

# EGCON 2023

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Circular Call for Abstracts



## International Conference on

# “Sustainable Development of Pumped Storage Hydro Power Projects– Geotechnical Challenges”

Conference website: <https://egcon.in/2023>

Venue : Power Management Institute, NTPC, Noida

Dates of Conference : 20 - 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2023

Abstract Submission : 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2023

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## PRESIDENT'S INVITATION

Dear Colleagues,

Rapid depletion of fossil fuels together with associated adverse impacts on climate will result in large scale induction of renewable energy into the system in near future. There is an urgent need for the large renewable energy storage to ensure system. In this context accelerated development of pumped storage hydropower projects have gained prominence in India in recent past due to their potential for meeting peak load demand, stabilizing the grid, and providing ancillary services.

India has a huge Pumped Storage Hydropower potential of about 104 GW, out of which only 4.8 GW has been harnessed so far. Govt. of India has set an ambitious target of development of 18.8 GW Pumped Storage Projects by 2032 to meet out the renewable energy demand. For timely implementation of the pumped storage projects, extensive geological and geotechnical studies in DPR stage within scheduled time frame are pre requisites so as to avert geological uncertainties during construction/operation. Quantum of investigations to be performed for pumped storage hydropower projects keeping in view presence of two dams, deep seated caverns etc. also need to be firmed up.

Considering need of the hour, Indian Society of Engineering Geology (ISEG) – the only dedicated society towards development/growth of Engineering Geology and Allied Subjects in India, in association with NTPC is organizing a 2 days conference EGCON-2023, on the pertinent subject “[Sustainable Development of Pumped Storage Hydro Power Projects– Geotechnical Challenges](#)” at PMI, NTPC, Noida on 20-21 November, 2023 wherein various geological/geotechnical requirements and issues pertaining to pumped storage hydropower projects shall be discussed and pondered upon threadbare by the professionals, academicians and decision makers etc. with an aim to come out with a guideline/SOP which will definitely contribute towards accelerated development of pumped storage hydropower projects within schedule time without major geological uncertainties.

I take this opportunity to invite geologists, civil engineers, geophysicists, geotechnical engineers, mining engineers, academicians, instrumentation engineers, software developers, research scholars and other professionals to contribute technical papers and for attending conference.

With Warm Regards,

S L Kapil  
President, ISEG



## SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

I feel honored and privileged in informing about the EGCON 2023, scheduled to be held during 20-21 November 2023 at Power Management Institute, NTPC, Noida. The EGCON 2023 is being organized by Indian society of Engineering Geology, the Indian National group of IAEG, in association with National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC). The EGCON 2023, the fifth in the EGCON Series is dedicated to Pump Storage Hydro Power Projects and related themes.

The Pump Storage Hydro Power Projects are the need of the Day as they provide large renewable energy storage with modest civil works and minimal disturbance to the environment. The identified potential of Pump Storage Projects in India is about 119 GW from 109 PSPs. Out of these, eight projects with 4.7 GW are under operation and four projects (2.8 GW) are under construction. It is aimed to commission 39 hydro PSPs with 47 GW capacity by 2030. The government of India has initiated several policy initiatives to speedup implementation of PSPs which are important for integrating intermittent renewable energy with power transmission grid.

Keeping in view, the importance of PSPs in the development of Nation, the ISEG is organizing EGCON 2023 to provide a vibrant platform for discussions and deliberations on sustainable development of Pump Storage Projects in India to achieve the goal of 50GW green energy through PSPs.

I cordially invite professionals, academicians, researchers and students from India associated with planning, investigation, designing, construction of Pump Storage Hydro Power Projects and related issues, to attend the conference in large numbers and contribute technical papers for making the event a grand success.

With warm regards

Dr. Mridul Srivastava  
Secretary, ISEG



## THE SOCIETY (ISEG)

Indian Society of Engineering Geology (ISEG), the Indian National Group of International Association for Engineering Geology and the Environment (IAEG) was founded in 1965. IAEG, is an International scientific society which was founded in 1964. IAEG has more than 4,400 members and 61 national groups. ISEG is one of the oldest professional and scientific forums in the field of Engineering Geosciences in India. It comprises members from the fields of Engineering Geology, Geophysics, Geotechnical Engineering and Civil Engineering.

ISEG represents almost all the leading organizations engaged in infrastructural development projects in India. ISEG has been regularly organizing seminars/symposia and workshops in India focusing on advancement and challenges covering various aspects of Engineering Geology and Geo-technology. The main aim of organizing such technical conclaves is to provide a common platform for technical interactions and discussions amongst professionals, academicians and sharing technical expertise on challenges handled in different fields of Engineering Geology and Geotechnics.

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## EGCON-2023

Keeping pace with present time in prevailing circumstances, ISEG in association with NTPC is organising a Two days International Conference on **“Sustainable Development of Pumped Storage Hydro Power Projects– Geotechnical Challenges”** at NTPC Power Management Institute, Noida, UP on 20th to 21st November 2023. Main purpose of this is enlightening the Government of India's commitment to achieve the target of adding 500 GW installed capacity of Renewable Energy by the year 2030 and discuss various Geological, Geotechnical challenges along with Design aspects, Environmental Aspects, Hydrological Aspects, Economical & Financial Aspects for making Pumped Storage Projects – a Sustainable Renewable Energy Alternative.

This platform apart from providing awareness for the PSPs, also provides platform to deliberate and discuss advanced geological, geophysical techniques, civil, design, seismic aspects, earthquake engineering through presentations and lectures by the speakers from both academic & industrial fields in Geology / Geophysics /Civil Design/ Hydrology / Environment etc.

## VENUE – POWER MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE (PMI), NOIDA

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## PUBLICATION OF CONFERENCE PAPERS IN JOEG

Journal of Engineering Geology (JoEG) is the oldest journal on the subject of Engineering Geology and Geotechnology in India and perhaps the only journal in this field. It is brought out on biannual basis and carries papers on Engineering Geology, Engineering Geophysics, Geotechnical Engineering, Geohazards (Seismology, Landslides, etc), Environment Geology, Rock Mechanics, Soil Mechanics, Groundwater contamination and Geological Engineering. It was launched in the year 1966 soon after formation of the society. Journal of Engineering Geology is a peer reviewed journal. The ISSN no of the Journal is 0970-5317. Some of the selected papers from the Conference will be published in the Journal.

## CONFERENCE THEMES

- ✳ ***Geological, Geotechnical Challenges for Investigation of Infrastructures/ PSPs.***
- ✳ ***Introduction of Pumped Storage Projects, Policy and Regulatory Guidelines.***
- ✳ ***Identification / Layout / Planning and Execution of on & off the River PSPs.***
- ✳ ***Geological / Hydrological / Design / Environmental / Financial Aspects of PSPs.***
- ✳ ***Advanced Topographical Survey using Remote Sensing / Drone /GIS for PSPs.***
- ✳ ***Advances in Ground Mass Characterization and Rock mass Classification.***
- ✳ ***Execution of Deep Tunnels/Caverns with Special Reference to PSPs***
- ✳ ***Advanced Geophysical Techniques in Investigation of PSPs.***
- ✳ ***Seismological and Earthquake Engineering Aspects for PSPs and Infrastructure Projects.***
- ✳ ***Commercial Aspects of Pumped Storage Projects.***
- ✳ ***Lift Irrigation Projects for Energy and Water Security .***
- ✳ ***Stabilization & monitoring of project components using Advanced techniques.***
- ✳ ***“Disasters in Himalayas- A result of climate change or aggressive Infrastructure development”***
- ✳ ***Mitigation of Multihazards -Mass Wasting and Disaster Risk Reduction***



## ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINE

The abstracts are to be submitted in MS Word file up to 500 words. This may be submitted by email to [india.seg@gmail.com](mailto:india.seg@gmail.com) or at conference website <https://egcon.in/2023> which will be available shortly.

Abstract is to be submitted in A4 size page with 2.54 cm. borders on all sides and with a line spacing as multiple 1.2; Font to be used is Times New Roman. Title of the Abstract: Size 18 Bold, Author(s)/ Affiliation Size Bold 12 italics, Text headings Size 12 bold; Text sub headings: size 12 italics; Text size 12 normal; illustrations/ figures should have at least 600 DPI resolution.

Accepted Abstracts will be published in the proceedings volume and accepted full length papers will be published in forthcoming issues of JOEG.

## IMPORTANT DATES

The timeline for submission of papers and acceptance is given below:

<b>Submission of Abstract</b>	:	<b>20<sup>th</sup> October 2023</b>
<b>Confirmation of Acceptance</b>	:	<b>30<sup>th</sup> October 2023</b>
<b>Submission of Full Length Paper</b>	:	<b>10<sup>th</sup> November, 2023</b>

## REGISTRATION FEE

Delegates including authors attending the conference shall pay the registration fee as per the rates mentioned below.

<b>ISEG Member</b>	: INR 4000*	<b>Non-ISEG Member</b>	: INR 5000*
<b>Foreign Delegates</b>	: USD 150*	<b>Students from India</b>	: INR 2500*
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- Demand Draft**, drawn in favour of the 'Indian Society of Engineering Geology, payable at UCO Bank, Lucknow.
- Online Bank Transfer** as detailed below.

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