

Alongside its vital role in electricity generation, coal is crucial for building modern infrastructure such as transport systems and high-rise buildings, supporting urbanization and global economic development.

- According to the IEA, coal's share in power generation across Southeast Asia is expected to grow from 35% today to 40% by 2040.
- CIL has started supplying coal to some of the 10 power plants that won long-term coal allocation at the first such auction held in September last year. Coal India would supply 27 million tonnes of coal annually to these companies.
- Coal Secretary Susheel Kumar said that power producers have to amend their power purchase agreements (PPAs) to factor in the lower cost of their new supply under the SHAKTI policy.
- Government policy to allow private mining and sale of coal could result in large savings in coal imports to India. The thermal coal segment itself could save INR 30,000 crore when substituted by domestic coal.
- NTPC and IIM-Ahmedabad announced a joint initiative to set up a research centre for policy prescription and churn out management graduates with focus on energy sector.
- Power Secretary A K Bhalla is reported to have said during a panel discussion that the installed power generation capacity is 330 GW, available power is 220 GW and the peak rated requirement is about 155 GW. In terms of power capacity and requirement, India is a power surplus country, proposed Electricity Amendment Bill will provide for 24X7 power for all from April 1, 2019.
- Economic Times reported that, Coal India Limited will shift focus from coal production to coal supply from next year. Coal India will end the current financial year with a stock pile of 54 million tonnes against the norm of 22 days. Once piled up, coal quality deteriorates each day finding lesser acceptability among buyers when competition is in place.
- China is pushing for a national switch to high efficiency low emissions (HELE) coal plants in a drive to create the world's cleanest coal-fuelled power system.
- World's largest coal-fuelled CCS (Carbon Capture Storage) facility came online at the Petra Nova plant in Texas and it has already captured more than a million tonnes of CO₂.
- Coal India Ltd is offering 10 million tonne of coal for open market auction exclusively for generation stations the largest such offering being made to quickly shore up fuel stock at thermal power plants as 91 major water reservoirs run low on scanty winter rainfall. CIL is also going to increase coal transportation by trucks and captive rail lines called merry-go-rounds in industry parlance to hasten shipments to reduce pithead stocks piling up on the back of rising coal production. *TOI*
- Adani Enterprises is reported to have signed a coal mining agreement with NLC India Ltd for development and operation of Talabira II and III coal block. In a filing to BSE, it said its subsidiary, Talabira Mining Pvt Ltd, has signed coal mining agreement with NLC India Ltd alongwith the company for development and operation of Talabira II and III coal block. *Business Standard*
- The Shillong Times reported that Meghalaya government will put in all efforts to ensure resumption of coal mining in the state in accordance with environmental rules and regulations.
- Reuters reported that Indonesian President Joko Widodo has signed a government regulation authorising the energy and mineral resources minister to set the price of coal for the domestic market. Indonesia plans to keep electricity tariffs and fuel prices unchanged this year and the next by hiking subsidies.
- During just ended FY 2017-18, Coal India Ltd recorded highest ever coal production of 567.4 million tonnes and dispatches were also record high at 580.30 mt. The Singareni Collieries Company Ltd. also recorded highest ever coal production of 62 mt. and supplies 64.50 mt. of coal.

Coal India has floated tenders for setting up of four thermal coal washeries namely: Kusmunda (10 MTPA), Jagannath (10 MTPA), Hingula (10 MTPA), Konar (7 MTPA), and two coking coal washeries - New Kathara (3 MTPA) and Tapin (4 MTPA)

XIX International Coal Preparation Congress (ICPC) is scheduled to be held in New Delhi on 13 – 15 November 2019. Please block you diary. For further details please contact: rksachdev01@gmail.com; president@cpsi.org.in