

Name of ENVIS Centre : **ENVIS Centre on “Environmental Problems of Mining”**

Host Organisation : **Centre for Mining Environment (CME), Indian School of Mines (ISM), Dhanbad, Jharkhand**

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Year of Establishment : 1991

About the Host Organisation

Indian School of Mines was established in the year 1926 at Dhanbad by the Government of India to train mining engineers and geologists. It has become a Deemed University in 1967 under the UGC Act, 1956. New branches of academic programs have been added to its traditional departments and new departments have been established to cater to other industries in addition to the mineral industry. Centre of Mining Environment at ISM was set up in March 1987 under the scheme of “Centre of Excellence” of MOEF. Subsequently ENVIS Centre on “Environmental Problems of Mining” was set up in 1991.



Activities of the Centre

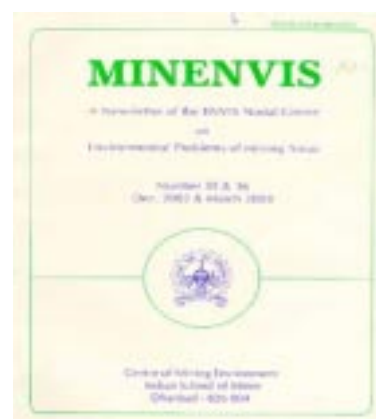
- Collect, collate, store and disseminate information related to mining environment
- Maintaining Computerised Database on published literature on various subject areas related to mining environment which users can query from time to time.

- Development of a Documentary resource base containing environmental journals, environmental reports/technical papers, books related to mining environment, seminar proceedings or any other relevant document related to mining environment which users can consult by personal visit or by mail requesting for specific information.
- Publish Newsletters and Monographs on specific aspects of Mining Environment and related topic.

ENVIS Publications

- **ENVIS Newsletter**

- ◇ The Centre publishes a quarterly newsletter titled "MINENVIS". Monographs on relevant topics are published from time to time. So far 37 volumes of Newsletter and 11 volumes of Monograph have been brought out on various topics related to Environmental Problems of Mining.



Services

- **Query Answer Services**

- ◇ The Centre responds to thousands of queries on the subjects viz. Mine Fires, Water Pollution, Acid Mine Drainage, Air Pollution, Land Reclamation etc. During 2002 the Centre has responded to nearly 700 queries.

MINENVIS Website (http://www.geocities.com/envis_ism)

- The website of the ENVIS Centre (MINENVIS) contains Mining database, information on coal and non-coal sectors, environmental appraisal procedure for establishing and operating a mine, environmental clearance related to mining projects, environmental standards, overview of mining legislation and mining related policies, Directorate General of Mines Safety (DGMS) circulars, equipment and materials requiring DGMS approval, mining cases, Guidelines on community development for mining companies (FIMI), Newsletters, Journals on environment and Mines, monographs, Bibliographic databank, listing of books in the library, research work publications, World Environment Day Celebration, Prof. S. K. Bose Memorial Lecture, links to some useful sites like, MoEF, Ministry of Mines, Ministry of Coal, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, CPCB, DGMS, IBM, ONGC etc. To access all mining cases, a link has been provided to JUDIS (The Judgement Information System). Likewise a link has been given to Census India website to access necessary demographic information of Jharkhand and other States.



Future Plan

- Development of web based database and update website regularly.