The MMDR Amendment, 2015 removed discretion by instituting auction to be sole method of grant of major mineral concessions and, thereby bringing in greater transparency. So far 74 mines with estimated value of resources of about Rs. 2,52,516 crores including an estimated auction premium of over Rs. 1,57,562 crore to accrue to the states over the lease period have been successfully auctioned.

So far Rs. 33,272.80 crores has been collected under District Mineral Foundation (DMF) for implementation projects under Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana (PMKKKY). Total 1,38,086 projects have been taken up out of which 59,920 projects have been completed. A total of Rs. 10,537 crores has been spent so far.

National Mineral Exploration Trust (NMET) has approved 187 exploration projects with total cost of approved projects ₹895.72 crores up to 30th November, 2019. A total of 63 projects have already been completed and 124 projects are ongoing. An amount of Rs. 203.32 crores have been incurred from Financial Year 2017-18 to 2019-20.

A meeting was held between GSI team headed by DG Geological Survey of India (GSI) and the Australian Government team led by Mr. Andrew Ford, Australian Consul General, Kolkata to review progress on the collaboration between Geoscience Australia and Geological Survey of India.

dissemination through banners, posters, massive tree plantation and shramdan etc. were organized to mark the occasion.

- A Capacity Building Programme on ‘Resource Efficiency in Aluminium’ was organized from 21st to 23rd November, 2019 in Bhubaneswar in pursuance to the recommendations of the Strategy Paper on Resource Efficiency in Aluminium, jointly prepared by the Ministry of Mines and NITI Aayog. The program focused on Aluminium recycling and waste management, including Red Mud. It had wide participation from Aluminium Association of India (AAI), Material Recycling Association of India (MRAI) and Aluminium Secondary Manufacturers Association (ASMA) and the Aluminium Industry. Deliberations and interactions during the program enlightened the participants to contribute in efforts aimed at implementing the desired goals of resource efficiency in Aluminium sector, which is in the national interest.

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