

A brief report of the 24th Annual Convention and National Conference of CMSI

The 24th Annual Convention of the Clay Minerals Society of India (CMSI) was organized by ICAR- NBSS&LUP, RC Kolkata during 22-23 September 2022. Dr. B.P. Bhaskar, Director, ICAR- NBSS&LUP was the Chairman of the organizing committee and Dr. S. Bandyopadhyay, Sr. Scientist, RC Kolkata was the Organizing Secretary. Dr. Sanjay Kumar, VC, Amity University, Kolkata was the Chief Guest and Dr. S.K. Sanyal, Former VC, BCKV, West Bengal and Dr. Umesh Kumar, Head, Anthropological Society of India (our educational partner) were the Guest of Honours. Dr. Nayan Ahmed, President, CMSI presided over the inaugural programme and Dr. Prasenjit Ray, Secretary, CMSI declared the Awards. Others among the dignitaries were Dr. D.K. Pal and Dr. S.C. Datta (Former Presidents of CMSI), Dr. S.S. Mukhopadhyay (Chief Editor, CMSI), presides many invitees and delegates.

Following are the major events and technical sessions during the convention.

Date: 22.09.2022

1. The 8th Professor S.K. Mukherjee - CMSI Foundation Lecture on the topic “Present is the key to the past: Soils to Paleosols and their implications for landscape stability (tectonism) and climate change based on micro-morphology and clay mineralogy” by Dr. Pankaj Srivastava, Professor, Department of Geology, University of Delhi, Delhi.
2. Special Session on “Soil carbon research in different agro-ecologies”
3. Technical Session-I “Clay Mineralogy and Nano-science”
4. Special Session on “Application of Clay Science in Industry and other niche areas”
5. Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of the CMSI

Date: 23.09.2022

1. Presentations by Awardees- Young Scientist Award and Best Ph.D/ M.Sc. student Travel Grant Award
2. Technical Session-II on “Application of clays and clay minerals in various fields”
3. Technical Session-III on “Soil Resources, Soil Health and Environment Quality”
4. Plenary Session

Key note addresses: 9

Oral Presentations: 47

Poster Presentations: 18



CMSI Inaugural Programme lighting of lamp



CMSI Dr SK Mukherjee Foundation lecture by Dr. Pankaj Srivastava



CMSI Inaugural Programme Award function



CMSI Inaugural Programme Director being facilitation



CMSI Inaugural Programme facilitation Chief Guest



CMSI Inaugural Programme Lecture of Chief Guest



CMSI Inaugural Programme Release of Souvenir