

Ministry of Coal to Launch 14th Round of Commercial Coal Mine Auctions and Koyla Shakti & CLAMP Portals

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The Ministry of Coal is gearing up to launch the 14th Round of Commercial Coal Mine Auctions on 29th October 2025 in New Delhi. The event will be graced by Union Minister of Coal and Mines, Shri G. Kishan Reddy, as the Chief Guest.

This launch marks another milestone in advancing transparency, competition, and self-reliance in India's coal sector. The commercial coal mine auction process launched in 2020 under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has consistently witnessed strong participation from both established and new industry players. It has played a pivotal role in accelerating domestic coal production and ensuring a reliable supply to meet the nation's growing energy needs.

The upcoming 14th round continues this progressive journey, offering coal mines under the most liberal terms to promote ease of doing business, attract diverse investments, and encourage wider industry participation. The commercial auction framework has transformed the coal sector by introducing transparency, fostering competition, and increasing coal availability for domestic industries thereby reducing import dependence and supporting the vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat.

For the first time, the Ministry is introducing provisions for Underground Coal Gasification (UCG) within the auction framework. UCG represents a strategic initiative to harness India's deep-seated coal reserves—resources that are otherwise unmineable through conventional methods. This innovative step is expected to reduce dependence on imported natural gas and crude oil while unlocking new avenues for investment, technological advancement, and employment generation across related sectors.

The 14th round will offer a fresh set of fully explored and partially explored coal blocks for auction, inviting participation from experienced miners, new entrants, and technology-driven enterprises alike.

In furtherance of the Digital India vision, the Ministry of Coal will also launch two transformative digital platforms i.e the CLAMP and Koyla Shakti Portals during the event.

1. CLAMP Portal

The Coal Land Acquisition, Management, and Payment (CLAMP) Portal is a unified digital platform developed to streamline and digitize processes related to land acquisition, compensation, and rehabilitation & resettlement (R&R) in the coal sector. Serving as a centralized repository of land records, it facilitates real-time data integration and monitoring across coal PSUs. By digitizing the entire workflow from uploading land details to compensation payments the portal enhances transparency, accountability, and inter-agency coordination, while minimizing procedural delays and eliminating data redundancy.

2. Koyla Shakti Dashboard:

The Koyla Shakti Dashboard is a pioneering digital platform designed to revolutionize the coal sector through enhanced transparency, efficiency, and real-time coordination. Integrating the entire coal value chain from mine to market on a unified interface, it enables seamless collaboration among coal companies, railways, ports, and end users. As a comprehensive decision-support system, Koyla Shakti will facilitate data-driven governance, optimize logistics, and strengthen supply chain management. This transformative step will serve as the digital backbone of India's coal sector, aligning with the principles of Aatmanirbhar Bharat.

The Ministry of Coal invites industry leaders, investors, and stakeholders to participate in this significant event and contribute to shaping the future of India's coal ecosystem.

As India progresses towards its vision of Viksit Bharat, the Ministry remains steadfast in its commitment to driving reforms, enhancing ease of doing business, and fostering a sustainable and responsible coal mining environment.

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