

*CPSI is organising the 5<sup>th</sup> biennial International Conference on Coal Washing & Expo on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at the India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003.*

*Theme of the conference is : **Coal Washing an approach to greener environment.***

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- Hindu Business Line has reported that NTPC wants to phase out its old/depreciated thermal plants of aggregate capacity of 1,460 megawatts. These have been earmarked for shut down. These sites will have new power plants of higher capacity and use more efficient generating technologies.
- Government is considering a new policy for coal block auction. Under the new policy, the prospective bidders will have to offer value for the blocks depending on their own assessments and the highest bidders will succeed. The awardees of the commercial coal mine will not face any restrictions on selling or pricing the coal. In case coal prices rise above normal, the miners are liable to share a percentage of the gains with the state government.
- Coal India has set out an emergency plan to ensure uninterrupted supply of coal to thermal power plants running critically low on inventory. This plan includes a monitoring and control cell that will follow real time evolution of stockpiles at these plants.
- Chief Economic Advisor, Arvind Subramanian calls for a worldwide coal alliance promoting sustainable use of the coal, cheapest source of power over renewable energy which comes with hidden costs is gaining global support. He also laid emphasis on cleaning up of coal rather than getting rid of it, as coal is going to be around for decades to come.
- World Coal Association, CEO Benjamin Sporton said that WCA is meeting with people in governments around the world to try and build up momentum to support and formulate a global coal alliance promoting use of cleaner coal.
- The International Energy Agency (IEA) has predicted that coal will be the single largest source of electricity in 2040. According to IEA, the huge electricity demand presents challenges and opportunities for Asia and the current focus is on the faster deployment of cleaner coal technologies, like HELE, which will help in meeting the growing demand of electricity in the region. This would also result in significant carbon emissions reductions for global benefit.
- PTI has reported that Coal India will auction linkages of around 25 million tonnes by this year-end or early 2018 for non-regulated sector, including those dealing in sponge iron and captive power plants. Coal India conducted the last round of auction of coal linkages for sponge iron, cement, CPP and other sub- sectors under the non-regulated sector during June to October 2016.
- According to Daily Mail, Australian power companies struggle to secure coal supplies amid increase in seaborne demand resulting in power shortages and frequent blackouts. New South Wales is one of the most affected states, around 80% of total coal produced in New South Wales is contracted for export while generators struggle to operate.
- This is being increasingly recognised in the government circles that coal will power the country for many decades and has therefore to put much effort on increasing the domestic coal output and build new logistics infrastructures to facilitate the transport of coal. Even with renewable energy use growing fast in the country, the share of thermal coal on power generation will remain at 48 to 54 percent by 2040, present share being 55 percent.
- Recently announced household electrification scheme 'Saubhagya' is expected to create an additional power demand of 28,000 MW in the country, helping the stressed power plants that are either idling or under-utilised. Government has clarified that said power will not be provided free of cost to any category of consumer under the recently launched 'Saubhagya' scheme, which aims to provide electricity to all.
- ET has reported that in a bid to seek more private sector participation in the hydropower sector, the ministry of power has formed a committee under Central Electricity Authority of India to propose recommendations to the ministry. These efforts are directed towards encouraging more players to bid for the contracts.
- Shri Chaudhary Birender Singh, Union Minister of Steel says that India is focusing on converting thermal coal into coking coal, an important ingredient of steel making by employing innovative technology. Presently, 80 to 85 per cent of coking coal is imported. By 2020, at least 20 washeries would be in place to save about Rs. 10,000-12,000 Crore of foreign currency from coking coal imports.
- Coal India Limited recently reported the demand for electricity from thermal power plants went up substantially, which in fact generated 17 per cent more power compared to August 2016 that supported the thermal power stations by increasing coal supplies by 20 per cent to 34.4 Million Tonnes compared to 28.6 million tonnes during August 2016.