



Dr. Subhajyoti Das

Lifetime Achievement Award

Dr. Subhajyoti Das, has done M.Sc in Geology from Calcutta University (1961), and had a chequered career in Geological Survey of India (1963 - 1972), and in Central Ground Water Board, India (1972-1997). He has headed CGWB, South Eastern Region as Director from 1986-1997. He has studied Integrated Water Resources Management in the International School of Water Resources in Colorado State University, USA and in US Geological Survey on a UNDP Fellowship Training (1989-90). Dr. Das, a hydrogeologist of repute, has worked extensively in all the major hydrogeological terrains across the country on groundwater exploration, monitoring and management. His notable studies and contributions include saltwater – freshwater dynamics in coastal areas of India, groundwater exploration and management in hard rocks, artificial recharge and water conservation, multidisciplinary source finding under a Technology Mission on Drinking water; groundwater monitoring and resource estimation; conjunctive use studies; groundwater quality & pollution. Some of his technical reports/ publications, have been rated as Land Mark National Documents including the “National Perspective Plan on Artificial Recharge to groundwater using surplus monsoon runoff”, “Hydrogeological Atlas of Orissa”, “Hydrogeology of Deltas & Estuarine tracts of India”, “Groundwater Resources of in India”, “Applied Geochemistry: Groundwater Quality, Evaluation and Control”, “Hydrogeological Research in India”. He has more than hundred and fifty research articles published in national and international journals, and Proceedings of Seminars/ Workshops. Dr. Das has authored and edited ten widely acclaimed books by reputed publishers as also chapters in several books. After his superannuation from government service over the last 21 years, he has remained active, committed to the cause of water management and conservation in drought-prone/tribal areas of the country, and is associated with editorial activities of the Geological Society of India, Indian Society of Applied Geochemistry, Indian Geological Congress, Centre for Ground Water Studies. He was briefly a Lead Consultant of DFID (UK), Central Ground Water Authority, as Guest Faculty in Indian School of Mines and Rajiv Gandhi National Groundwater Training & Research Institute. Dr. Das has delivered the prestigious Karanth Endowment Lecture at Geological Society of India (2006), Tenth Foundation Lecture of Indian Geological Congress (2005). He has received Best Research Paper Award (2001) and SGAT Excellence Award (2017) from the Society of Geoscientists and Applied Technologists Bhubaneswar and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Centre of Ground Water Studies, Kolkata (2015).