

MINISTRY OF MINES
Major Highlights / Activities

November, 2022

- Secretary (Mines) led an Indian delegation to participate in the International Mining and Resources Conference (IMARC) - 2022 during 2nd to 4th November, 2022 held in Sydney, Australia. On the sidelines of this event, the Ministry of Mines, with the support of the Australian side, facilitated deliberations of the Indian business delegation comprising battery manufactures with the Australian critical minerals manufacturing companies. During the visit, the 3rd meeting of the Joint Working Group under the MoU between India and Australia for cooperation in the field of Mining and Processing of Critical and Strategic Minerals, was also held on 1st November, 2022 in Sydney, Australia.

- The Meeting of the Consultative Committee for Ministry of Coal and Mines on agenda "Mining reforms & their impact and Action plan for auction of 500 mineral blocks by 2023-24 was held under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of Mines on 09.11.2022 at Indore, Madhya Pradesh.

- The Ministry of Mines made a presentation on 14.11.2022, to the Prime Minister's Office regarding the proposed amendments to the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) [MMDR] Act, 1957.

- A delegation of Khanij Bidesh India Ltd. (**KABIL**) visited Argentina from 20th November to 3rd December, 2022 to evaluate and assess two prospective projects of lithium for exploration in Catamarca Province in Argentina.

- The Index of mineral production for the month of October, 2022 was 112.5 which is 2.5 percent higher as compared to the level in the month of October, 2021.

- State Governments continue to use District Mineral Foundation (**DMF**) funds to combat COVID-19, wherein Rs.1,491.33 Crore has been spent till 31.10.2022. The latest position of funds utilization by the States up to 31.10.2022 is at **Annexure-I**.

Monthly Status of Auction / PMKKKY - DMF

- Since the amendment to MMDR Act, 1957 in 2015, a total of 216 mineral blocks have been auctioned till 30.11.2022 across 10 States. 3 mineral blocks (2 Limestone, 1 Iron ore) in the States of Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh were successfully auctioned in

the month of November, 2022. Further, 6 new NITs for Bauxite & limestone blocks have been issued for the States of Odisha and Rajasthan in the month of November, 2022.

- Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojna (**PMKKKY**) is being implemented through the funds collected under District Mineral Foundation (**DMF**) and till October, 2022, Rs. 71,128.71 Cr. was collected (monthly collection in October, 2022- Rs 1,021.67 Cr.). Till October, 2022, Rs.64,185.75 Cr. stands allocated and Rs. 37,923.18 Cr. has been spent. A total of 2,53,747 projects have been sanctioned under the scheme and out of them, a total of 1,35,914 projects have been completed so far.

Conference/Workshops/Seminars/Meetings and other activities

- Geological Survey of India (**GSI**) signed an MoU with Directorate General of Hydrocarbons (DGH) on 02.11.2022 regarding Data Sharing and Technology Transfer.
- Another Indian delegation led by Shri Sanjay Lohia, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Mines alongwith Senior Officers of GSI & IBM to participated in the 18th Annual General Meeting (**AGM**) of the Inter-Governmental Forum (**IGF**) on Mining, Minerals, Metals and Sustainable Development under the aegis of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) during 7-10 November, 2022 at Geneva, Switzerland.
- As a part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav- GSI, SR conducted multiple seasons of interaction with the pilgrims, local peoples, school students, university students, and scholars to sensitize the importance of Geo-heritage sites like Natural Rock Arch of Tirumala, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh, India from 3rd to 5th Nov 2022.
- MCSD Division, GSI jointly undertook a two day long outreach programme i.e., from 17th to 18th November, 2022 at Geo-heritage sites, viz., Dhanushkodi and Gulf of Mannar Marine National Park, Tamil Nadu to sensitize the local population, students, local authorities, media about the importance and significance of these Geo-tourism/Geo-heritage sites and need for their protection and conservation for future generation and research.
- Senior officers of GSI & HCL attended the Global Mining Summit in presence of the Secretary, MoM at Mistika Hall, Eco Park, Rajarhat, North 24 Paraganas, West Bengal from 16.11.2022 to 17.11.2022.
- A meeting was held on 17.11.2022 with Department of Atomic Energy to discuss the removal of some minerals from list of Atomic Minerals as an Amendment to the MMDR Act.

- The 1st Meeting of Expert Committee formed by the Ministry of Mines to identify Critical and Strategic Minerals was held on 18.11.2022 to discuss various issues.
- First meeting of the Committee constituted on 31.10.2022 to examine the issues related to Beach Sand Minerals was held on 25.11.2022.
- Un-manned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) survey related activities: A register of receipt of drone/ satellite data submitted by the lessees under rule 34A of MCDR 2017 is being maintained at IBM. As on November, 2022 as many as 617 mining lease data has been received. The drone /satellite data is also being reconciled with the requirements mentioned in Standard Operating Procedure (SoP) for submission of drone/satellite data.
- As a part of Drone Application implementation, eight days' training was imparted from 31.10.2022 to 11.11.2022 & from 21.11.2022 to 1.12.2022 to a batch of eleven officers & 12 officers respectively from the Regional Offices of IBM on the Basics of Geographic Information System (GIS) and Processing of Drone Survey data.
- During the month, e-training programmes on “New Mining Plan Format, Preparation of PMCP/FMCP” was organized from 16th to 17th November, 2022 at Skill Development Centre Udaipur for Industry personnel in which 85 Industry personnel participated and Revenue of Rs. 1,70,000/- was generated. Cumulatively, till November, 2022, IBM organized 09 training programmes in which 129 IBM, 301 Industry and 21 State Government Officials participated and revenue of Rs.6,02,000/- was generated.
- Business Excellence instituted by CII-EXIM (Export-Import) under European Foundation for Quality Management (EFQM) Criteria has awarded three production units of NALCO on 25.11.22 at the CII Excellence Summit held at Bangalore as stated here under:
 - NALCO's Alumina Refinery bagged the Platinum category award for the 4th consecutive year. In addition to this, being recognised with as consistent progressive performer, a special jury award has also been bagged by the unit.
 - NALCO's Panchpatmali Bauxite Mines was conferred with Gold Plus category award in recognition of the initiatives taken for Business Excellence.
 - NALCO's Captive Power Plant, Angul was also been conferred with Gold Plus category award in recognition of the initiatives taken for Business Excellence.
 - As a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and Special Campaign 2.0, following initiatives have been taken up by NALCO:

NALCO has been providing doorstep delivery of healthcare services for more than a decade in the tribal dominated areas of Mines & Refinery Unit, Damanjodi. This

initiative is a flagship programme, which has been widely appreciated and acknowledged by the stakeholders. Four Mobile Health Units were flagged off in 163 peripheral villages of Mines & Refinery Unit to provide doorstep delivery of healthcare services.

- Smelter & Power complex, NALCO, Angul organised two days vendor development programme cum exhibition on 17.11.22 & 18.11.22 at its Training Institute wherein, MSMEs of Odisha along with PSUs participated in the event. NALCO set up a pavilion with display of MSME centric products & showcased its products and CSR activities etc.
- Ministry of Mines and its allied Field Formations successfully celebrated and completed the ‘Vigilance Awareness Week’ throughout all its Head Quarter and Regional HQs from 31.10.2022 to 06.11.2022.
- Ministry of Mines and Field Formations under its administrative control celebrated Samvidhan Diwas (Constitution Day)-2022 on 26.11.2022. There was enthusiastic participation by employees in reading the preamble on line as well quiz competitions on the portals developed by Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs.
- Ministry of Mines also celebrated Communal Harmony Campaign Week from 19th to 25th November, 2022 and Flag Day on 25th November 2022. A fundraising event was organized on the flag day, and the accumulated amount was donated to National Foundation for Communal Harmony (NFCH) and the employees and staff of the Ministry & Field Formation took the Constitution Day Pledge on the occasion.

Annexure – I

Expenditure report for COVID-19 – DMF funds

Till October 2022

S.No.	Name of State	DMF fund available as on 28th March 2020 (Rs. in crore)	DMF fund available as on 31st March 2021 (Rs. in crore)	Cumulative amount spent on activities related to COVID-19 since 28 Mar 2020 (Rs. in crore)
1	Andhra Pradesh	623.12	278.68	139.79
2	Assam	77.5	-	0.65
3	Bihar	84.5	-	0
4	Chhattisgarh	1190.04	1707.59	101.09
5	Goa	187.89	-	30.53
6	Gujarat	153.52	83.68	26.23
7	Haryana	20.24	-	0

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8	Himachal Pradesh	135.66	-	0.43
9	Jharkhand	2056.85	-	22.85
10	Karnataka	1281.64	1211.64	204.52
11	Kerala	2	-	0
12	Madhya Pradesh	1297.65	1185.56	9.24
13	Maharashtra	687.99	-	59.5
14	Odisha	3274.18	6418.9	461.91
15	Punjab	26.16	-	0.65
16	Rajasthan	2020.08	2625.28	60.03
17	Tamilnadu	98.93	99.6	17.92
18	Telangana ^{\$}	1001.2	-	334.08