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The Indian mining industry urgently calls for realistic design levels and practical techniques to safeguard the structures and periphery, field investigation, recommendation and suggestion of appropriate equipment selection, mining methods and technology, among others. This present special issue of the Journal seeks to collate and synthesize the research activities that the scientists and experts of Central Institute of Mining and Fuel Research (erstwhile Central Mining Research Station and Central Fuel Research Institute), Dhanbad carried out are the guidelines for the Indian mining and construction industries which are of immense value to the practicing mining industry personnel, engineers and decision makers.

The Journal is privileged to bring out this special issue which will not only provide the results of serious research work that this organization is doing over the years but will also guide the industry to find the way out for right directions to select. We believe that this special issue will have much to offer in terms of a road map for research. The Journal sends its greetings to research scientists at CSIR which will help to disseminate the outcome of their research works over the past decades.

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