



# Preparing for Prospecting in Bhilwara, Chittorgarh and Rajsamand

## Why in News?

- On June 15, 2022, Additional Chief Secretary, Mines Department of Rajasthan State Dr. Subodh Agrawal informed that places have been identified for the work of exploration of Copper, Gold, Lead, Zinc and Silver at three places of the state.

## Key Points

- The discovery of minerals in Bhilwara, Chittorgarh and Rajsamand districts of the State will be carried out by Rajasthan State Mineral Exploration Trust (RSMET) in financial collaboration with National Mineral Exploration Trust (NMET).
- Copper and gold in about 700 hectares at Devtalai in Bhilwara; Copper in about 500 hectares at Bhagal in Chittorgarh; Lead and zinc in 600 hectares in Amargarh, Bhilwara; Five plots will be set up for mining by exploring copper in 200 hectares at Karauli in Rajsamand and about 3500 hectares in Sindesar in Rajsamand.
- He said that this fund will also encourage innovations and also ensure participation of students from universities and technical institutions in the survey work so that the students get the opportunity to study practically.
- He said that efforts will be made to get RSMET the status of National Exploration Agency so that RSMET can become a national identity as an expert body in mineral exploration and mining.
- Director of Mines K.B. Pandya informed that through RSMET, structural tools are being provided to the departmental laboratory and the drilling wing. This will give further impetus to mining exploration work in the state.

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