## **About ISG**

The Indian Society of Geomatics (ISG) was formed by a group of professionals from government, academia, and industry with the main objective of promoting the technology and applications of Geomatics so that it becomes an important part of the information management and decision making processes.

Indian Society of Geomatics (ISG), **established in 1993**, is a premier society of professionals and institutions involved in promoting and popularising Geomatics in India. It has about **1700 Life Members**, **34 Patron Members**, **2 Sustaining Members and 225 Annual & Student members** as on July-2014. It has 22 very active Regional Chapters located at Ahmedabad, Ajmer, Bhagalpur, Bhopal, Chennai, Dehradun, Delhi, Hyderabad, Mangalore, Mumbai, Mysore, Pune, Trichi, Shillong, Jammu and Kashmir, Vadodara, Visakhapatnam and Ludhiana.

ISG regularly brings out a quarterly newsletter (ISSN: 0972-642X) for circulation to its members. ISG has recently published many special issues on various themes such as Agriculture, Urban Planning, Coastal and Marine Environment, Space-based Cartography, GIS: Education and Training in India, Water Resources, Location-based Services, Geomatics in India: Retrospect and Prospects, Infrastructure, Mountains etc.

Taking into account persistent demand from members, the Society has launched on 08-March-2007 a peer-reviewed journal named "Journal of Geomatics". The journal covers all aspects of Geomatics – geodata acquisition, pre-processing, processing, analysis and publishing. Broadly this implies inclusion of areas like GIS, GPS, Photogrammetry, Cartography, Remote Sensing, Surveying, Spatial Data Infrastructure and Technology including hardware, software, and algorithms and modelling. It I endeavours to provide an international forum for rapid publication of developments in the field - both in technology and applications

ISG has its website http://www.isgindia.org which contains all pertinent information about ISG and its activities. This site is updated every three months for the benefit of its members and anyone interested in Geoinformatics. Indian Society has also instituted two National Geomatics Awards to be given each year: a) for original and significant contribution, b) for innovative applications in the field of Geomatics. Each award comprises a medal, a citation and a sum of Rs 25,000/- The guidelines for these awards are available on ISG website. Apart from these awards, ISG has also instituted Best Chapter of the Year & Presidents Medal for Contribution to the Society Award for promoting the chapter activities and encouraging chapters to conduct various regional events. A senior level award namely "Geomatics Excellence Award" is also going to be instituted from this year onwards.

ISG Chapters also celebrates Science-day, GIS-day and Technology-day every year as the mandatory activities of the society. For this ISG provides funds to the tune of Rs. 15,000/-once in a year to chapter on request.