

Area: Mining

- With 87 minerals (10 metallic, 47 non-metallic, 3 atomic, 4 fuel and 23 minor minerals) and nearly 2700 reported mines in India, this sector in India has a huge potential.

- Some of the challenges for Indian Mining industry are:
 - Rising input costs
 - Land & its allocation
 - Logistics
 - Degrading quality of ores
 - Lack of proper database & of qualified manpower and
 - Unknown number of illegal & small mines.

- The need of the hour in this sector are
 - A comprehensive roadmap
 - New geography
 - Life extension of existing machinery, control of corrosion
 - New equipment & technology for exploration (e.g., robotics & simulation)
 - Proper utilization of available resources