

Ms. Lynette Dias and Mr. Pritom Sharma, M.Sc. (Geology) students of School of Earth, Ocean & Climate Sciences of IIT Bhubaneswar emerged the overall winner of Mineral Development Awareness and Quiz Programme (MDAQ) - 2019. MDAQ-2019 was organised by Society of Geoscientists and Allied Technologists from 23rd to 25th August 2019 at Joda, Keonjhar district, Odisha.

The activities under this programme included:

- (a) Visits to mines, haulage, loading and unloading systems, processing and metallurgical plants, nursery, plantation, environment protection measures, water harvesting structure among others.
- (b) Identification of specimen of rocks, ores, minerals and metallurgical products, photographs.
- (c) Interpretation of satellite imageries
- (d) Oral quiz

In all 25 teams participated with two students each from West Bengal, Odisha, Chattisgarh and Telangana were participated in the programme. Some of the prominent institutes are IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, IIT Kharagpur, IIST Shibpur, NITs of Rourkela, Raipur, Government College of Engineering, Keonjhargarh, Jadavpur, Presidency, Utkal, Sambalpur and Ravenshaw Universities, AKS University, D D Autonomous College Keonjhar etc. SGAT has been organising Mineral Development Awareness Programme (MDAP) for the last 29 years on annual basis to update the students pursuing PG course in Geosciences, Degree Courses in mining, metallurgical, mineral and environment engineering about the latest developments in the respective disciplines.

Last time MDAQ-2015 edition was won by the students of IIT Bhubaneswar.

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