

MINISTRY OF MINES
Major Highlights / Activities

October, 2022

The first North East Geology and Mining Ministers' Conclave was chaired by Hon'ble Minister for Coal, Mines and Parliamentary Affairs on 31.10.2022 at Nagaland.

2. Among the significant decisions taken at the said Conclave were as follows:

- The request to the Ministry of DONER for NEC Funding Guidelines to include "Geological and Mineral Development";
- On receipt of proposals from the NE State Governments Rs. 5.00 crore will be given as advance for capacity building/training etc. by the Ministry of Mines;
- NE State Governments may nominate candidates/trainees for capacity building/ training/ equipment assistance in Geo-technical and Geo-spatial Technology in the training programmes conducted by GSI and IBM.

3. Secretary (Mines) visited Bharat Gold Mines Limited (**BGML**), a closed PSU under the Ministry of Mines on 12.10.2022 to understand and close various issues pertaining to BGML. Action taken in this regard are as under:

- To expedite monetization of dumps of BGML, RFP for appointment of Transaction Advisor for facilitating sale of tailings of BGML has been floated. We expect to hire a Transaction Advisor by December who will assist BGML in disposing off the tailings of BGML.
- Issuance of letter to CMD, NMDC by Secretary (Mines) to take over unprocessed ore lying in Andhra Pradesh where the leases of BGML has expired and State Government has allotted lease to NMDC through auction. BGML has been advised to auction the assets lying in Andhra Pradesh through MSTC after taking consent of Company Court of High Court of Karnataka.
- Discussion was held with the State Government for expediting the process of mutation of balance land in the name of BGML.

4. The other highlights regarding achievements and activities of the Ministry of Mines for the month of October, 2022 are as under:

The highlights of the achievements and activities of the Ministry of Mines for the month of October, 2022.

- The Index of mineral production for the month of September, 2022 was 99.5 which is 4.6 percent higher as compared to the level in the month of September, 2021.
- State Governments continue to use District Mineral Foundation (**DMF**) funds to combat COVID-19, wherein Rs.1,490.60 Crore has been spent till 30.9.2022. The latest position of funds utilization by the States up to 30.9.2022 is at **Annexure-I**.
- Since the amendment to MMDR Act, 1957 in 2015, a total of 210 mineral blocks have been auctioned till 31.10.2022 across 10 States. 2 mineral blocks (2 manganese ore) in the State of Rajasthan were successfully auctioned in the month of October, 2022. Further, 15 new NITs for limestone block have been issued for the States of Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh in the month of October, 2022.
- Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojna (**PMKKKY**) is being implemented through the funds collected under District Mineral Foundation (**DMF**) and till September, 2022, Rs. 70,107.04 Cr. was collected (monthly collection in September, 2022- Rs 1,825.60Cr.).Till September, 2022, Rs. 63,534.07 Cr. Stands allocated and Rs.37,422.94 Cr. Has been spent. A total of 2,52,995 projects have been sanctioned under the scheme and out of them a total of 1,33,144 projects have been completed so far.
- The Geological Survey of India (**GSI**) participated in the 2nd United Nations World Geospatial Information Congress (**UNWGIC,2022**) held at Hyderabad International Convention Centre (**HICC**), Hyderabad from 10th to 14th October, 2022. The theme for the Congress was '*Geo-Enabling the Global Village: No one should be left behind*,' The activities of GSI, BHUKOSH, 3D-sub surface Models, rock samples were demonstrated to the national as well as international fraternity in the Make in India Pavilion.
- As a part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav- GSI, CHQ celebrated the 1st International Geo diversity Day and 6th International Geo-ethics Day from 13th to 14th October, 2022 involving geoscientists and students.
- An interactive meeting between GSI and Geoscience Australia (**GA**), as per the MoU, was held through videoconferencing on 13th October, 2022. The meeting discussed the modalities of the implementation of the recently signed Terms of Reference (**ToR**) between the two organizations, particularly with reference to critical mineral targeting, Regional Mineral Targeting (**RMT**) project, Digital Core Library, DSRS and Magne toTelluric Surveys in India.
- HCL paid a dividend of Rs. 74.20 crore to the Government of India for Financial Year 2021-22 being 30.01% of Profit After Tax (PAT) in compliance of DIPAM guidelines.
- Special Campaign: Ministry successfully conducted the Special Campaign 2.0 from 2nd October to 31st October 2022 .Regular meetings were taken with all Senior Level Officers and Heads of the Field Formations to review the progress made by different Divisions/Sections of the Ministry. During Special Campaign 2.0. Ministry of Mines alongwith its attached offices/subordinate offices and PSUs have reviewed 3,36,358 files which is more than the set target. Also during this campaign 147 Swachhta Programme were conducted at our 85 sites. Ministry of Mines along with its attached offices/subordinate offices and PSUs have been able to clear 114084 sq. feet of area

during this phase. The revenue earned from scrap disposal during this campaign is Rs.4,00,20,768/-(Rupee Four Crore twenty thousand seven hundred and sixty eight only).

- N-E Mining Ministers Conference: Ministry of Mines hosted the first North East Geology and Mining Ministers' Conclave in Nagaland on 31 Oct., 2022. The conclave provided an effective platform to discuss issues specific to the NE region. In the event, North-East Mines and Coal Ministers' committee put forward their concerns and demands before the Hon'ble Union Minister of Mines, Coal and Parliamentary Affairs, Shri Pralhad Joshi. Assuring NE region of complete support, Ministry of Mines is committed to encourage exploration activities and auction of mines in the mineral rich NE states which will ultimately lead to development of the region.
- National Aluminium Company Limited (**NALCO**) is setting up a Vermi Compost Plant at M&R Complex in Damanjodi. Nearly 30 qtl vermi compost will be prepared annually from the garbage collected from the township.
- 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 October, 2022 as many as 606 mining leases data was received. The drone /satellite data is also being checked with the requirements mentioned in Standard Operating Procedure (**SoP**) for submission of drone/satellite data.
- The portal for filing the Star Rating template by the lessees, for the performance year 2021-22 has been enabled and so far 1174 lessees have filed Sustainable Development Framework (**SDF**) templates.
- Ministry of Mines and its Field Organizations celebrated Rashtriya Ekta Diwas on the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel i.e. 31st October, 2022. On the said occasion, all the officers / officials took pledge. All the officers / officials were also encouraged to voluntarily participate in "**Run for Unity**" event on 31.10.2022 at Major Dhyan Chand Stadium, New Delhi.
- As a part of Drone Application implementation, eight days' training is being imparted from 31.10.2022 to a batch of eleven officers from the Regional Offices of IBM on the Basics of Geographic Information System (**GIS**) and Processing of Drone Survey data.
- Under Mission Recruitment drive, the Ministry of Mines has 4673 vacancies to be filled up by promotion & direct recruitment till December, 2023. In the first tranche of appointment letters issued on 22.10.2022 in a programme graced by Hon'ble Prime Minister, 88 candidates of the Ministry were provided appointment letters. With this, the total appointment letters issued by the Ministry of Mines since launch of Mission Recruitment became 215.

Annexure-I

Expenditure report for COVID-19-DMF funds

Till September, 2022

		DMF fund	DMF fund available	Cumulative amount spent on activities

Sl. No.	Name of State	available as on 28th March 2020 (Rs. In crore)	as on 31st March 2021(Rs. in crore)	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	100.45
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	204.43
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
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	1490.60

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

\$ As per D.O. No.7/2/2020-MIV, dated 28.03.2020 Rs334.08 crore from 19 districts has been transferred to Chief Minister's relief fund.
