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Dr. Rasik Ravindra held the position of the Director of NCAOR between January 2006 and August 2012 after relinquishing the post of Deputy Director General in Geological Survey of India, an organization that he served from 1971 to 2005.

A veteran Antarctican, he participated in Indian Expedition to Antarctica in 1987-88 for the first time and subsequently led Ninth Antarctic Expedition in 1989-91, visiting the icy continent again in 1996-97, 2003-04, 2007 and 2009 in various capacities for specific assignments, contributing to different facets of Antarctic science, logistics and policy of this mission. He has led the first Indian Expedition to South Pole and the first Indian Arctic Expedition. He was Chairman of the DST constituted Program Monitoring Committee on “Dynamics of Himalayan Glaciers from 2007 to 2012 and was appointed Chair, Panikkar Professor in October 2012 by Ministry of Earth Sciences. He has served as an elected Member of the U N Commission on Limits of Continental Shelf for 2014-2017 Term. He has received National Award for Polar Sciences and Cryosphere, 2013, National Mineral Award- 1990, Antarctic Award- 2002, H. N. Siddiqui Gold Medal from IGU in 2011, Prof Prem Bahadur Verma Memorial Lecture award , Prof R C Mishra Memorial Gold Medal 2017 and DR W D West Oratory Award, 2018.