

1. CIL reported a 19.7% growth in its coal production at 299 MMT in the April-September period of current fiscal against 249.8 MMT of production during the corresponding period of the previous fiscal. CIL achieved nearly 43% of the fiscals's 700 MMT production target in six months.
Source: *Financial Express, Dtd: 1st Oct. 2022*
2. After expedited efforts to import coal amid a fuel crisis earlier this year, CIL is now finding it tough to get buyers for its imported coal lying at the ports. Coal India has so far imported 300,000 tonnes of coal out of a total tendered quantity of 6 million tonnes. Several of the gencos who showed interest in importing coal have taken back their requests. The fall in demand for imported coal has come on the back of increased domestic fuel supplies.
Source: *www.livemint.com, Dtd: 11th Oct. 2022.*
3. BHEL has entered into strategic MoUs with CIL and NLCIL for setting up Coal Gasification based plants. Under these MoUs, BHEL will jointly set up a Coal to Ammonium Nitrate Project with CIL based on gasification of high ash Indian coal, and a lignite-based gasification pilot plant with NLCIL for power generation, utilising BHEL's indigenously developed Pressurised Fluidised Bed Gasification (PFBG) technology. This will be a significant breakthrough step towards meeting the National Coal Gasification Mission target of 100 MMT.
Source: *www.bhel.com, Dtd: 12th Oct. 2022*
4. The Centre has asked thermal power generators to import coal for at least 10 per cent blending, citing shortage of domestic coal supply. This is a sharp reversal of its earlier directive of using domestic coal. At the same time, it alleged that "several states" were selling unallocated power from central generating stations on power exchanges "at a high price" exposing themselves to penal action.
Source: *www.business-standard.com Dtd: 13th Oct. 2022.*
5. In a bid to boost coal gasification, the government is considering waiving the GST compensation cess of ₹400 per tonne of coal used for the purpose. The coal ministry has proposed to the finance ministry that it announce the waiver in the union budget for FY24. The final decision will be taken by the GST Council.
Source: *www.livemint.com, Dtd: 14th Oct. 2022.*
6. Union Finance Minister said that coal is going to be back again as gas has become unaffordable. In an annual meeting of the IMF and the World Bank, she cited Austria's example and claimed that the western world was moving to coal.
Source: *www.livemint.com, Dtd: 16th Oct. 2022.*
7. CIL plans to restore production from its discontinued underground mines with a production target of 100 MMT by 2029-2030. In this connection, 20 underground mines have been identified out of which four mines are of BCCL.
Source: *Dainik Jagran, Dtd: 19th Oct. 2022*
8. Coal minister said that the import of coal has declined considerably and will be stopped by 2024.
Source: *www.economictimes.indiatimes.com Dtd: 20th Oct. 2022.*
9. CIL has started 17 more first-mile connectivity projects worth Rs 11,000 crore under the third phase. First-mile connectivity (FMC) refers to the transportation of coal from pitheads to dispatch points. The PSU is preparing a rollout plan to float tenders for the latest projects by FY 2025 and the projects would be commissioned by FY 2027. These are in addition to the existing 44 such projects that CIL is actively pursuing under the two phases.
Source: *www.economictimes.indiatimes.com, Dtd: 21st Oct. 2022.*
10. India's coal production has reached a new milestone of 382 MMT during H1FY23 (April-September), registering around 21% year on year growth over the same period in FY22. The contribution of Captives in total domestic coal production during H1FY23 has increased to around 14% from an earlier 11% during H1FY22. The coal despatch to the power sector, which accounts for the largest coal despatch has increased by around 17% year on year.
Source: *www.livemint.com, Dtd: 28th Oct. 2022.*
11. G7 countries have asked India to join a "Just Energy Transition Partnership (JETP)". It aims to help finance the rapid deployment of clean energy projects in India and possibly reduce the country's dependence on coal.
Source: *www.hindustantimes .com, Dtd: 29th Oct. 2022.*