MINISTRY OF MINES
MAJOR ACTIVITIES
June – 2019

➢ 13th Executive committee (EC) meeting of National Mineral Exploration Trust (NMET) was held on 12th June, 2019.

➢ Geological Survey of India (GSI) has an MoU with Geoscience Australia (GA) for cooperation in the field of Scientific and Technical Cooperation. In order to further the cooperation, a meeting between Additional Secretary (Mines) along with officials of GSI and Ministry of Mines and GA along with Australian state geosciences agencies referred to as ‘Australia Minerals’ was held on 24th June, 2019.

➢ GSI has initiated multi-sensor aero-geophysical data acquisition over block 12 on 6.6.2019 and till the end of June’19 an area of about 850 km$^2$ (3,115 Lkm) have been covered against the target of 33,752 km$^2$.

➢ Geological Survey of India has undertaken 338 mineral exploration items in G4/G3/G2 stage during field season 2019-20. The Large Scale Mapping (1:12,500) covering an area of 202.8 Sq. Km. and Detailed Mapping (1:2000; 1:1000) covering an area of 9.4 Sq. Km has been completed up to the month of May, 2019. A total drilling meterage of 21,980m has also been completed up to May, 2019.

➢ Mineral Exploration Corporation has undertaken 40 mineral exploration items in G4/G3/G2 stage during field season 2019-20. The Large Scale Mapping (1:12,500) covering an area of 5.50 Sq. Km. and Detailed Mapping (1:2000; 1:1000) covering an area of 9.51 Sq. Km has been completed up to the month of May, 2019. A total drilling meterage of 93,231 has also been completed up to May, 2019.

➢ Under the aegis of Indian Bureau of Mines, Mines Environment & Mineral Conservation Weeks have been organized at Bangalore, Jabalpur, Chennai, Raipur and Hyderabad for propagation and creation of awareness on mineral conservation and environmental protection in mining areas. IBM has conducted training programmes on (i) Filing of statutory returns under Rule 45 of MCDR 2017 and (ii) Chemical Analysis of Ores and Minerals for mining industry personnel.

➢ 5th International Yoga Day was observed in Ministry and in all the field formations under its administrative control on 21.6.2019.