

MINISTRY OF MINES MAJOR ACTIVITIES SEPTEMBER – 2019

- Central Government under section 20A of the MMDR Act issued order allowing Steel Authority of India to sell in a year a quantity equivalent to maximum 25% of total mineral production in previous year for two year and also issued directions to the concerned State Government to allow the sale of sub-grade minerals lying at mine pit heads of Steel Authority of India.
- The Mineral (Mining by Government Company) Rules, 2015 were amended through the Mineral (Mining by Government Company) Amendment Rules, 2019 vide notification No. G.S.R. 695(E) dated 27.09.2019 to ascertain the extension of lease period in respect Government Companies.
- Central Government under sub-section (1A) of section 17A of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (67 of 1957), reserved an area of 646.596 hectares in Bailadila reserve forest, Deposit No. 4, District South Bastar, Chhattisgarh for mineral iron ore for undertaking prospecting or mining operations through M/s National Mineral Development Corporation for a period of five years vide notification No. GSR 697(E) dated 30.09.2019.
- GSI has participated in the mining, exploration convention & trade show (Mining Mazma – 2019) exhibition cum trade fair held on 12-14 Sep'19 at Bangalore and Vision Rajasthan – 2019 at Udaipur during 17-19 Sep'19 to showcase the activities of GSI and attracting participation in mineral exploration.

- The 36th International Geological Congress (IGC) has participated in Geological Society of America Annual meeting at Arizona, USA during 22-25 September, and at the 53rd Annual General Meeting of FIMI in New Delhi on 24 September, 2019 to promote the 36IGC including GeoExpo and Field trips which are aimed to attract international/national participant in the mega geoscience event scheduled to be held during 2-8 March 2020 at New Delhi. Congress registration, abstract submission, field trip and geoexhibition booking, and applications for volunteer program is in progress.

- The presentation ceremony of prestigious National Geoscience Award was held on 19.9.2019 at The Ashok, New Delhi. Shri Pralhad Joshi, Hon'ble Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, Coal and Mines has conferred the National Geoscience Awards – 2018 to 22 meritorious geoscientists of the country to honour individuals and teams of geoscientists for their extraordinary achievements and outstanding contributions in fields of fundamental / applied geosciences, mining and allied areas.

- Ministry of Mines, in an approach to enhance the mineral exploration and mining activities in the country, has identified eleven Research and Development projects under its Science and Technology activity from Academic Institutions/PSUs. These projects will be funded by the Ministry under S&T head of Ministry. It is expected that the outcomes of these projects will pave way in mineral discovery and beneficiation of natural resources.
