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Bauxite

- Ore of aluminum metal.
- Used in aeroplanes, automobiles, electrical.
- Chief places: Amarkantak plateau comprising Sarguja, Raigarh and Bilaspur, Maikal Range including Shahdol, Durg and Balaghat and Katni and Jabalpur in M.P; Ranchi, Palamau, Lohardaga and Muri (Jharkhand); Ratnagiri, Thane, Satara, Kolhapur in Maharashtra; Bhavnagar, Junagadh, Amreli and Jamnagar (Gujarat), Kalahandi and Koraput (Orissa).
- Two types of Bauxite: one found at Panchpatmali (largest) second found at Gandhamardan.
- Largest reserves: Orissa, Andhra Pradesh, M P, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Bihar, Jharkhand.
- Largest producers: Orissa, Bihar, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Gujarat, M P Chhattisgarh. Lead
- It occurs in the pre Cambrian rocks and the Vindhayan sediments.
- Rajasthan produces about 80% of the countries total production. Mainly from the Zawar region of Udaipur. Other areas in Rajasthan include Rajpura Dariba area of Bhilwara and Aimer, Alwar, Banswara and Sawai Madhopur.
- Orissa: Sambalpur, Kalahandi, and Sundargarh.
- Andhra Pradesh: Cuddapah, Guntur, Kurnool and Nalgonda.
- Largest producers: Rajasthan, Orissa, Andhra Pradesh and Sikkim.