

**MINISTRY OF MINES
MAJOR ACTIVITIES**

January – 2019

- The meeting of the Consultative Committee of Ministry of Mines was held on 21-22 January, 2019 under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of Mines, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar at Statue of Unity, Kevadiya Colony, District Narmada, Gujarat to review the performance of National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO).
- Standing Committee on Coal and Steel meeting was held on 2.1.2019 to review the "Development of Leased out Iron Ore Mines and optimum Capacity utilization" in which the challenges faced by iron ore industry were discussed.
- A National Level Workshop on District Mineral Foundation (DMF)/ Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana (PMKKKY) was organized by Ministry of Mines on 18th January, 2018 and inaugurated by the Hon'ble Minister of Mines.
- Geological Survey of India (GSI) has signed a Memorandum of Agreement and two MoUs, the details of which are as under:-
 - i. A Memorandum of Agreement has been signed between GSI and IDPeX Private Limited having International expertise on 18/01/2019 for interpreting the existing legacy airborne geophysical data over an area of 1,35,422 Sq km, which includes data of GSI and also data acquired by Geoscience Australia for Govt. of Odisha, for identifying the potential areas for conducting detailed heliborne and other surveys.
 - ii. An MoU between GSI and IIT, Dhanbad formally known as Indian School of Mines, on 28/1/2019 for implementation of geophysical Audio-Magnetotelluric (AMT) investigations in parts of Sikar, district, Rajasthan. The AMT surveying is an advanced method to characterize the size, resistivity and depth of mineral deposits concealed beneath thick overburden.
 - iii. An MoU between GSI and National Council of Science Museums (NCSM), Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India for taking up the work for designing, development, fabrication, installation and commissioning of state-of-the-art Gwalior Geoscience Museum at Victoria Market building, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh on 16/1/2019.
- The 19th meeting of the Technical-cum-Cost Committee was held on 18th-19th January, 2019 at GSI, Nagpur for technical evaluation of project proposals and review of ongoing projects of National Mineral Exploration Trust (NMET) and 5th meeting of the Committee constituted to formulate the Schedule of Charges (SoC) for projects funded through the NMET was held on 21-22 January, 2019.