

Gaveshana-2026

First ever Conference Showcasing Mineral Exploration
Mineral Exploration in India:
Opportunities & Challenges

First Circular

Nagpur, Maharashtra

16-17 January, 2026

About MECL

Mineral Exploration and Consultancy Limited (MECL), a Miniratna-I CPSE under the Ministry of Mines, has been serving the nation since 1972 as its premier mineral exploration agency. Headquartered at Nagpur, MECL's vision is "to be the mineral explorer to the nation and beyond," with a mission "to provide high quality, cost-effective and time-bound geo-scientific services for exploration and exploitation of minerals."

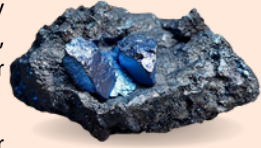
MECL conducts regional and detailed exploration of mineral acreages on behalf of Central and State Governments, Directorate of Geology and Mines, and major mining companies, providing Geological Reports and consultancy services backed by over five decades of expertise.

MECL has made a remarkable contribution to India's mineral resource base. Till March 2025, it has completed more than 1716 exploration projects, carried out over 13.81 million metres of exploratory drilling and 5.93 million metres of geophysical logging and established more than 221 Billion tonnes of mineral reserves across coal, lignite, base and precious metals, bulk minerals and critical minerals.



About the Conference

Gaveshana - 2026, the first-ever conference on mineral exploration warmly welcomes you to this landmark gathering of policymakers, industry leaders, researchers, and stakeholders to share knowledge, showcase innovations, and foster collaborations that will shape the future of sustainable mineral exploration in India.



We are privileged that the conference will be inaugurated by a distinguished Senior Official from the Ministry of Mines, Government of India, whose gracious presence will lend inspiration and significance to this milestone gathering.

Key Objectives

- **Promote Knowledge Exchange:** Foster dialogue among geoscientists, engineers, researchers, and policymakers in mineral exploration.
- **Showcase Innovations:** Highlight achievements and advancements driving exploration and resource development.
- Integration of Digital Technology in Exploration
- **Enable Technical Engagement:** Host expert sessions and exhibitions on cutting-edge tools and practices.
- **Encourage Collaboration:** Strengthen partnerships across government, PSUs, and industry for sustainable exploration.



Highlights of the Conference :

- Technical sessions & Panel discussions with industry experts.
- Opportunities for Networking and strategic space for dialogue, exchange of ideas, and actionable outcomes with experts, policymakers, researchers, and industry leaders.
- Showcasing exploration technology, geophysical advancements, drilling innovations and application of Digital Technology focusing on sustainability and future-ready strategies for mineral development in India.



Key Dates :

Date	Activity
Sep 1, 2025	Commencement of submission of presentation
Oct 31, 2025	Closing of submission of presentation
Nov 30, 2025	Registration closes

On-site Registration
Not Available



Panel Discussion & Presentation Theme :

Day 1: Session 1

The New Exploration Paradigm - Policy Reforms & its implication, Private Participation, Investment Landscape & way forward

Focus: Setting the stage with policy reforms, public-private roles, funding mechanism etc.

Suggested Topics:

- Reforms in Mineral Policy and Licensing: Recent amendments in MMDR, NMP, introduction of EL etc. and way forward
- Harnessing Geospatial Data for Discovery: NGDR, Bhu-Kosh portal and other data initiatives.
- National Mineral Exploration Trust (NMET): Optimization of approval process & way Forward
- Role of the Private Sector and Junior Exploration Companies: Opportunities and Gaps
- State–Central synergy: Simplifying Licensing and Clearance Mechanisms and data sharing

Day 1: Session 2

Deep Earth Frontiers: Unlocking Strategic Mineral Wealth Through Innovation in Depth Exploration

Focus: Modern exploration methods focusing on cutting-edge technologies that are crucial for targeting deep-seated and concealed deposits.

Suggested Topics:

- Advanced Geophysical and Geochemical Techniques for Indian Terrains
- Challenges in Deep-Seated and Concealed Deposit Exploration
- Addressing challenges through digital technologies: Application of AI, ML and data analytics in mineral exploration

Day 2: Session 1

Critical Mineral Exploration in India: Challenges, Innovations and the Way Forward

Focus: Securing a supply of critical minerals: a national interest

Suggested Topics:

- The Hunt for Strategic and Critical Minerals: Exploration for Lithium, Graphite, Cobalt and other Strategic and Critical Minerals in India
- India's Rare Earth Potential: Status, Challenges & way forward
- Addressing Geopolitical Risks through Domestic Exploration: Supporting India's race for self-reliance by reducing import dependency
- International sourcing strategies and overseas ventures
- Comparative analysis of India's reserves vs. global benchmarks

Day 2: Session 2

Transforming Exploratory Drilling: Innovations for Depth, Precision, and Efficiency

Focus: Innovations in drilling techniques, tools, and sampling technologies that enhance precision, reduce costs, and address challenges in India's contexts

Suggested Topics:

- Directional and Deep Drilling Techniques: Innovations, Challenges and Case-Studies w.r.t. complex geological settings (i.e. Motur formation, Potash deposits, Decan traps etc.)
- Automation, Real-Time monitoring, and Digital Integration: Precision and productivity enhancement
- Sustainability, workplace safety, occupational health and Ergonomic design Practices
- Innovation in drilling equipment's (i.e. drill bits, barrels, tubes, pumps), drilling mud technology etc.

Note :

- All presentations related to the above themes are kindly requested to be submitted on or before 31st October, 2025, via email at gaveshana@mecl.co.in
- The submitted presentations will be reviewed by a designated panel and finalized for the purpose of final selection

About Nagpur :

Nagpur, located in the very heart of India, is popularly known as the “Orange City” for its renowned orange orchards. It is also celebrated as the “Tiger Capital of India” due to its strategic proximity to several major tiger reserves such as Pench, Tadoba-Andhari, Bor, and Nagzira, making it a key hub for wildlife conservation and eco-tourism. Historically, Nagpur boasts a rich legacy dating back to the 18th century when it served as the capital of the Bhonsle dynasty of the Maratha Empire. Under British rule, it later emerged as the capital of the Central Provinces and Berar, playing an important administrative and political role in colonial India. Culturally, Nagpur presents a vibrant blend of tradition and modernity. It holds special significance in India’s social reform movements as a prominent center of the Dalit Buddhist movement. The iconic Deekshabhoomi, where Dr. B.R. Ambedkar embraced Buddhism along with thousands of his followers in 1956, stands as a symbol of equality and transformation.

Geologically, Nagpur is location near the Satpura range, lies within Central Indian geological belt, dominated by Deccan Trap basalts and Gondwana formation. The region is renowned for its deposits of Energy minerals, Base metals, Critical minerlas and Industrial minerals making it a significant hub for minerals exploration and geological research.

Venue :

Vanamati Auditorium,
Vanamati Campus, Near VIP Road,
Dharampeth, Nagpur – 440010, Maharashtra



Conference Opportunities : Join as Presenter

- Platform to Showcase advancements of your Organization
- GST as applicable.

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- Earlybird Registration Fee until September 2025 - INR 1,25,000/-
- Standard Registration Fee from October 2025 - INR 1,50,000/-
- GST as applicable.

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- 1 Table & 2 chairs
- Power socket (inclusive of standard power consumption)

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- Delegate Type: Individual
- Early Bird Rate: ₹4,900 (until 15th October 2025)
- Standard Rate: ₹5,900 (after 15th October 2025)

Note:

- Registration is mandatory for all to attend or be present at the conference.
- Early registration is encouraged to avail the discounted rate.
- Registration fee, excluding GST, will be reimbursed to one presenting participant whose presentation is selected

Registration fee includes entrance to the conference & exhibition, conference kit, high tea, lunch

- 10% discount on group of 3 or more delegates nominated from a single organization is applicable.
- GST shall be as applicable.
- Terms & conditions apply on payments.
- All rights pertaining any changes in the event are reserved with organizers.

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From Insight to Action: Takeaways for Every Participant

(Turn Knowledge into Impact at **GAVESHANA–2026**)

At GAVESHANA–2026, every stakeholder will leave with actionable insights, opportunities and connections that directly support their role in shaping India’s mineral future

Government Officials & Policy Makers

- Decode evolving regulatory frameworks with clarity
- Align policies with industry needs for faster decision-making
- Engage with industry leaders to shape India’s critical mineral strategy

Exploration & Mining Companies

- Stay updated on policy reforms and compliance requirements
- Forge partnerships that accelerate exploration and project development
- Translate exploration insights into measurable business outcomes

Geologists & Technical Experts

- Gain exposure to cutting-edge tools in drilling, geophysics & geochemistry
- Apply advanced technologies to solve real-world exploration challenges
- Strengthen expertise aligned with India’s evolving mineral industry

Academia & Research Institutions

- Explore opportunities for industry–academia collaboration in R&D
- Identify emerging domains for high-impact mineral research
- Enrich curricula with practical insights from industry leaders

Investors & Financial Institutions

- Understand market dynamics driving mineral exploration & mining
- Identify investment-ready projects across critical mineral sectors
- Build robust business cases for sustainable, long-term investments

Young Professionals

- Discover career pathways in India’s mineral sector
- Learn directly from pioneers, innovators and decision-makers
- Connect with mentors and peers across the mineral ecosystem

GAVESHANA–2026 is not just a Conference — it’s a platform to transform knowledge into action and ideas into impact.

