



Ministry of Coal to Launch 15th Round of Commercial Coal Mine Auctions and Organise Stakeholder Consultation on 17.04.26 in Mumbai

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The Ministry of Coal is set to organize a Stakeholder Consultation on “Atmanirbhar Bharat: Coal for Energy Security”, along with the launch of the 15th Round of Commercial Coal Mine Auctions, on 17 April 2026. The event will be held in Mumbai and will be graced by Shri Vikram Dev Dutt Secretary, Ministry of Coal, as the Chief Guest. The initiative reflects the Ministry’s sustained commitment to supporting India’s growing energy needs and advancing the vision of a self-reliant nation.

Building on the resounding success of commercial coal mine auctions, the Ministry of Coal continues to strengthen India’s energy landscape with a renewed focus on growth, efficiency, and self-reliance. Since the launch of commercial coal mining in 2020 under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the initiative has significantly enhanced domestic coal availability and reinforced the nation’s energy security.

The upcoming 15th 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 round will offer a fresh set of fully explored and partially explored coal blocks, inviting participation from experienced miners, new entrants, and technology-driven enterprises alike. It is expected to further energise the coal sector by fostering a vibrant and competitive ecosystem, while paving the way for enhanced investments, employment generation, and overall sectoral growth.

The commercial coal mine auction framework has transformed the coal sector by introducing transparency, fostering competition, and creating a level playing field for all participants. It has significantly enhanced coal availability for domestic industries, thereby reducing import dependence and supporting the vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat.

Commercial coal mining has also emerged as a key enabler of economic progress, contributing to increased coal production and ensuring a steady and reliable supply for industries across the country. The forthcoming round builds on this strong foundation, further reinforcing confidence in the sector and its future potential.

The Ministry of Coal remains committed to ensuring reliable and affordable energy for the nation while promoting sustainable growth, innovation, and long-term resilience in the sector.

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