destructive tests conducted on the wire ropes, a fatigue crack was noticed on N1 skip rope of Main shaft which lies at a distance of 350m to 400m from the cappel end. The defect was notified and the unit was replaced immediately. Other skip ropes, cage ropes at Main shaft and cage & counter weight side rope at Auxiliary shaft were free from Local Faults (LF) such as pitting, corrosion and broken wires and also there was no Loss of Metallic cross-sectional Area (LMA).



Magnetic particle & Ultrasonic testing on chain pulley hook





Inspection of wire ropes at Underground Mines of M/s HZL.

- Zawar Group of mines of HZL comprises of four mines namely Balaria mine, Zawar Mala mine, Central Mochia mine and West Mochia mine. NDT was conducted on vital components of the winders and suspension gear parts of 383HP cage winder at Balaria mine, 560HP skip winder and 70HP cage winder parts at Zawar Mala mine, 236HP cage winder at West Mochia mine, 400HP skip winder suspension gear parts and 200HP cage winder and chain pulley blocks at Central Mochia mine. The test results of NDT on cage suspension gear sets and chain pulley blocks indicated that they were free from surface, sub-surface and internal flaws. Defectograph tests were conducted for 17 nos. of wire ropes at Zawar Group of mines used for men and material hoisting. The test results revealed that there were no anomaly and they were free from LF such as pitting, corrosion and broken wires. It was also found that there was no LMA
- The operations at deposit No. 11C & 14 mines, BIOM, NMDC are facilitated by Heavy Earth Moving Equipment (HEMM's). As per the DGMS guidelines, HEMM's equipment was inspected for their fitness and NDT tests were conducted. The NDT test includes Visual test, Penetrant test, Magnetic Particle Tests, Ultrasonic Tests, Wire Rope Defectograph, Proof Load Test, Infrared Thermography etc. Equipment / item like electric rope shovel, water sprinklers, front end loaders, motor graders, electric blast hole drills, EOT cranes and mobile cranes were tested and they were found free from defects.
- NALCO's bauxite mine is located at Panchpatmali hills in Koraput District of Odisha State. Alumina refinery plant of the company is situated at Damanjodi, which is 15km from the Panchpatmali bauxite mines. The mined bauxite is transported to refinery plant by cable belt conveyor. The contour path of the belt conveyor is directed by metallic deflection pulleys through two wire ropes (Left hand side /LHS and Right-hand side RHS). These ropes have to be periodically checked for their fitness. Wire rope Defectography studies were carried out on the cable belt drive ropes and the scanned strip charts were analyzed. Based on the tests carried out on the cable belt drive ropes (Left





Inspection of cable belt drive ropes, M/s NALCO

and Right), it was concluded that the left side rope which was installed during April 2015 had undergone wear and had fatigue cracks along with broken wires on the outer body. The location between Green and Orange splice (approximately 2.38km from Green splice) of Left side rope was found to have undergone severe deterioration characterized by drastic reduction in diameter. The percentage reduction in diameter was 18.92% which was much higher than the safe prescribed limits of 10% as per the discard criteria. Therefore, it was recommended to replace immediately the defective rope region between green to yellow splice (the management may consider for total replacement of rope which is advisable). In general, the right-side rope had undergone excessive wear clubbed with isolated fatigue cracks and few broken wires throughout its length indicating a fast deterioration. It was also recommended that the right-side rope need a careful handling and regular monitoring with caution as it was characterized with excessive wear. The percentage reduction in diameter of left side rope (other than the critical zone between Green and Orange splice) was 7.60% and that of right side rope was 9.20%. As the reduction in diameter of both LHS and RHS rope seemed to be deteriorating fast. By referring the working hours shown in table 1, LHS rope had deteriorated faster than RHS rope w.r.t to the date of installation, it was observed that the LHS rope need to be replaced without taking any risk. Also the RHS side rope was to be considered for replacement as the deterioration appeared to be fast. This suggestion was made by considering the overall health of the rope. Tensile and Comprehensive tests on LHS rope was carried out at NIRM laboratory. Test results revealed that single digit values were noticed in Torsion and Reverse bend test.



Wire rope defectograph studies at Khetri & Kolihan Mines

HCL has the distinction of being the nation's only vertically integrated copper producing company. The operations at these mines are carried out through shafts run by winders.



Ultrasonic tests on the winder vital components and suspension gear parts and wire rope defectograph studies were carried out. Based on tests conducted on winder vital components and suspension gear parts, it was concluded that all the tested components were free from internal flaws. Defectograph studies conducted on all the wire ropes revealed that the tested wire ropes were free from LF such as pitting, corrosion and broken wires and also there was no LMA.

The man winding shafts of SCCL are located at different parts of Telangana state. The operations at all the mines are carried out through shafts run by winders. NDT on Winder vital components, suspension gear parts and wire rope using defectograph were carried out at Ramagundam, Yellandu and Kothagudem areas. Using MPT and UT, tests were carried out on the winder vital components and suspension gear parts of 350HP Cage



Scanning the pedestal bearing bolts with 2MHz normal beam probe

Inspection of winder vital components at M/s SCCL group of mines

winder at GDK-10 incline, Ramagundam Area, 285kW Cage winder at PVK-5B, Kothagudem Area, 285kW Cage winder at VK-7 incline, Kothagudem Area, 400HP Cage winder at 21 incline, Yellandu Area. The wire ropes used for operating the cages were also inspected. 02 nos. of 32mm FLC ropes each at GDK-10 incline, PVK-5B, VK-7 and 21 incline were tested using wire rope defectograph equipment. All the tests were completed successfully. Based on the tests conducted on winder vital components and cage suspension gear parts, it was concluded that the tested components were free from surface, sub-surface and internal flaws. Defectograph studies were conducted on cage wire ropes and the results revealed that they were free from LF such as pitting, corrosion and broken wires. No LMA was found on the ropes.

Laboratory geo-technical studies on jointed rock core samples of Punatsangchhu - II Hydroelectric Project, Bhutan were carried out for the determination of Normal Stiffness, Peak Shear Stress &Shear Stiffness, Cohesion & Friction Angle of Joint, & Tensile Strength of intact rock. Sample preparation & testing were carried out as per ISRM suggested methods to determine various properties of rock joints. The data generated from these tests will form input parameters for 3-Dimensional discrete numerical modelling of Powerhouse Complex. Five joint samples from BH-1, BH-3 and BH-4 were tested for determining the Normal stiffness. The stiffness for all the samples were calculated at 5 MPa normal stress. It was observed that the normal stiffness varied from 26.9 MPa/mm to 104.72 MPa/mm. Direct shear tests were carried out on these joint samples to determine the peak shear stress & shear stiffness. Five samples from BH-1, BH-3 and BH-4 were sheared at a constant normal stress of 5 MPa. It was observed that the shear stress varied from 1.83 MPa to 4.86 MPa and the shear stiffness ranged from 1.24 MPa/mm to 4.19 MPa/mm. The Cohesion varied from 0.22 MPa to 3.23 MPa and



the friction angle from 19.86° to 34.94° . The average tensile strength of intact rock was around 6 MPa.



MTS Compression Testing Machine, Extensometer and Data Acquisition System

Laboratory geotechnical studies were carried out on core samples collected from the wellbores of Gamej field, Khubal field, Sri field and Linch field of CEWELL, ONGC Baroda. A total of 54 core samples were received from four locations for the determination of Uniaxial compressive strength, Static Young's modulus and Poisson's ratio, Cohesion and Friction angle. All the tests were carried out as per ISRM suggested methods on the prepared test specimens. Uniaxial compression tests were done on 36 samples to determine the compressive strength and elastic constants. Average Young's modulus and Poisson's ratio were calculated from the linear portion of the stress-strain curves obtained from uniaxial compression test (20% to 60% of failure stress). Triaxial compression tests (Multiple failure method) were conducted at various confining pressures ranging from 2 MPa to 25 MPa. A total of 18 samples were tested under triaxial stress conditions and Cohesion & Friction angle were determined by computing the data using Roc-data software.



5. Miscellaneous Sector

> The Belum Caves is the largest and longest cave system (1.8 km) open to the public on the Indian subcontinent. These natural caves are formed in the limestone deposit and has geological significant importance. The caves were formed by the solution activity (acid reaction) and erosional activity. NIRM was requested by APTDC to study the safety and stability aspects of the caves. Detailed geological and geotechnical investigation were carried out by NIRM. To know the extent of the caves,



Inside View of Belum Cave

geophysical investigations using Seismic Survey as well as the resistivity survey was carried out. The North- Eastern and North -Western area was surrounded by the mining activity. The mining activity around the 2 km^2 area from the cave mouth has the high potential to affect the natural caves. The large sink hole situated in western side of the caves may be used for enlarging the cave area after connecting to main caves towards the Udalmari area. The newly developed area may coin the name of the "BELUM ROCK GARDEN".

The Broadband station, installed at the Central Seismic Station, Kolar Gold Fields by the Ministry of Earth Sciences, Govt. of India as part of 10 Broadband stations, for monitoring the peninsular India has been working satisfactorily since 2005. This broadband station records the precursors of the earthquake and transfer the data to Indian Meteorological Department, New Delhi and NGRI, Hyderabad. Data is archived continuously and database is being prepared and stored in optical media to be sent to IMD.



6. Other Important Activities

Visit of the Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Mines

Shri. Anil G Mukim, Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Mines, accompanied by Mr Alok Chandra, Economic Advisor of Ministry of Mines and Ms. Farida M Naik, Director, Ministry of Mines visited our Head Office at Bengaluru on 17th December 2018. He was welcomed by Dr. H S Venkatesh, Director and felicitated by Mr Rajan Babu, Scientist-F and Liaison Officer, SC/ST Cell of



Shri.Anil G Mukim, Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Mines discussion with Dr. H. S Venketesh, Director NIRM during the visit

NIRM. During this visit Secretary reviewed the activities of NIRM. Mr. Santosh Sharma, CMD, HCL and Dr. Ranjit Rath, CMD, MECL too joined this review meeting in which all HoDs of Scientific departments were present. Secretary (Mines) expressed his appreciation for the work being carried out by this small and well compacted institute.

Conference with Industry Partners on Future Strategies

NIRM organised a "Conference with Industry Partners on Future Strategies" on 18th Feb 2019 at Taj Yeshwantpur, Bengaluru under the chairmanship of Dr. K. Rajeswara Rao, IAS, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Mines and Controller General, Indian Bureau of Mines, Govt. of India. Shri. Dorii Ρ Phuntshok, Joint Managing Punatsangchhu Director. HEP-II. Bhutan was Guest of Honour during the



Dr. H S Venkatesh, Director, NIRM presenting a memento to Dr. K. Rajeswara Rao, IAS, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Mines

conference. Shri Alok Chandra, Economic Advisor and Shri Amit Saran, Director of Ministry of Mines graced the occasion. More than 25 industry partners participated and interacted. Industry partners shared their previous experiences with NIRM and also highlighted their future requirements. Additional Secretary, Ministry of Mines expressed satisfaction over feedback from the industry and also assured complete support from Ministry of Mines for NIRM's future endeavours. Organizing Secretary, Dr. Sripad R Naik, HOD, NMD presented the vote of thanks.

Swachhta Pakhwada

On the occasion of the "Swachh Bharat Mission", National Institute of Rock Mechanics organized Swachhta Pakhwada in and around NIRM Head Office (HO) and



NIRM Registered Office (RO) during 16th-31st October 2018. During the Pakhwada, all employees participated and cleaned the campus area. laboratories, library, rooms, drainage, and also planted trees in the campus.

A swachhta slogan ''स्वच्छता से स्वस्थ समाज" was uploaded on NIRM website



Cleaning activities carried out at NIRM, HO and RO

and an art work related to the theme of Swachh Bharat Mission was made on the wall of the NIRM HO campus. Swachhta Pakhwada was coordinated by Dr. D. S. Rawat, Scientist, and Mr. A. Rajan Babu, Officer-in-Charge, NIRM RO at Bengaluru and KGF respectively.

Celebration of Hindi Fortnight

Hindi fortnight was successfully organized from 14.09.18 to 28.09.18 at NIRM. On this occasion various competitions such as essay writing. standard noting, wordmatching, poetry, were organized to encourage employees and to enhance the use of Hindi language. In the closing ceremony, member of the



official language, Ms. Praveena Das Jennifer welcomed all the officers, while explaining the history and importance of the official language said that Hindi is our official language and we should honour and respect it. Due to the development of technical and economic prosperity in the country, Hindi is losing its importance somewhere.

The language and culture of any country plays a very important role in keeping people connected to people in any country. All Heads of Departments also expressed their views. On this occasion, the Director said that every Indian should pay the price of Hindi language and take advantage of economic advancement in the country. It has exposed Indian history since ancient times and is the key to our identity in the future. All officials and employees participated enthusiastically, the prize was awarded to the excitement of all officials and employees in the program.

Celebration of 4th International Day of Yoga

In continuation of the tradition of participating in the worldwide programme on International Day of Yoga, NIRM celebrated IDY-2018 by conducting Yoga session in the NIRM office premises. The yoga session was organised on 21-06-2018. At Bengaluru, Yoga Session was conducted by local Yoga exponent Shri Amit Jaiswal and Mrs. Gitanjali Pande, Yoga teachers from Atma Darshan Ashram, Bengaluru. At KGF office Yoga session was conducted by Guru from Prajapita Practice of pranayama under the guidance of Yoga Guru





Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya. Yoga Gurus also delivered short speech on the benefits of yoga and urged all the employees to make yoga a daily practice in their lives.

The interactive session comprised of clarifications and explanations by the Yoga Guru. All the employees participated with full enthusiasm to mark the IDY 2018. The session was so well designed considering the age, working and background. The Yoga Guru gave useful practical tips and suggestions to enable the employees practice at home and as well as at places where they travel for their duties. This was advised in daily practice of inner tranquil that will ensure smooth and healthy working atmosphere.

Foreign Visit

- D.S. Rawat attended ITA- AITES WTC 2018 and presented two technical papers in the World Tunnel Congress, during 21st to 26th April 2018 in Dubai.
- ➢ G. Gopinath, attended 12th International Symposium in Rock Fragmentation by Blasting, *Fragblast12* at Lulea, Sweden during 11-13 June 2018 to present a paper.
- H.S. Venkatesh and R. Balachander attended 45th Annual conference on Explosives & Blasting Technique, ISEE, Conference at Nashaville, Tennessee, USA during 27 – 30, January 2019 and presented a paper.
- Sripad R Naik, D.S Subrahmanyam, and BNV Siva Prasad attended 10th Asian Rock Mechanics Symposium, 29th October – 3rd November 2018 in Singapore to present technical papers.
- B.H Vijay Sekar presented a paper at Third International Conference on Rock Dynamics and Applications (RocDyn-3), 25th -29th Jun 2018, Trondheim, Norway.
- Bharath Kumar A Y attended 10th Asian Rock Mechanics Symposium, 29th October 3rd November 2018 in Singapore

Recognition

- Dr. A.K. Naithani was felicitated by Indian Society of Engineering Geology (ISEG) during EGCON-2018 on 3rd December 2018 at Hyderabad for his legendary service and contributions in the fields of Engineering Geology, Infrastructure developmental activities and Natural Hazards.
- Dr. A.K. Naithani is selected as Associate Editor for the Journal of the Geological Society of India.

Training programme conducted

- NIRM conducted five days training course from 11th to 15th June 2018 on Norwegian Method of Tunnelling (NMT) for the Executives of Singareni Collieries Company Limited, Govt. of Telangana at Kothagudem.
- One-week training programme was conducted on Nanoseismics / Microseismic application for underground powerhouse cavern strata monitoring for three DGPC Ltd. executives from 08th Oct-13th Oct at NIRM, Bengaluru.



ANNUAL ACCOUNTS





G. Manjunath & Co.

Chartered Accountants

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Board of Directors of NATIONAL INSITITUTE OF ROCK MECHANICS Bangalore

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ROCK MECHANICS, ("the Institute") which comprise the Balance sheet as at March 31st 2019, and the Profit and loss account and Statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Institute as at March 31st 2019, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the Accounting Standards issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), except for the effects of the matters described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with the Standards on Auditing (SAs) issued by ICAI. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the entity in accordance with the Code of Ethics issued by ICAI and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code of Ethics. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Basis for Qualified Opinion:

The physical verification of assets procured prior to the financial year 2008-2009 are yet to be physically verified and reconciled.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of these financial statements that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs, result of operations and cash flows of the entity in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in India. This responsibility includes the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and presentation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view and are free from material misstatement whether due to fraud or error.

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In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the entity's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with SAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with SAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's Internal Control.

Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by Management.

Conclude on the appropriateness of Management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt of the Institute's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However future events or conditions may cause the Institute to cease to continue as a going concern.



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We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

Place: Bengaluru

Date: 30.09.2019



for G. MANJUNATH & Co. Chartered Accountants Firm Regn. No. 001995S CA G. MANJUNATH Proprietor

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NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ROCK MECHANICS BANGALORE.

SCHEDULE-29

ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND NOTES ON ACCOUNT FORMING PART OF BALANCE SHEET AND INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2019.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES :-

A. Background:

The entity is an autonomous body under the administrative control of Ministry of Mines, Government of India, registered as Society under the Karnataka Societies Registration Act, 1960. It carries on activities of research in the field of Rock Engineering.

Basis of Preparation:

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention on an accrual basis. The accounting policies have been consistently applied by the Society and are consistent with those used in the previous year.

B. Fixed Assets:

Fixed Assets are initially recorded at acquisition cost, as and when the asset is put to use by the Institute and carried at such cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment loss, if any.

C. Foreign Exchange Transactions:

Foreign currency transactions are recorded in the reporting currency by applying to the foreign currency amount the exchange rate between the reporting currency and the foreign currency at the date of the transaction. Monetary items, if any, are reported using the exchange rate prevailing at the closing rate. Exchange differences, if any are recognized as income or expense in the income and expenditure statement.

D. <u>Revenue Recognition:</u>

Revenue from services as well as from research and consultancy projects are recognized under Completed Service Contract Method. Revenue in respect of Interest is recognized on time proportion basis taking into account the amount outstanding and the rate applicable.

E. Treatment of Government Grant:

Grant received from Ministry of Mines under "Non plan is utilised to meet "Pay & Allowances". Grants received under "Plan" is utilised to meet capital expenditure.





The Capital Grant for 'Plan' received as per sanction order from Ministry of Mines, is credited to Deferred Government Grants Account and is allocated to income over the period in the same proportion as the depreciation is charged on the depreciable assets purchased out of these Capital Grant. Balance of capital grants appear as Deferred Government Grants in balance sheet under "Other Funds". Non Plan grants, being revenue in nature, when received are directly taken as Revenue in Income and Expenditure Account.

F. Retirement / Long Term Employee Benefits:

The Institute has made arrangement with Life Insurance Corporation of India for payment of gratuity and leave encashment under the Group Gratuity Scheme and group leave encashment scheme. Expenses for the gratuity and leave encashment is accounted as per calculation made under Projected Unit Credit Method and intimated by the Insurance Company and is charged as expense in the Income and Expenditure Statement under "Pay & Allowances".

Regarding Provident Fund accumulation, this Institute has been enrolled with the Employees Provident Fund Organization. The Institute's contribution towards the Provident Fund is charged as expense in the Income and Expenditure Statement under "Pay & Allowances".

G. Depreciation:

Depreciation is charged on straight-line basis as per the method specified by the Government of India, Department of Economic Affairs vide their letter No.4/24/63-GS dated 27th September 1968.

As per this letter, depreciation on additions to Fixed Assets during the year has to be charged at full rate if they are put into use before 30th September, at half of the rate, if they are put into use between 1st October and 31st December and at one fourth of rate, if assets are put to use after 31st December of the relevant financial year. Upto 1998-99, the one-fourth rate of depreciation for assets put to use for less than three months was not implemented.

2. NOTES ON ACCOUNTS: -

- 1. Capital Reserve represents value of assets transferred free of cost by BGML during 1988-89.
- 2. The land and building transferred during the year 1988-89 by BGML to the Institute is subject to receipt of direction from the Government of India. Registration of the transfer of land with sub-registrar and other related formalities are pending. The title of these land and buildings in the name of the Institute is thus subject to the foregoing.
- Accounting for expenses and liability towards group leave encashment and group gratuity is based on contributions sought by LIC of India, with whom the Institute has entered into an arrangement for payment of gratuity and leave encashment.







- 4. Physical verification of Fixed Assets, procured during the period of last 10 financial years from 2008-09 to 2018-19 completed. The assets procured prior to the year 2008-09 are subject to physical verification and reconciliation.
- 5. Provision for the income tax has been measured at the amount expected to be paid to the tax authorities in accordance with the Income Tax Act, 1961. Tax Expenses debited to the income & expenditure account comprises of provision of current tax for the year & the differences between tax deducted at source claimed by the Institute and that allowed by the department for the past years.
- 6. The accumulated interest earned on the Fixed deposits of Institute Development fund for Rs.33.65 lakhs transferred to corpus fund i.e. Institute Development Fund during the year 2018-19.
- 7. The Institute has filed audited accounts & relevant returns up to 31/03/2015 with District Registrar of Societies, Kolar, as required under the Societies Registration Act, for renewal without the requisite fee. The Institute has made an adhoc provision in the books of accounts for Rs.2,00,000/- towards society registration renewal fees as the intimation of amount of fee to be remitted is not received from the said authority.
- 8. The previous year figures have been re-grouped, re-classified or renamed wherever necessary to confirm with the current year presentation.

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Finance & Accounts Officer

Dertales H.S. Venkatesh Director

Member Governing Body

Refer our report of even date For G.MANJUNATH & CO Chartered Accountants (FRN: 001995S)

G.MANJUNATH & CO Proprietor (MRN 027968)



Place: Bangalore Date: 30-9-2019







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Administrative Expenses	17	1,02,57,798	1,11,13,254	1	Grant-in-Aid received from Ministry of Mines	24	7,02,00,000	6,36,00,000
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Traveling Expenditure	19	18,22,960	7,39,107	m	Interest Received	26	1,31,20,370	1,11,58,273
Upkeep of Assets	20	9,49,470	5,82,502	4	Miscellaneous Income	27	16,36,942	13,03,508
Expenditure on Completed Projects	77	4,10,47,567	5,55,94,761	'n	Withdrawal of Depreciation	28	5,24,644	5,24,644
Depreciation on Fixed Assets	2	1,11,98,578	90,62,174					
Prior Period Expenses	22	,	'					
Tax Expenses	23	1,81,50,239	82,27,270					
Excess of Income over Expenditure		3,08,63,428	1,31,35,933					
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ANNEXURE (1-8)







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2	ND 16-02	Rope testing (proof load test and NDT) of OCSL plant equipment at BIOM, Bacheli complex, NMDC	A Rajan Babu, Sagaya Benady, Royston A Victor, Prashanth Kumar, Syed Asghar, Babu S
3	ND 16-04	In-situ NDT testing of winders and wire ropes of Khetri & Kolihan Copper mines, HCL	A Rajan Babu, Sagaya Benady, Royston A Victor, Prashanth Kumar, Syed Asghar, Babu S
4	ND 16-10	NDT on winch vital components and wire rope tests	A Rajan Babu, Sagaya Benady, Royston A Victor, Prashanth Kumar, Syed Asghar, Babu S
5	ND 16-9B	NDT on vital components of winders at Zawar group of mines, HZL	A Rajan Babu, G D Raju, Sagaya Benady, Royston A Victor, Prashanth Kumar, Syed Asghar, Babu S
6	ND 17-01	NDT on vital components of winders at Rampura Agucha mines, HZL	A Rajan Babu, Sagaya Benady, Royston A Victor, Prashanth Kumar, Syed Asghar, Babu S
7	ND 17-02	NDT on vital parts of the winders at Khetri & Kolihan mines, HCL	A Rajan Babu, Sagaya Benady, Royston A Victor, Prashanth Kumar, Syed Asghar, Babu S
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12	ND 17-3A	NDT on vital components of winders of RD Mines ,HZL	A Rajan Babu, Sagaya Benady, Royston A Victor, Prashanth Kumar, Syed Asghar, Babu S
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14	RF 16-02	Laboratory geotechnical investigations on core samples of Dr.B.R.A.Pranahita-Chevella LIS, Package-11, MEIL	A Rajan Babu, S Udaya Kumar, D Joseph, G D Raju, R Prabhu
15	RF 17-01	Laboratory geotechnical investigations on rock core samples from well bores of Geleki area of Assam Asset, Sivasagar, ONGC	A Rajan Babu, S Udaya Kumar, D Joseph, G D Raju, R Prabhu
16	RF 17-02	Laboratory geotechnical investigations on rock core samples from well bores of Mumbai offshore area, A&AA Basin (Jorhat) and Cauvery Basin (Karaikal), ONGC	A Rajan Babu, S Udaya Kumar, D Joseph, G D Raju, R Prabhu
17	RF 17-03	Laboratory geotechnical investigations on rock core samples from Borehole NBH 6A/1, 13, 14, 15, 31, 39, 40 & 45, L&T Construction, P1 Project, Vizag, Andhra Pradesh	A Rajan Babu, S Udaya Kumar, D Joseph, G D Raju, R Prabhu
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19	EG 15-02	Construction stage engineering geological mapping of pond floors of natural draft cooling towers (NDCT) and two pump house foundation of Rajasthan atomic power project (RAPP) units 7&8, Rawatbhata in Chittorgarh District of Rajasthan	A K Naithani, Prasnna Jain, L G Singh, D S Rawat
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28	GP 17-01	Geophysical survey at Vadnagar site of ASI, Gujarat	P C Jha, S Nellait, B Butchi Babu, Y V Sivaram, S N Verma
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34	GC 18-01	Evaluation of pillar factor of safety for the proposed mining method with long panels at Tummalapalle Uranium Mine, UCIL, Andhra Pradesh	A Rajan Babu, G D Raju, A Y Bharath Kumar
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