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To,
ADG & HoD
CR/SR/NER/NR/ER/WR
ADG & NMH, MIA, MIB, MII, MIV
DDG & HoD, RSAS, Marine, GSITI

Subject: Reminder for Quality field photographs for IGC and VAQ publications

1. This is with reference to the letter No. 01/MIII B/CHQ/IGC/VAQ dated: 31.01.2019 - published in portal, requesting all the Regions/offices to send **good quality, high resolution field photographs of 1) Geotourism sites and 2) old mines/ old working sites for IGC-2020 and VAQ publications** respectively. Although few photographs from the officers of A.P., Jharkhand, Karnataka and J & K have been received but these are not sufficient.
2. In recently held IGC – 2020 Legacy Committee meeting at New Delhi, it has been decided that the data and photographs used for Geotourism hotspots of India (publication–proposed to be launched in IGC website before September 2019 and to be published in hard copy format also) should be original.
3. Your kind attention is also invited to the letter dated: 17.01.2019 from DDG, PSS in relation to Creation of educational/ promotional **videos** including Geotourism sites.

In view of GSI being the Nodal agency for IGC-2020 and for optimum utilization of govt. money, it is suggested that both the above activities mentioned in point 1 and 3 may be combined and the team sent for the videography also shoots high definition photographs of Geotourism sites (list attached) as well as Historic Mines, pertaining to your Region/office. The photographs may be sent to e-mail: publicationchq@gmail.com and/or shared in the share drive: 10.1.8.236.

Encl: List of Geotourism Sites,

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List of Geotourism Sites for which photos are required			
Sl.	Site	State	Region
1	Kailash Caves	Speleothem	Chhattisgarh
2	Kotamsar Caves	Speleothem	Chhattisgarh
3	Marine Gondwana Fossil Park		Chhattisgarh
4	Bhimbetka	Paleolithic and mesolithic rock shelter	Madhya Pradesh
5	Bhedaghat Marble Rocks	8km gorge created by river carved soft marble	Madhya Pradesh
6	Mandla Fossil Site/Park	150 to 40 m.a. fossil plants. National Park.	Madhya Pradesh
7	Ghughua Fossil Site/Park	65 m.a. fossil plants	Madhya Pradesh
8	Dhala Impact Structure		Madhya Pradesh
9	Ratangarh & Fort Ghangad	Mesa, Butte	Maharashtra
10	Sironcha Fossil Site/Park	Lower Jurassic fossils (plants and vertebrates). Palaeolithic tools also	Maharashtra
11	Ajanta Cave		Maharashtra
12	Deccan Traps		Maharashtra
13	Ellora Caves		Maharashtra
14	Barren Island	Active volcano	Andaman & Nicobar
15	Narcondam Island	Dormant volcano	Andaman & Nicobar
16	Natural Coral Bridge	Coral Bridge	Andaman & Nicobar
17	Mandro Fossil Park	Jurassic and Lower Cretaceous plant fossils	Jharkhand
18	Fossils of Rajmahal Hills		Jharkhand
19	Gupteswar Caves	Stalactite stalagmite	Odisha
20	Nomira Pillow Lava		Odisha
21	Gongoni	River gorge	West Bengal
22	Amkhoi Fossil Site/ Park	15m.a. fossil plants. National Park. GSI site	West Bengal
23	Sundarban		West Bengal
24	Sela Pass		Arunachal Pradesh
25	Loktak Lake	Largest freshwater lake in NER famous for the phumdis floating over it	Manipur
26	Cherrapunji Caves	Stalactite stalagmite	Meghalaya
27	Floating Rock		Meghalaya
28	Arwah- Lumshynna Cave		Meghalaya
29	Kolodyne Castle	Result of current of water rushing downstream, a magnificent art and a marvellous creation	Mizoram
30	Naga Hill Ophiolite		Nagaland

31	Stromatolite bearing carbonate		Sikkim	NER
32	Unakoti	Rock-carved figures and stone images	Tripura	NER
33	Chabimura	Panels of rock carving on steep mountain wall	Tripura	NER
34	Lachung La		Himachal Pradesh	NR
35	Siwalik Fossil Park		Himachal Pradesh	NR
36	Leh-Ladakh		Jammu & Kashmir	NR
37	Salkhan Fossil Park		Uttar Pradesh	NR
38	Gandikota Grand Canyon	River canyon	Andhra Pradesh	SR
39	Belum Caves	Largest and longest cave system open to the public with speleothems	Andhra Pradesh	SR
40	Bedded Barytes		Andhra Pradesh	SR
41	Erra Matti Dibbalu		Andhra Pradesh	SR
42	Eparchaeon Unconformity/Natural Arch		Andhra Pradesh	SR
43	Yana Rocks & Caves	120m black limestone pillars & stalactite stalagmite caves	Karnataka	SR
44	Pattabhirama Temple	Part of Hampi Monument Complex. UNESCO World Heritage Site	Karnataka	SR
45	Pattabhirama Temple		Karnataka	SR
46	Columnar Volcanics, St.Mary's Islands		Karnataka	SR
47	Mardihalli Pillow Lava		Karnataka	SR
48	Peninsular Gneisses		Karnataka	SR
49	Pyroclastic Rocks		Karnataka	SR
50	Angadipuram Laterite		Kerala	SR
51	Kerala Backwaters		Kerala	SR
52	Varkala Cliff		Kerala	SR
53	Charnockite, St. Thomas Mount		Tamil Nadu	SR
54	Karai Badlands		Tamil Nadu	SR
55	Sattanur Fossil Wood Park		Tamil Nadu	SR
56	Tiruvakkarai Fossil Wood Park		Tamil Nadu	SR
57	Dhanuskodi	Sethusamudram/ Ramasetu	Tamil Nadu	SR
58	Gulf of Mannar	Coral reefs	Tamil Nadu	SR
59	Pillar Rocks of Kodaikanal	122m Granite pillars	Tamil Nadu	SR
60	Gulf and Rann of Kutch	Coral reefs, salt desert	Gujarat	WR
61	Dinosaur Fossil Park		Gujarat	WR
62	Gararda (Bundi, Rajasthan)	Prehistoric Rock Paintings	Rajasthan	WR

63	Zawar Ancient Mining Site	Ancient Mining Site	Rajasthan	WR
64	Akal Fossil Wood Park		Rajasthan	WR
65	Gossan		Rajasthan	WR
66	Malani Igneous Suite - Jodhpur		Rajasthan	WR
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67	Thar Desert of India		Rajasthan	WR