

1. CIL produced 781.1 MT (million tonnes) of coal in 2024-25, nearly 7 per cent less than the targeted coal production 838 MT. However, coal production by CIL, grew marginally by one per cent in FY25, over the year-ago period. CIL's coal production in March dropped by 3.1 per cent to 85.8 MT over the year-ago period. The output was 88.6 MT in the same month of FY24. The subsidiaries of CIL, which registered a decline in production, are CCL, WCL and SECL.

*Source: www.business-standard.com, Dtd: 1st Apr. 2025*

2. BCCL produced 40.5 MT of coal in the FY 24-25 which is second highest in the history. BCCL said, coal production in the fourth quarter of fiscal FY25 was the highest ever with a figure of 11.44 MT. Underground coal production increased by 49% compared to last year. BCCL also said that its coal dispatch was the second highest ever even though power houses had high stocks. Coal transport through railways also increased by 6%. The company further stated that its washeries have also set records with raw coal feed reaching 56 lakhs tonnes, the highest in 25 years.

*Source: www.timesofindia.indiatimes.com, Dtd: 1st Apr. 2025*

3. CIL board inter alia approved enhancement of notified price of coal by Rs 10 per ton i.e from existing Rs 10 per ton to Rs 20 per ton for non-coking and Rs 10 per ton for coking coal for regulated and non-regulated sectors across CIL towards contribution to the corpus of CMPS-1998.

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4. CIL is looking at lithium blocks in Australia and Argentina. In addition, CIL is targeting a production of 875 MT and offtake of 900 MT in the current financial year.

*Source: Mint, Dtd: 3rd Apr. 2025*

5. India's coal production has reached 1047.57 MT (Provisional) in FY 2024-25, compared to 997.83 MT in FY 2023-24, marking a 4.99% growth. Production from Commercial & Captive, and other entities also saw a remarkable surge, reaching 197.50 MT (Provisional) a 28.11% increase from 154.16 MT recorded in the previous year. With the fifth-largest coal reserves and as the second-largest consumer, coal remains crucial, contributing 55% to the national energy mix and fueling over 74% of total power generation.

Coal dispatch has also reached 1024.99 MT (Provisional) in FY 2024-25, up 5.34% from 973.01 MT in FY 2023-24. Dispatch from Commercial, Captive, and other entities witnessed an even more significant rise, reaching 196.83 MT (Provisional) a 31.39% increase compared to 149.81 MT in the previous year.

Coal imports fell 8.4% to 183.42 MT in April-December 2024 from 200.19 MT in the same period of FY 2023-24, saving \$5.43 billion (₹42,315.7 crore) in foreign exchange. The Non-Regulated Sector saw a sharper decline of 12.01%, while imports for blending by thermal power plants dropped 29.8%, despite a 3.53% rise in coal-based power generation.

Government initiatives like Commercial Coal Mining and Mission Coking Coal boosted domestic coal output by 6.11% during this period, reducing import dependence. Despite renewable energy growth in India, coal-based thermal power will remain essential, with its share projected at 55% by 2030 and 27% by 2047.

*Source: www.pib.gov.in, Dtd: 4th Apr. 2025*

6. Coal minister of India informed that Odisha has an estimated 243.52 billion cubic metres (BCM) of Coal Bed Methane reserves and coal resources of 99203.83 MT as of Apr 1, 2024.

*Source: www.timesofindia.indiatimes.com, Dtd: 4th Apr. 2025*

7. CIL is likely to come out with initial public offering for its wholly owned subsidiaries CMPDI and BCCL in the current fiscal year. The company is expected to file the Red Herring Prospectus by May'25. CIL will be listing 25% of equity in BCCL and CMPDI each.

*Source: The Financial Express, Dtd: 8th Apr. 2025*

8. CCL produced 87.5 MT of coal and dispatched 85.9 MT in the last financial year, its highest ever. CCL said it is implementing fully mechanised, closed-loop coal handling plants (CHPs) to ensure efficiency. CHPs are under construction at Karo, Konar and KBP-Purnadih coal projects while one is operational in North Urimari CHP.

*Source: www.timesofindia.indiatimes.com, Dtd: 8th Apr. 2025*

9. In a move towards translating India's 'golden' dreams into reality, the Jonnagiri Gold Ore Processing Plant project, located in Andhra Pradesh, spearheaded by Geomysore Services (India) Private Limited has recommended for environmental clearance by the Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC-non-coal mining sector) of the MoEFCC. This decision marks a critical step forward in the development of what is anticipated to be India's first private sector gold mine.

*Source: www.timesofindia.indiatimes.com, Dtd: 19th Apr. 2025*

10. India is considering allowing foreign firms to hold up to 49% ownership in its nuclear power plants, aiming to boost its nuclear sector and reduce carbon emissions. This move, under evaluation since 2023, seeks to replace coal-based power with greener alternatives.

*Source: www.timesofindia.indiatimes.com, Dtd: 25th Apr. 2025*