

ANNOUNCEMENT

20th Convention of the Indian Geological Congress (IGC) will be organised under the auspices of MECL and GSI at Chitnavis Centre/BSNL Auditorium, Nagpur, from October 3 to 5, 2017. The Convention will deliberate especially on the theme “Make in India: Challenges and Opportunities for Domestic Iron and Steel Industry and Its Innate Mineral-raw Materials”, which has been split into the following sub-themes:

- Make in India: The domestic Iron and Steel Industry (ISI): current production and trade avenues, development and diversification in perspective – an overview.
- Long-term planning, hurdles & challenges before the iron & steel industry for expansion and foreign trade besides meeting the domestic demands.
- Reviews on mineral raw-materials – metallic and non-metallic Present & future demands and supplies, imports & exports.
- Recent developments in exploration, new techniques and targets – exploratory drilling tools, geophysical surveys, logging techniques and advancements in investigation technologies of iron-ores.
- Broad aspects of occurrences and origin of iron-ore deposits.
- Up-to-date review on resources, reserves and inventories on iron ores of India – Are we making use of our potentials optimally?
- Deposits of alloying metals to steel manufacture – sufficiency and non-sufficiency. Their application in grade development and quality improvement of steel.
- Geological data on classical iron-ore deposits.
- Mining methods and environmental issues of open-cast iron-ore mining.
- Development of new beneficiation techniques of low-grade iron-ores – latest practices in major steel-producing countries.
- Govt. initiatives and motivation to scale up exploration and production of iron-ores and Ferro-alloy minerals.
- Sustainability of Indian metallurgical coal in perspective and status of other energy sources to meet demands of the steel industry.
- Emerging safety and health issues related to steel industry.
- Miscellany: Research, education, training, exploration of sea-bed deposits and planetary bodies for supply of minerals at exhaustion limits.

Contributions both for oral and poster presentations are solicited by 31st December, 2016.

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