



Union Minister of Coal and Mines, Shri G. Kishan Reddy, Inaugurates Multiple Projects in WCL

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Union Minister of Coal and Mines, Shri G. Kishan Reddy, who is on a two-day visit to Western Coalfields Limited (WCL), virtually inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for various important projects and conducted a review meeting of WCL on Friday.

During the program, Union Minister virtually flagged off 25 electric vehicles. Shri Reddy also virtually laid the foundation stones for the 'Black Diamond Sports Stadium' in Kamptee, Nagpur area, the 'Swami Vivekananda Eco Park' in Tadali, Wani area, and the First Mile Connectivity Project at Sasti Open Cast Mine in Ballarpur area. These projects will promote infrastructure development, environmental protection, and modernization of mining operations in the region.



Subsequently, he reviewed WCL's work related to coal production, safety, sustainable development, environmental protection, and future projects. In the review meeting, Shri Reddy praised Team WCL's work culture and performance, expressing expectations for better results in the current financial year. He elaborated on WCL's role in the changing landscape of the coal industry. During the review meeting, Shri Harish Duhan, CMD of WCL, provided detailed information about the achievements of WCL during the financial year 2025-26.

Shri Sanoj Kumar Jha, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Coal; Shri B. Sairam, Chairman, Coal India Limited and other senior officers of the Ministry of Coal, Coal India Limited and WCL were also present. The Minister will visit the Murpar underground mine on March 14, 2026, to inspect the ongoing mine closure process. Following this, the minister will hold a meeting with the District Collector and the Mine Closure Advisory Committee (MCAC). WCL's Mine Closure Nodal Officers, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), consultants, and representatives from local villages will be present during this meeting.

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