

**Coal Preparation Society of India wishes to all policy makers, industry leaders and its members a very happy, bright and fulfilling New Year 2018**

## Highlights of the 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Coal Washing organised by CPSI on 6-7 November 2017 at New Delhi

Shri C K Mishra, Secretary Environment, Forest & Climate Change was quite sanguine and fully convinced that coal of better heat value must be utilized by power plants and other industries for improvement in environment. He urged upon - power producers, coal miners, steel, cement and others stakeholders to jointly evolve a strategy to maximize the use of washed coal and draw the maximum benefit there from. He further underlined that the use of superior technology is important and if for some reason, if we can't settle for the best we should try to use the second best.

Shri Sushil Kumar, Secretary, Coal opened his inaugural address by saying that washing of coal was very close to his heart. He reiterated the need for an effective enforcement of regulations leaving no scope for any user to avoid using washed coal if the regulations so require. Secretary (Coal) suggested the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change should get this important issue examined to clearly indicate the limits of ash content in coal which should be permitted to be used by the industry.

He assured all stakeholders that Ministry of Coal was committed to wash all coals and by 2020 there would adequate washery capacity in place for fulfilling this commitment.

With regards to coking coal, Secretary (Coal) observed that the steel industry is demanding 13% ash in washed coking coal against earlier benchmark of 16% to 17%. In this case also, both steel and coal industry should take a joint and considered view taking into account the viability and practicability of washing our domestic coking coal to 13% ash level. This also requires a deep look at the technology both for washing of coal and steel making.

First meeting of the International Organising Committee (IOC) of the XIX International Coal Preparation Congress (ICPC) was held during 7- 9 November 2017 at New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Shri R K Sachdev, President, CPSI. Representatives from 12 ICPC member countries participated in the meeting and reviewed the status of the preparations that are underway for the XIX International Coal Preparation Congress scheduled to be held in New Delhi during 13-15 November 2019.

- The World Coal Association (WCA) has welcomed the International Energy Agency's (IEA) recognition that coal will continue to play a vital role in the global energy mix. In its latest report, coal remains the single largest source of electricity generation through to 2040 at 26%. India and Southeast Asia will be the driving force of demand for coal in the decades to come.
- RFA reported that China is gradually transforming its economy and patterns of energy consumption, against the warning from the Global Carbon Project of a two-percent jump in 2017 emissions coincided with the IEA's release of its long-range energy forecast and its first in-depth China analysis in the past 10 years.
- Six coal washeries – two Chinese, two of Tata Steel and one each of Adani Enterprises, ACB (India) and Monnet Daniel have been awarded the 'Best Operating Coal Washery' award by the Coal Preparation Society of India. The award was conferred by Susheel Kumar, Secretary (Coal), Government of India at '5th International Coal Conference' held recently at New Delhi.
- Economic Times reported that Infra firm NCC Ltd said that the consortium formed by it and BGR Infra has bagged a project from NTPC to develop and operate around Rs 25,071 crore coal block in Chhattisgarh. The dry fuel from this block will be used in NTPC's 4,000 MW Lara Power Project.
- Indian government to impose coverage on coal wagons and trucks, reports The Hindu Business Line. Admitting that coal transportation accounts for a considerable part of the air pollution in the areas around the main routes, the Indian government has announced plans to cover every coal truck and railway wagon in the country.
- Reuters reported that India's coal imports from North America quadrupled to 2.1 million tonnes in October from a year ago, the highest since at least January 2015, Thomson Reuters data showed, and buyers are looking to boost purchases amid a domestic shortage of the fuel.
- Singareni Collieries Company Limited will open 12 new mines including 6 opencast and six underground mining.. Telangana chief minister Shri K Chandrasekhar Rao, said that further, diversified into thermal power generation, explosive manufacturing, processed over burden and also planning to establish 50 MW solar power plant at Ramagundem.
- According to Economic Times, NTPC Group's capacity has crossed the 51,000-MW mark with the beginning of commercial operations of Unit-2 of the Kudgi Super Thermal Project. Unit-2 of 800 MW of Kudgi Super Thermal Project, Stage-I (3 X 800 MW) was declared on commercial operation from midnight on December 31, 2017.
- Coal India is fully geared up to achieve the FY18 production target of 600 million tonnes, the demand for coal is picking up which is reflected in the core sector data showing a growth of 10.6 percent. Depending upon the demand for coal, the company will increase the off take for coal. CIL has sold 120 million tonnes of coal via e-auction last year and targets to sell the same amount of coal this year. Coal India (CIL) had offered to supply the fuel to plants located at shorter distance by road from the available pit head stock. Coal Minister Shri Piyush Goyal recently launched 'Grahak Sadak Koyla Vitaran App' in a bid to benefit customers of CIL lifting coal through road.