

About the Presenter



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Sri P N Hajra obtained his M.Sc. degree in Chemistry from Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur in 1977. He worked as quality and process control scientist in ACC for two years and then joined ONGC in 1979.

He worked for eight years as operational Chemist both in oil processing field laboratories and in drilling rigs under Ahmedabad Project of ONGC. He was then posted at KDIPE, Dehradun, the premier R&D Institute of ONGC. After five years of research exposure on exploration Geochemistry he was then posted as Head, Regional Laboratory, ONGC, Kolkata.

During his tenure as Head, Regional Laboratory, Kolkata, he got associated in the CBM exploratory work in Damodar Valley coalfields. He developed the laboratory techniques required for evaluation of CBM potential and assessed all the 9 CBM Blocks of ONGC. On the basis of his evaluation of CBM potential ONGC relinquished five blocks and after further work in remaining four Blocks in Damodar valley, ONGC established the suitability of these Blocks as candidates to enter into Development Phase.

In recognition to his outstanding work in the field of CBM he was awarded ONGC Chairman's award in 1997 and National Mineral Award by Ministry of Coal, Govt. of India in 2000. He was made Block Manager, CBM and was given the responsibility for entire CBM exploration strategy formulation, planning and execution.

During the last phase he was Head, Centre of Delivery, CBM and was posted in New Delhi. He superannuated in April, 2014. Subsequently he was engaged by ONGC as a Domain Expert. After completion of the term he has started working as a free-lance consultant in the fields of petroleum and unconventional gas.

He has Published/Presented **23** papers in National / International Journals / Seminars / Conferences till date.