

MINISTRY OF MINES
Major Highlights / Activities

December, 2022

- To increase profitability through value addition, NALCO launched a new product – Aluminum LED Cap Stock on 29/12/2022 in my presence. The first consignment was also dispatched from its smelter plant at Angul on the occasion. The product is used in the manufacturing of aluminum caps in LED bulbs.
- Focusing on accelerating the pace of auction of mineral blocks, several meetings at different levels were held by the Ministry. Hon'ble Minister of Mines, Shri Pralhad Joshi chaired two Review Meetings on Auction of Blocks as well as Investor Conclave, one at Mumbai on 01.12.2022 and second at Bengaluru on 03.12.2022. He also chaired a meeting on 29.12.2022 at Bhubaneswar (Odisha) to review the progress of Coal & Mining Sector with the State Government of Odisha.
- The HCL in its Board meeting on 16.12.2022 accorded its approval for tendering action for selection and engagement of Mine Developer cum Operator (**MDO**) for re-opening and expansion of Rakha Copper Mine under Rakha Mining Lease, ICC-Ghatsila, Jharkhand.
- During the month, Secretary (Mines) obtained feedback from the delegation of Khanij Bidesh India Ltd. (**KABIL**) sent to Argentina to evaluate prospective projects of lithium. KABIL was advised to expedite commercial due diligence for obtaining rights for mining in Argentina, on priority, assuring all possible support from the Ministry.
- The mineral production index for the month of November, 2022 was 122.7 which is 9.7 percent higher as compared to the level in the month of November, 2021.
- State Governments continue to use District Mineral Foundation (**DMF**) funds to combat COVID-19, wherein Rs.1,496.82 Crore has been spent till 30.11.2022. The latest position of funds utilization by the States up to 30.11.2022 is **Annex**.
- Since the amendment of MMDR Act, 1957 in 2015, a total of 224 mineral blocks have been auctioned till 31.12.2022 across 10 States. 8 mineral blocks (5-Iron ore, 1-Gold, 1-Ni, Cr & associated PGE Minerals and 1-Phosphorite) in the States of Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh and Goa were successfully auctioned in the month of December, 2022. Further, 23 new NITs for Iron ore, Ni, Cr and associated PGE Minerals, Manganese, Bauxite, Copper, Basemetal and REE & Graphite blocks have been issued for the States of Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh in the month of December, 2022.
- Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra KalyanYojna (**PMKKKY**) is being implemented through the funds collected under District Mineral Foundation (**DMF**) and till

November, 2022, Rs. 71,917.07 Cr. was collected (monthly collection in November, 2022- Rs 788.36 Cr.). Till November, 2022, Rs.64,954.44 Cr. stands allocated and Rs. 38,562.64 Cr. has been spent. A total of 2,55,889 projects have been sanctioned under the scheme and out of them, a total of 1,37,818 projects have been completed so far.

- GSI has signed a MoA with CSIR-National Geophysical Research Institute, Hyderabad on 01.12.2022 for carrying out Ground geophysical survey (Gravity and Magnetic) of GSI over an area of total 18420 sq.km covering 25 toposheets in Southern Region.
- Secretary (Mines) visited the Headquarter of Indian Bureau of Mines (**IBM**) at Nagpur on 5th& 6th December, 2022 and held a meeting to review the progress report of IBM.
- Additional Secretary (Mines) held a meeting with GSI, State Governments and Notified Private Exploration Agencies (**NPEA**) through VC on 15.12.2022 regarding the project proposals submitted to the State Governments by NPEA for NMET funding.
- A meeting was held on 20.12.2022 with Department of Atomic Energy and Atomic Mineral Directorate to discuss the proposed amendment to Part-III of Schedule B of the Atomic Mineral Concession Rule (**AMCR**), 2016 in respect of exploration norms for Rare Metal and Rare Elements and decriminalization of offences under AMCR, 2016 as per the Part II of the report of the Committee constituted by Ministry of Mines.
- 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 December, 2022 as many as 634 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.
- IBM carried out 109 inspections (under MCDR/ MP/Other references), disposed 02 Mining Plans, Reviewed 11 Mining Plan and 03 Final Mine Closure Plans during the month of December, 2022. Cumulatively up to December, 2022, IBM carried out 898 inspections; disposed 20 Mining Plans, Reviewed 76 Mining Plan and 14 Final Mine Closure Plans.
- IBM completed 1 Full scale & 2 Limited Scale Ore Dressing Investigations (ODI) equivalent to 1.50 Full Scale ODI, 1645 Chemical Analysis and 203 mineralogical Examinations in the month of November, 2022. Cumulatively, up to December, 2022, IBM carried out 32.00 Ore Dressing Investigations, 16,475 Chemical Analysis and 2269 Mineralogical Examinations.
- The portal for filing the Star Rating template by the Lessees, for the performance year 2021-22 has been enabled and so far 1180 Lessees have filed Sustainable Development Framework (SDF) templates. Field verification is in progress.

- NALCO showcased its myriad activities and the power of Aluminium at the Make in Odisha Conclave 2022 in Bhubaneswar during 30th November - 4th December, 2022.
- In accordance with the Cabinet decision 618/2 and subsequent resolution adopted by the Governing Body, 36th International Geological Congress (IGC) in its 24th meeting and subsequent approval granted for extending the closing date of the 36th IGC society from 21.10.2022 to 31.12.2022, the Office Order for closing the 36th IGC Society w.e.f. 31.12.2022 has been issued.
- Under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, GSI has conducted following activities during the month:
 - GSI, Southern Region (SR) has conducted a public awareness programme on Geo-heritage sites & Geo tourism at Angadipuram Laterite Monument, Malappuram District from 28.11.2022 to 03.12.2022.
 - GSI, Eastern Region (ER) conducted a day-long programme at Sajnekhali Island of Sundarbans in South 24 Parganas district of West Bengal on 12.12.2022 to enhance awareness among local people about the importance of the mangroves and its importance in day to day life of Sundarban and secondly about the contribution of GSI towards nation building.

Expenditure Report for COVID-19 – DMF funds

Till November, 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	104.76
5	Goa	187.89	-	30.53
6	Gujarat	153.52	83.68	26.23
7	Haryana	20.24	-	0
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	463.73
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
19	Uttar Pradesh	383.22	423.22	11.29
20	Uttarakhand	74.39	110.62	10.16
21	West Bengal	17.7	-	0.46
Total		14694.46	14144.77	1496.82

Note: Total balance available in DMF as on 28 March is 14694.47 cr. and 30% of this comes as approx. 4408 cr.

\$ As per D.O.No.7/2/2020-MIV, dated 28.03.2020 Rs 334.08 crore from 19 districts has been transferred to Chief Minister's relief fund.
