

Energy is fundamental requirement for development, economic growth and better quality of life, so COAL is important.

- In its recently held auction, 450,000 tonnes offered by Coal India for long-term supply contracts was fully booked within minutes on premiums of up to 80% over the base price.
- With 136.87 million tonnes production Coal India registered 15.2 % growth between April - July 2018. However, target of 150.77 million tonnes was missed.
- Union power minister R K Singh has red flagged coal shortage for power plants for the next 2-3 years and has asked states to start importing the fuel. Minister told at the recently held power ministers' conference. Quoting Central Electricity Authority's data, Minister said that a number of power plants are running with critical coal stock position.
- During the second quarter of 2018, NTPC increased its output by 7.5 percent, a growth supported by more activity in the manufacturing sector. Coal India kept up with the power utility's output and increased its coal supply to power plants by 15.4 percent year-on-year.
- The industrial sector was responsible for a significant part of the increase in electricity generation, and, in turn, on coal production. The Nikkei India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers Index reached 53.1 in June, compared to 51.2 in May, the fastest growth since December 2017.
- The Minerals Council of Australia is expecting India's thermal coal imports to increase to 145 million tons in 2018, a trend that would continue to rise in the next four years, reports Hellenic Shipping News.
- NTPC acquired a 50-percent stake in Nabinagar Power Generating Company and a 27.36-percent stake in Kanti Bijlee Utpadan Nigam, paying INR 21 billion to Bihar State Power Generation Company. Nabinagar power station still under construction, has the designed capacity to generate 1,980 megawatts. NTPC is now the sole owner of the project.
- Ministry of Coal has launched the Coal Mine Surveillance & Management System and 'Khan Prahari' mobile application. Speaking at the event, Minister for Coal and Railways, Mr. Piyush Goyal, said, "Illegal mining is a serious problem in the country today, particularly in areas where coal mining is carried out."
The CMSMS is a Web-based GIS application through which location of sites for unauthorised mining can be detected.
- While in the west, economies are phasing out coal-fired generation, Asia continues to support its growth on coal-fired power generation, reports Asia Nikkei.
- Coal ministry has reiterated that once coal is loaded on rakes the coal companies' responsibility on the quality of coal ends. The ministry's clarification also states that from June 2016, tripartite agreements between power generators, coal companies and

Central Institute of Mining & Fuel Research have been signed for independent third party sampling by CIMFR to ensure quality of coal at the dispatch point, and at the same time CIMFR has also been entrusted by the power generators for quality checks at the unloading end of the coal so dispatched. ET news

- Coal Ministry has instructed Coal India and Singareni Collieries to implement the new rules on rationalization of coal linkages with independent power producers. Under the new methodology, it will be possible to switch the source of the supply to reduce the distances travelled by coal.
- The World Coal Association Chairman Glenn Kellow announced that CEO Benjamin Sporton is leaving the organisation in September 2018. Mr Sporton will become the head of the Global Cement and Concrete Association. WCA Communications and Strategy Director Katie Warrick will serve as Interim CEO during the transition period. Ms Warrick is highly regarded by its members and stakeholders, having been a long-standing leader within the WCA team and shaping the organisation's policies and strategic direction.
- Vedanta chairman Anil Agarwal has announced that the company will team up with Anglo American to bid for coal mines in India. ET report
- Bloomberg reported that India almost tripled its coal imports from America in the first quarter from a year earlier, helping fuel its fast-growing economy and making it the largest foreign buyer of U.S. coal, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration.
- Economic Times reported that the coal sector is poised for business-friendly reforms for private commercial mining. A high-power committee has recommended a complete overhaul of regulations governing mine auctions including bidding on revenue share basis, allowing captive mines to sell part of the output in the market and easing of bank guarantees etc.
- China's coal consumption is reported to be rising at a rapid rate in 2018. If this trend continues through the entire year for all coal, consumption would tie the record mark of 4.24 billion tons set in 2013, based on calculations from National Bureau of Statistics data.
- Economic Times reported that Great Eastern Energy Corporation Limited, a London Stock Exchange-listed Indian coal-bed methane producer, plans to invest INR 2,000 crore to complete drilling of the remaining 144 wells at its flagship Raniganj (South) license area located in West Bengal. The company's production from its Raniganj (South) license area last financial year ended March 2018 increased 19.5 % to 19.61 million standard cubic feet per day as compared to 16.41 mmscfd produced in the previous fiscal. *Source : Economic Times.*



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