

Directorate General of Mines Safety (DGMS)

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The Directorate General of Mines Safety (DGMS) recently celebrated its 125th Foundation Day at its Headquarters in Dhanbad, Jharkhand.

About Directorate General of Mines Safety (DGMS)

- It is the **Regulatory Agency** under the **Ministry of Labour & Employment**, Government of India, in matters pertaining to **occupational safety, health, and welfare of persons employed in mines**.
- It has its **headquarters** at **Dhanbad (Jharkhand)** and is headed by the Director-General of Mines Safety.
- **History:**
 - For administering the provisions of the **Indian Mines Act, 1901**, the Government of India set up a **"Bureau of Mines Inspection"** on the 7th January **1902** with headquarters at Calcutta.
 - The name of the organization was changed to the Department of Mines in 1904, and its headquarters shifted to Dhanbad in 1908.
 - On 01.01.1960, the organization was renamed as "Office of the Chief Inspector of Mines".

- Since 01.05.**1967**, the office has been **redesignated as the DGMS**.
- The **mission** of the DGMS is to **continually improve safety and health standards**, practices, and performance **in the mining industry and upstream petroleum industry** by **implementing**:
 - proactive **safety and health strategies**;
 - **continuous improvement of processes**;
 - **effective use of resources**;
 - commitment and professional behaviour in its personnel.
- **Under the Constitution of India**, the **safety, welfare, and health of workers** employed **in mines** are the **concern of the Central Government (Entry 55-Union List-Article 246)**.
 - The objective is regulated by the **Mines Act, 1952**, and the Rules and Regulations framed thereunder.
 - These are **administered by the DGMS**.

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