

One Billion Tonne: Strengthening India's Energy Future!

Coal Production in the Country Crosses 1 BT Mark

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India has achieved a momentous milestone in coal production, surpassing one billion tonnes (BT) on March 20, 2025, in the fiscal year 2024-25. This remarkable achievement comes 11 days ahead of last fiscal year's coal production of 997.83 million tonnes (MT), underscoring India's significant progress in ensuring its energy demands and driving industrial, agricultural, and overall economic growth.

The coal sector's success is attributed to the tireless efforts of Coal Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs), private players, and the dedicated workforce of around 5 lakh mine workers across more than 350 coal mines. These coal miners, who have defied numerous challenges with unmatched dedication, have played a pivotal role in achieving this historic milestone.

India relies on coal for approximately 55% of its energy mix, and around 74% of the country's electricity is generated by coal-based power plants. This underscores the critical importance of coal in powering India's economy and sustaining energy security.

The record-breaking coal production reflects the Government's strategic reforms and policies, such as amendments to the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act and the opening of the coal sector to private players through the commercial auctioning of coal blocks. These initiatives have led to a marked increase in the availability of domestic coal, progressively substituting imports and significantly contributing to foreign exchange savings. From April to December 2024, India's coal imports declined by 8.4%, resulting in forex savings of around \$5.43 billion (₹42,315.7 crore) as compared to the same period of last year.

This milestone aligns with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' and highlights the Ministry of Coal's ongoing efforts to foster self-reliance in the energy sector while ensuring sustainable development.

This achievement is not just about coal production; it is a crucial step towards ensuring long-term energy security and propelling India's overall development. By embracing advanced mining techniques, optimizing logistics, and promoting sustainable practices, the coal sector is playing a central role in strengthening India's energy infrastructure and bolstering economic resilience.

Aligned with the 'Viksit Bharat 2047' vision, this milestone positions India to become fully self-reliant in the energy sector. Through continued strategic reforms, technological advancements, and a focus on responsible resource management, India's journey towards an Atmanirbhar Bharat remains on track. This achievement is a testament to the nation's unwavering dedication to securing a self-reliant, energy-secure future for generations to come.

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India has crossed a monumental 1 BILLION TONNES of coal production!

With cutting-edge technologies and efficient methods, we've not only increased production but also ensured sustainable and responsible mining. This achievement will fuel... pic.twitter.com/KRGOBQ1SA7

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