

## Highlights for November 2017

- ◆ High level Chinese delegation led by Mr. Liang Jiakun Vice President & Secretary General, China National Coal Association visits CPSI on 3<sup>rd</sup> November.
- ◆ 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Coal Washing on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> November at Silver Oak Hall, India Habitat Centre, Lodi Road, New Delhi.
- ◆ One day Training Programme on Coal Preparation at Willow Hal, India Habitat Centre on 6<sup>th</sup> November.
- ◆ First IOC meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> International Coal Preparation Congress (ICPC) will be inaugurated by Shri Susheel Kumar, Secretary (Coal) on 6<sup>th</sup> November.

- NLC India plans to seek bids to develop two coal blocks in Odisha to achieve an output of 20 million tonnes. Domestic and Foreign companies will be participating in developing these coal blocks. Company is also going ahead with development of its Ghatampur coal-fired power plant.
- ANS reported that Power Ministers from the northeastern states called for development of power projects for the overall socio-economic development of the region. NERPC Chairman, Comingone Ymbon urged the central government to give a special focus on the overall development of power sector in the region, noting it is endowed with abundant resources for development of power.
- Shri R K Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Power and Renewable Energy says that India's energy needs are going to double in the next 6-7 years at the present rate of growth of the economy and will double again in next 5 years.
- According to The Telegraph India, NTPC wants to boost its own coal production to ensure supply to its thermal plants. NTPC has set a plan to develop 10 captive coal blocks, with at least five entering operation until the end of the next fiscal year.
- According to The Hindu Business Line despite the increase in domestic coal supplies in the last two months, the open market electricity tariff continues to remain high. In the last two months, domestic coal supplies increased 15-16 per cent a month with total coal availability increased by 8 percent in the first half of this fiscal to 269 million tonnes.
- The Hindu reported that the NITI Aayog's Draft National Energy Policy (DNEP) predicts that between now and 2040, there will be a quantum leap in the uptake of renewable energy together with a drastic reduction in fossil fuel energy intensity because of economic and population growth, India's annual per-capita electricity consumption is expected to triple, from 1075 kWh in 2015-16 to over 2900 kWh in 2040.
- Chief Economist of Australia has predicted that by 2035 India will require anywhere between 222 and 1035 million tons of steel, which represents a coking coal consumption of 134 million to 619 million tons. They also added Australian thermal coal could also be used to supply India's plans for high-efficiency, low-emission coal-fired power plants.
- According to coal secretary Susheel Kumar, Coal India would be taking up clean coal technologies like coal to liquid, coal to poly-chemicals and coal to methanol in a big way said. Coal gasification technology and methanol economy hold value for India to commercially tap our coal resources.
- Gopal Singh Acting Chairman of Coal India says that coal based power generation capacity is likely to touch 330-441 GW by 2040. The demand for these plants would be first met by domestic coal, which will require quick exploitation of our reserves. All this calls for fuller coal resource assessment, optimum mining and efficient use.
- World Coal Association (WCA) signs memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Bettercoal to work together to identify projects and share knowledge on sustainable development practices in the coal sector

CPSI expresses shock and grief on the unfortunate accident that occurred at Unchahar Power Plant of NTPC and conveys its deepest condolences to bereaved families. May the departed Souls rest in peace.