

# Merger of National Institute of Miners' Health with ICMR-National Institute of Occupational Health

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The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister has approved to dissolve National Institute of Miners' Health (NIMH), an autonomous Institute under Ministry of Mines (MoM) and merge / amalgamate with ICMR-National Institute of Occupational Health (NIOH), Ahmedabad, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoH&FW) with all assets and liabilities

## **Impact of merger**

The merger / amalgamation of NIMH with NIOH will prove beneficial to both the Institutes in term of enhanced expertise in the field of occupational health besides the efficient management of public money

## **About ICMR-National Institute of Occupational Health (NIOH)**

The NIOH is the **premier institute, under the aegis of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) under the Department of Health Research, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India. The Institute functions as a WHO Collaborative and Reference Centre for Occupational Health.**

## **Purpose and Functions**

- To promote intensive research and activities in occupational and environmental health.
- To devote quality endeavors in fundamental and applied research.

- To study the occupational dynamics, the changing environmental contexts, and ascertain safe limits of human exposure to evolve guidelines of health programmes for their control.
- To apply basic data in devising new technique(s) adopting to local needs and conditions for clinical, experimental and intervention purposes.
- To internalize and externalize core competence to transfer knowledge and skill for relevant needs of the government, judiciary, industry and other stakeholders; and
- To establish inter-organizational coordination for cooperative research and occupational health delivery.

### **About National Institute of Miners' Health (NIMH)**

- NIMH was set up by Government of India in 1990 and registered as a Society under the Karnataka Societies Registration Act, 1960.
- The registered office of NIMH is located at Kolar Gold Fields, Karnataka and the Central Laboratory in Nagpur.
- The Institute conducts applied research in occupational health and hygiene and specializes in providing technical support services to mining and mineral based industry with special reference to metalliferous sector and endeavors for safe mines and healthy miners through research & development.