

Merger of NIMH with ICMR-NIOH

Context

The Union Cabinet approved to dissolve National Institute of Miners' Health (NIMH), an autonomous Institute under Ministry of Mines (MoM) and merge with ICMR-National Institute of Occupational Health (NIOH).

Impact

The merger 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.

Background

- NIMH was set up by Government of India in 1990
- The Institute conducts applied research in occupational health and hygiene and specializes in providing technical support services to mining and mineral-based industry and endeavors for safe mines and healthy miners through R&D.
- The focus areas of NIOH include a vast array of areas related to occupational health which also includes, occupational medicine and occupational hygiene.