

**Ministry of Mines
Government of India**

“6th Nation Conclave on Mines and Minerals”

12th July, 2022 at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, 15 Janpath, New Delhi

Ministry of Mines introduced the concept of National Mining Conclave in 2016 with an aim to provide a platform for interaction between all stakeholders like Central Government officers who are policy makers, state government officers, the real executors in the auction regime, industry and the industry associations.

The National Conclave on Mines & Minerals are reckoned as an overwhelming success in providing an effective platform to showcase the key policy initiatives undertaken by the Government and helped the Government in garnering valuable feedback, for furthering the efforts to enable steady growth of the mineral sector.

The **6th National Conclave on Mines and Minerals** was held as a part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav during the iconic week on 12th July 2022 at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi. The event was inaugurated by Hon’ble Minister for Mines, Shri Prahlad Joshi and Hon’ble MoS for Mines, Shri Raosaheb Patil Danve. The Hon’ble Home Minister of India, Shri Amit Shah was the Chief Guest of the Award Function.

Various stakeholders of the mining sector participated in the conclave and held meaningful discussions on key issues and opportunities in the mining sector to bring in higher growth and facilitate ‘Ease of Doing Business’.

The 6th National Conclave on Mines and Minerals had many significant events that encouraged exploration activities, auction regime and sustainable mining practices in the mining sector. It had plethora of activities like:

- Digital kiosk showcasing exhibition of development of exploration and mining in the last 75 years and a glimpse of Amrit Kal as far as Mining Sector is concerned. A life size digital booklet showcasing reforms carried out in mining sector during the last 8 years.
- DMF stalls of 7 best performing states which have utilized their share of DMF fund in a meaningful and effective manner.
- Technical session on NMET in which there will be two presentations followed by discussion. This will provide good opportunity to understand the functioning of NMET and various initiatives taken by NMET to encourage and enhance exploration activities.
- CEO Speak is a platform introduced in the 6th National Conclave where CEOs of various Mining Companies shall brainstorm on several issues pertaining to Mining Sector. The CEO Speak is being organized in collaboration with FICCI.
- The main highlight of the event was the Award Ceremony which was graced by the glorious presence of Hon’ble Home Minister of India, Shri Amit Shah who also conferred the National award, ‘Rashtriya Khanij Vikas Puraskar’ to the State ministers.

This Award was introduced by the Ministry of mines in order to encourage the state governments to auction and operationalisation of auctioned mines.

- Award Ceremony also included awards for 5-Star Rated Mines for year 2020-21 to promote Sustainable Mining which is illustrated in National Mineral Policies of 2008 & 2019; outlined in Sustainable Development Framework and as mandated in Section 18 of MMDR Act, 1957 is being implemented through the provisions of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017 (MCDR, 2017).
- National Geo Science Awards-2019 for contributions in the field of fundamental/applied geosciences, mining and allied areas. The awards, instituted in 1966 are an initiative of the Ministry to encourage geoscientists for striving towards excellence
- Presenting fresh blocks to the State Governments and Ministry of Coal and providing financial Incentive to 15 mineral-rich State Governments for successful auction and identification of blocks.
- Ministry of Mines also launched 3 modules of Mining Tenement System (MTS). Indian Bureau of Mines has developed three modules namely Registration, Returns and Mining Plan of Mining Tenement System (MTS), which would facilitate the stakeholders in submission of online application of registrations, monthly, annual statutory returns and Mining plan.

Both the public and the private Mining Companies actively took part in the Conclave. This was an effective platform for the various Government organizations of the mining sector, viz. Union Mines Ministry, State Mining Departments, regulators such as IBM and DGMS, exploration entities GSI & NMET etc. to interact with the mining and allied industry stakeholders.

