



National Conference & Exhibition on **Frontiers in Rock and Mining Engineering (FRAME-2026)**

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Venue: CSIR-CIMFR, Dhanbad



Organized by

Mining Engineers Association of India, Dhanbad Chapter

In association with

CSIR-Central Institute of Mining and Fuel Research (CSIR-CIMFR)

Dhanbad, Jharkhand, India

About the Conference

The **National Conference on Frontiers in Rock and Mining Engineering (FRAME-2026)** is envisioned as a premier national platform to bring together leading researchers, academicians, industry professionals, policymakers, and young scholars working in the field of rock and mining engineering. The conference aims to foster meaningful dialogue and collaboration among experts to address the emerging challenges and opportunities associated with modern mining operations and rock engineering practices.

Mining and rock engineering continue to play a vital role in supporting industrial growth, infrastructure development, and national energy security. However, the sector is currently undergoing a rapid transformation driven by technological innovation, environmental concerns, and the growing need for sustainable resource utilization. FRAME-2026 seeks to highlight the latest scientific advancements, technological developments, and innovative engineering solutions that can enhance the efficiency, safety, and sustainability of mining operations.

Themes of the Conference

- Rock Mechanics and Rock Engineering
- Underground and Surface Mining Technologies
- Mine Planning and Design
- Rock Blasting Technology
- Ground Control and Mine Stability
- Slope Stability and Landslide Management
- Mine Ventilation and Fire Mitigation
- Occupational Health and Safety in Mines
- Advanced Monitoring and Instrumentation in Mines
- Sustainable and Green Mining
- Mining Hazards, Rescue and Risk Assessment
- Digital Mining and Smart Technologies
- Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning Applications in Mining
- Mine Environment Management
- Mine Closure and Reclamation
- Net Zero Mining
- Tunneling and Infrastructure Developments
- Ventilation and Fire Safety in Tunnels
- Critical Minerals Extraction for Sustainable Development

Dhanbad: The Host City

Dhanbad, popularly known as the “Coal Capital of India,” is one of the most prominent centres of coal and mineral-based industries in the country. The city has earned this distinction due to its proximity to some of India’s richest coalfields and its long-standing contribution to the mining sector. The region hosts major mining and industrial organizations such as Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL), Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL), Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), and Tata Steel Limited, which operate extensive coal and mineral extraction activities in and around the district. Dhanbad is also home to premier national institutions and statutory agency such as the Directorate General of Mines Safety (DGMS), ensuring safety and regulatory compliance in the mining sector, CSIR-Central Institute of Mining and Fuel Research, a leading research institute dedicated to mining and fuel technologies, and also Indian Institute of Technology (Indian School of Mines), an institution with academic legacy of 100 years. Dhanbad is well connected to major cities across India through an extensive railway network. The nearest airports are located at Ranchi, Kolkata, Durgapur and Deoghar. The month of October offers pleasant weather conditions, with temperatures typically ranging between 18°C to 30°C, making it an ideal time for hosting academic and professional gatherings.

The Organizers

About Mining Engineers’ Association of India

The Mining Engineers' Association of India (MEAI) is a premier professional body dedicated to promoting the advancement of mining engineering and allied disciplines in India. Established to bring together professionals, academicians, researchers, and industry experts, the association works to enhance technical knowledge, encourage innovation, and address challenges in the mining sector. MEAI regularly organizes national and international conferences, seminars, workshops, and training programs. The association also recognizes outstanding contributions to the mining industry through various awards and honours, thereby motivating young engineers and scientists to pursue excellence in mining research and practice. Through its 28 chapters spread across India, MEAI plays a significant role in strengthening collaboration between industry, academia, and government agencies for the overall growth of the Indian mining sector.

About CSIR-CIMFR

The CSIR–Central Institute of Mining and Fuel Research (CSIR–CIMFR), Dhanbad is a premier research institute under the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), Government of India. The institute was formed in 2007 through the merger of two prestigious national laboratories — the Central Mining Research Institute (CMRI), Dhanbad and the Central Fuel Research Institute (CFRI), Dhanbad. CSIR–CIMFR has since emerged as a leading center of excellence dedicated to research and development in the fields of mining engineering, rock mechanics, mine safety, and fuel technologies.

The institute plays a pivotal role in addressing critical challenges faced by the mining and energy sectors through innovative scientific research, advanced engineering solutions, and industry-oriented technologies. CSIR–CIMFR has made significant contributions to improving mine safety, enhancing productivity, and promoting environmentally sustainable mining practices in both underground and opencast mining operations.

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Conference Participation	Participation Fee (in INR)
Authors/Delegates (Academics & Research Organizations)	₹ 10,000 + GST
Students / Research Scholars (Self paid)	₹ 5,000 + GST
Delegates (Industry / Govt. Agency)	₹ 12,000 + GST
MEAI Members (Self paid)	₹ 7,000 + GST
Fellow Members of MEAI	NIL

Venue & Date

CSIR–Central Institute of Mining and Fuel Research (CSIR–CIMFR), Auditorium, Barwa Road, Dhanbad from 30-31 October 2026.

Accommodation

There are a number of hotels in Dhanbad. The participants may book accommodation in these hotels themselves directly. A limited number of accommodation are also available in the institutional guest house on payment basis for the delegates on the first come first serve basis.

Call of Paper

The technical papers on the conference theme are invited for oral presentation. Researchers, academicians, industry experts and professionals are invited to submit original research papers aligned with the conference themes. Selected papers will be considered for publication in special volume of Springer/CRC Press.

The official email id for submitting papers is frame2026cimfr@gmail.com.

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Key Dates

Events	Date
Call of abstracts	15.04.2026
Receipt of abstracts	15.05.2026
Review of abstracts and decision intimation	17.05.2026
Receipt of full papers	30.06.2026
Review of full papers	15.07.2026
Receipt of final papers	15.08.2026
Intimation of acceptance of papers	30.08.2026
Registration of delegates	30.09.2026

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