

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON DIAMOND AND GEMSTONES is the first ever conference of its kind (four-in-one) being held during 21-26 November 2001 in Raipur, Chhattisgarh in the vicinity of recently found, potential diamondiferous kimberlite (MKF) field and famous gemstone belt of Orissa. The themes of the conference are: (1) Geological setting, genesis and controls for mineralization; (2) Modern exploration techniques, GIS/Computer based modeling, practice and problems; (3) Sustainable mining and gem-winning techniques; (4) Beneficiation techniques, practices and problems; (5) Marketing, trade and art; (6) Mineral/mining/environmental legislation and related policies, and (7) Socio-economic impacts of mineral mining involving man and environment. The conference also covers various aspects of up and down stream of Diamond and Gemstones separately and papers will be mainly related to exploration, mining, beneficiation, mineral and mining policies, cutting-polishing, trading etc. The conference will be followed by two field workshops, one on Diamond and Kimberlites and the other on Gemstones, organized in potential geological fields. There will be a choice for the participants to opt any one of the following: (1) Bastar Cratonic Kimberlite Fields (covering MKF or Block D-7 and TKF); (2) Panna Diamond Mine, and (3) Orissa Gemstone Belt. The field trips will be organized based on the number of options received and will accordingly intimated to the participants. An Industrial Exhibition and Gemmological Trade Fair will also be staged at the venue. For further particulars, please contact Dr. Datta Mainkar, Dy. Director and Convenor, Directorate of Geology and Mining, Chhattisgarh, Raipur - 492 006, (CG) India. **Phone:** 91-771-412843/412849; **Fax:** 91-771-412841; **Mobile:** 9827117071; **Email:** data_mainkar@mantrafreenet.com; **Website:** www.diamondconference.com

NATIONAL SEMINAR ON MINERAL EXPLORATION AND RESOURCE SURVEYS:

Geological Survey of India (GSI) has been organizing a series of national seminars on varied geological themes in different parts of the country to commemorate 150 years of its service to the nation. In this series, GSI Western Region will organize a National Seminar on Mineral Exploration and Resource Surveys for Base Metals, Strategic Minerals and Rare Earths on 19-20 December 2001 at Jaipur. The main themes are: (1) Exploration techniques: Geological, geochemical, ground and aero-geophysical, photogeological and remote sensing studies, drilling technology, GIS database application, and future targets/strategies. (2) Evaluation of resource potential and case histories: Exploration and assessment at various stages, beneficiation, exploitation with sustainable environments. (3) Metallogeny: Mineralisation, petrography and chemistry of ore minerals, regional tectonic setting, genetic models with case studies. For further particulars, please contact: The Organising Secretary, National Seminar on Mineral Exploration and Resource Surveys, Geological Survey of India, Western Region, 15 & 16, Jhalana Institutional Area, Jaipur - 302 004. **Phone:** 511100/516924; **Fax:** 0141-511582; **Email:** geodata@sancharnet.in