



National Conference

Digging Deeper: Rethinking India's Mining Economy

A Conference on Mining in India covering Governance, People,
Industry & Sustainability

Organised by the Centre for Public Policy & Governance, Goa Institute of Management, In Hybrid Mode – Via Zoom and on Campus (CR 12) at GIM, Sanquelim, Goa, India

On 24th and 25th July 2025

Indicative Schedule*

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(Same credentials for both days)

Day 1 – Thursday, 24th July 2025

9.30 am to 10.00 am	Registration
10.00 am to 11.15 am	Inaugural Session and Lighting of the Lamp
	Inaugural Remarks: Prof. Ajit Parulekar, Director, GIM (5 mins)
	Inaugural Remarks and Setting the Context: Prof. Sebastian Morris, Chair, CPPG, GIM (15 mins)
	Inaugural Remarks by Chief Guest: Shri Anil Swarup, IAS (<i>Former Secretary, Government of India; Founder-Chairman Nexus of Good</i>) (10 mins)
	Inaugural Keynote Address and Interaction/Q&A: Dr. E A S Sarma, IAS (<i>Former Secretary to the Government of India</i>) (20 mins + 10 mins)
	Governance Challenges in Mine Development

	Vote of Thanks: Prof. Kingshuk Sarkar (Member, CPPG) (5 mins)
11.15 am to 11.30 am	Tea/Coffee Break
11.30 am to 1.30 pm	Technical Session 1: Political Economy of Mining Chair: TBC Keynote speaker: Prof. Kuntala Lahiri-Dutt (The Australian National University) Politics and Justice in the Political Economy of the Extractive Industries in India (20 mins + 10 mins)
Paper 1	Prof. Khanindra Pathak, (Professor, IIT Kharagpur) and Prof. P. Mallikarjun Rao, (Professor, Polytechnic of Namibia) (In-Person) Mining-Induced Societal Transformations and the Application of CHAT for Sustainable Mine Closure: A Case Study from Odisha, India
Paper 2	Mr. Alok Aditya, (Ph.D. Scholar, ISEC Bangalore) (In-Person) The Political Economy of Natural Gas Extraction in West Bengal
Paper 3	Mr. Sagun Murmu, (Ph.D. Scholar, NIT Rourkela) (In-Person) Exploring the Impact of Mining on the Precarity of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups in Odisha, India
Paper 4	Dr. Reimgam Marchang, (Associate Professor, ISEC Bangalore) (Online) Parity of Employment in Mining and Quarrying Sector in India
Paper 5	Dr. S. Mohammed Irshad, (Assistant Professor, TISS) (Online) State, Capital, and the Struggle for Resource Sovereignty: The Political Economy of Mining in India
1.30 pm to 2.30 pm	Lunch Break at MDP Dining Hall
2.30 pm to 3.45 pm	Technical Session 2: Regulation, Contractual, Auction and Privatization formats Chair: Prof. Kingshuk Sarkar Discussant: Prof. Sebastian Morris Keynote speaker 1: Shri Anil Swarup (Former Secretary, Government of India; Founder-Chairman Nexus of Good) Understanding and Engaging with the Government and its Agencies in the Context of Mining (20 mins + 10 mins) Keynote speaker 2: Prof. Subhomoy Bhattacharjee (Director, Centre for Regulatory Governance, O P Jindal Global University and Consulting Editor, Business Standard) Coal: Privatisation, Competition and its Implications (20 mins + 10 mins)

Special Policy Paper	Mr. Sanjay Amonkar (Director General, GCCI) (<i>In-person</i>) Environmental Clearance Process
3.45 pm to 4.00 pm	Tea/Coffee break
4.00 pm to 4.45 pm	Panel discussion 1: Policy & Practise for Better Outcomes in Mining Chair: Prof. Sebastian Morris Panellists: Shri Anil Swarup, Mr. Sanjay Amonkar, Prof. Subhomoy Bhattacharjee
5.00 pm to 7.00 pm	Documentary Film Screening and Discussion: Blood and Iron (90 mins) Chair: Prof. Sebastian Morris Discussant: Mr. Paranjay Guha Thakurta (<i>Independent Journalist</i>)
7.30 pm onwards	Gala Dinner at MDP Dining Hall
Day 2, Friday, 25th July 2025	
10.00 am to 12.00 noon	Technical Session 3: Mining in Goa Chair: Prof. Raj Amonkar Keynote speaker: Dr. Claude Alvares (<i>Founder and Director, Goa Foundation</i>) The Mining of Minerals in Goa: From Colonial to Constitutional Mode (20 mins + 10 mins)
Paper 1	Dr. Keshab Das (<i>Director, Centre for Research in Regions & Development, Bhubaneswar</i>) and Dr. Aparna Raj C (<i>Postdoctoral Scholar, IIM Ahmedabad</i>) (<i>Online</i>) How Do India's Top Coal Producers Mine the Black Gold? Risks, Responsibilities and Regulations
Paper 2	Ms. Tanima Pal (<i>Research Associate, CSEP</i>) and Dr. Rajesh Chadha (<i>Senior Fellow, CSEP</i>) (<i>In-Person</i>) The Future of Copper in India: Navigating through the Demand-Supply Gaps
Paper 3	Ms. Ayana Krishna D (<i>Ph.D. Scholar, Centre for Development Studies</i>) (<i>In-Person</i>) Save Alappad Movement: An Analysis of the Nuanced Perspectives
Paper 4	Mr. Vishnu Prasad (<i>Indian Revenue Services</i>) (<i>Online</i>) Accounting for the Incalculable: Shadow Economies, Tax Losses, and Informal Mining in India
Paper 5	Dr. Nalin Kumar C (<i>Professor, PES University</i>) and Dr. Ajay Massand , (<i>Associate Professor, PES University</i>) (<i>Online</i>)

	India's Iron Ore Exports and the Regulatory Regimes: A Panel Data Analysis
12.00 noon to 12.15 pm	Tea/Coffee break
12.15 pm to 1.00 pm	Panel discussion 2: Issues in Mining in Goa Chair: Prof. Sebastian Morris Panellists: Mr. Glenn Kalavampara (GMOEA), Mr. Wency Mendes (Filmmaker & Cinematographer), Mr. Rahul Basu (Goa Foundation)
1.00 pm to 2.00 pm	Lunch break at MDP Dining Hall
2.00 pm to 4.00 pm	Technical session 4: The Environment, People, Law and Mining Chair: TBC Keynote speaker: Dr. Dhiraj Kumar Nite (<i>Social Scientist, Ambedkar University, Delhi</i>) Ethics, Gender, Caste, and Mining in India (20 mins + 10 mins)
Paper 1	Dr. P Chandran (<i>Legal Scholar & Policy Consultant, DC Law Firm</i>) and Dr. A.P. Divya (<i>Advocate & Legal Researcher, DC Law Firm</i>) (<i>Online</i>) Mining and Environmental Governance in India: A Legal Analysis of Challenges and the Role of Environmental Impact Assessment
Paper 2	Ms. Pooja Narnoli (<i>Ph.D. Scholar, JNU</i>) (<i>Online</i>) Land Acquisition, Mining and Resettlement Laws in the century-old coalfields of Jharia
Paper 3	Dr. Prajna Paramita Mishra (<i>Associate Professor, University of Hyderabad</i>) (<i>Online</i>) Doubling: How it is impoverishing a coal mining community in rural Odisha
Paper 4	Mr. Wenceslaus Mendes (<i>Independent Filmmaker</i>) (<i>In-Person</i>) Intergenerational Equity of Wealth - an 'other' mining framework towards a continued exploitation
Paper 5	Mr. Rajiv Kumar (<i>Vice President, Goa Mining Association</i>); Mr. Pravankumar Kantareddy , (<i>Dy. Mines Manager</i>) and Ms. Sneha Chodankar (<i>Mining Engineer</i>) (<i>In-Person</i>) Major Legal Reforms in India's Mining and Mineral Sector
Paper 6	Dr. Debashree Dhar (<i>Assistant Professor, Shri Guru Ram Rai University, Dehradun</i>) (<i>Online</i>) Disease, Sickness and Wellbeing Concerns: An Indian Coalfield, 1946-1972
4.00 pm to 4.15 pm	Tea/coffee break

4.15 pm to 5.00 pm	Panel discussion 3: Overcoming Dysfunctional Practises and Marginalisation in Mining Chair: Prof. Sudipto Mundle (Centre for Development Studies) Panellists: Mr. Paranjay Guha Thakurta (<i>Independent Journalist</i>), Prof. Sebastian Morris (<i>CPPG</i>), Mr. Ashok Shrimali (<i>SETU</i>), Dr. Dhiraj Kumar Nite (Ambedkar University)
5.00 pm to 6.00 pm	Valedictory Session Keynote speaker: Mr. Ravi Rebbapragha (<i>Chairperson, Mines, Minerals and People (MM&P)</i>) DMF: Justice, Governance and Way Forward (20 mins +10 mins) Concluding remarks: Prof. Ajit Parulekar, Director, GIM (10 mins) Concluding remarks and summing up: Prof. Sebastian Morris (10 mins) Vote of Thanks (5 mins)
Rapporteur for the Conference	Ms. Vrushali Joshi

**Please note: the schedule may be revised marginally*

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