



### **CV of Sh. N. K. Punjrath**

**Sh. N. K. Punjrath** graduated with M.Sc in Geology with specialization in Petroleum Geology from DBS College, University of Garhwal in 1981.

He joined the ONGC as a graduate trainee Geologist in 1983 and has varied experience of carrying out geological mapping and basin analysis in Vindhyan, Satpura and Himalayan Foot Hills. In fact his initial years in the ONGC were spent in mapping a variety of geological setups under diverse terrains ranging from the hot plains of MP to the sub-zero temperatures of the Himalayas. He subsequently worked as a well site geologist for over seven years in the Northeastern states and Cambay basin of India.

Sh. Punjrath was introduced to the field of Coalbed Methane in 1997, when the frontier technology of Coalbed Methane was in its infancy, not only in the ONGC but also in the Country. The initial efforts were largely targeted at imbibing the Coalbed Methane Exploration/ exploitation technology and also building a knowledge base in an area hither-to-fore virgin to the domestic hydrocarbon industry.

While posted at KDMIPE, which was ONGC's nodal agency for CBM exploration, the individual was been closely associated with formulating company's strategies and policies for Coalbed Methane Exploration in Gondwana coalfields as well as Tertiary basins. Thus, over the years, a knowledge base of almost all of the Indian coalfields in terms of their CBM potential was created and Sh. Punjrath has been involved in various facets of CBM E&P for over fifteen years now. He has also contributed several publications on various aspects of CBM E&P.

Sh Punjrath is presently a General Manager (Geology), and is the Block Manager of ONGC's CBM Development project at Bokaro. During his tenure at Bokaro all four CBM Blocks have entered the Development Phase and ONGC is all set to enter a new saga in unconventional hydrocarbon development and production.