## 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention of Indian Geophysical Union (IGU) and Lifetime Achievement Award-2016 Ceremony

At a glittering IGU's award giving ceremony at IIT (ISM), Dhanbad, Dr. Shailesh Nayak, President of the IGU, presented the Lifetime Achievement Award-2016 to **Prof. O.P. Varma** coupled with gold medal & citation for his dedicated service to geosciences for over six decades.

**Prof. O.P. Varma** (who is four-time lifetime achievement awardee), the recipient of the award, was greeted by Prof. D.C. Panigrahi, Director IIT (ISM), in the traditional way with a shawl.

Some of the memorable photographs of this occasion are shown below:











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## INDIAN GEOPHYSICAL UNION

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The Indian Geophysical Union is privileged to select Prof. O.P.Varma for the Hari Narain Lifetime Achievement Award of IGU for the year 2016 in recognition of his outstanding contribution in the field of Geosciences. Prof. Varma obtained his post-graduate degree from the Banaras Hindu University and Ph.D. from the Royal School of Mines, London. He is one of the rarest and the finest Professors of Applied Geology who has pioneered the disciplines of Mining Geology & Mineral Exploration and continues to promote the Geosciences even at the age of 92 with the same vigor. No Earth Scientist other than Prof. Varma in bygone years seems to have rendered such a long and sustained service for popularization, development and advancement of Earth Sciences in India. Lately, he has made significant strides in Medical Geology.

Prof. Varma has devoted his entire career for teaching & training in Geosciences with special interest to economic geology, ore geology and mineral exploration with a passion. He has been recognized by the UGC with the award of the National Lecturer in Mining Geology for the year 1977-78. He has been providing solution to onsite problems in Geological Sciences, and built the Indian Geological Congress (IGC) single-handedly for the growth and development of Indian Geosciences. He has taught and supervised for Ph.D. to numerous students - many of them have occupied the senior positions in research institutes, universities, and oil & mineral industries. Besides peer-reviewed articles, he has published several books, popular articles edited volumes and reports for the benefit of students and researchers.

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Hari Narain Lifetime Achievement Award of IGU - 2016