

**MINISTRY OF MINES  
MAJOR ACTIVITIES  
October– 2019**

- In the month of October, 2019, 4 mineral blocks (2 Chromite, 1 Limestone and 1 Graphite) were auctioned in the State of Odisha. Further, 47 mineral blocks are presently under various stages of auction.
- An Indian delegation led by Secretary (Steel) and Additional Secretary (Mines) participated in 'International Mining and Resources Conference (IMARC-2019)' held at Melbourne, Australia from 28<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019.
- Bilateral Meeting between Russian State Geological Holding "ROS GEO" and Ministry of Mines through its attached office Geological Survey of India was held on 1.10.2019 in New Delhi to identify the possible areas of collaboration between India and Russia in the field of mineral exploration.
- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between GSI and University of Mysore on 1.10.2019 for collaboration in Academic and Training Programs leading to PhD degree. Such collaborations will be instrumental to enhance technical capabilities of GSI officers.
- One day workshop titled "Multisensor Aerogeophysical Survey in Odisha – Future Endeavour" was organised on 23.10.2019 at Bhubaneswar by Remote Sensing and Aerogeophysical Survey Division of GSI to assess the aerogeophysical scenario of the mineral rich State - Odisha and to deliberate on the outcomes of the interpretation of high resolution aerogeophysical data obtained from Government of Odisha.
- 36<sup>th</sup> International Geological Congress (36<sup>th</sup> IGC) organized an International workshop with the co-host nations Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Nepal on 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> Oct., 2019 to finalize the field trips in their respective countries scheduled to be organized during the pre and post sessions of 36 IGC. A MoU has been signed with the co-host nations in this regard.
- A nine days workshop titled "Mineral Potential Studies: Searching the New and Concealed Terrains" have been organised between Geoscience Australia (GA) and Geological Survey of India (GSI) during 22<sup>nd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> Oct 2019 at Jaipur. The workshop was aimed to familiarise the geoscientific organizations of the country to cope up with the modern approaches in field of mineral exploration.