

MINISTRY OF MINES MAJOR ACTIVITIES AUGUST – 2019

- An Australian delegation led by Shri Matthew Canavan, Hon'ble Minister for Resources and Northern Australia met with Hon'ble Minister of Mines Shri Pralhad Joshi on 27.08.2019 to discuss the issues regarding cooperation in the field on geology and mining.
- An Indian delegation led by Secretary (Mines) participated in AIMEX-19 at Sydney, Australia. An India Pavilion showcasing the Indian Mineral Sector was put up there. The delegation held G2G meeting with Australian Trade & Investment Commission to explore possibility of sourcing Lithium from Australia, in addition to G2B meetings on the sidelines of AIMEX-19.
- The Offshore Areas Mineral Concession Rules, 2006 were amended through Offshore Areas Mineral Concession (Amendment) Rules, 2019 vide notification No. G.S.R. 595(E) dated 23.08.2019.
- The Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017 were amended through the Mineral Conservation and Development (Amendment) Rules, 2019 vide notification No. G.S.R. 570(E) dated 13.08.2019.
- Ministry of Mines has conveyed its approval for reserving Thakurani Block-A over an area of 416.512 hectares for iron ore in Keonjhar District of Odisha in favour of Industrial Development Corporation of Orissa Limited (IDCOL) under Section 17 A (2) of MMDR Act, 1957 vide letter dated 30.08.2019.
- Ministry of Mines has also conveyed its approval for reserving area for mineral SMS grade limestone to the extent of 61.895 Sq.Kms. in District Jaisalmer, Rajasthan in favour of Rajasthan State Mines and Minerals Limited under Section 17 A (2) of MMDR Act, 1957 vide letter dated 30.08.2019.
- GSI bagged 2nd prize for best display in "Government Achievement & Schemes Expo-2019" held at New Delhi during 1st-3rd August, 2019. Shri Ramdas Athawale, Hon'ble Minister of State for Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India inaugurated the Expo-2019.

- Eight geoscientist from GSI participated in the National Conference on Polar Sciences (NCPS-2019) held at National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR), Goa on 21st - 22nd August, 2019. The inauguration was chaired by Dr. M. Rajeevan, Secretary, MoES.
