

Energy is fundamental requirement for development, economic growth and better quality of life, so COAL is important.

- Platts reported that despite some macro uncertainties, India's met coal demand will continue to increase to meet the needs of a fast-growing steel sector. Platts forecasts India's crude steel production will trend towards 125 million tonnes by 2020, a 21% increase from 2017.
- Adani Group's Adani Transmission Ltd has acquired Reliance Infrastructure's integrated business of generation, transmission and retail electricity distribution in Mumbai and Maharashtra, and will be known as Adani Electricity Mumbai Ltd: *ET*
- China aims to upgrade 48.68 gigawatts (GW) of coal-fired power utilities across the country to meet the national ultra-low emission standards by 2018, according to a statement from the National Energy Administration (NEA). *Times of India*
- ET Bureau reported that cement producers have booked 92% of 4.65 million tonnes offered annually for 5 years by Coal India at a recent e-auction held for cement companies. The fuel supplier managed to command an average premium of 27% over its notified price.
- Coal continues to be in the top spot in power generation, accounting for as much of the world's electricity as it did two decades ago, despite heightened concerns about climate change and a slowdown in financing for projects involving the dirtiest of fossil fuels: BP Statistical Review of World Energy 2018.
- According to published sources, in first eight months of this year, India imported 129 million tons of coal, an increase of 10.6 percent year-on-year. Some 50.4 million tons came from Indonesia, where Indian buyers acquired lower quality coal, of which, prices have been falling.
- India requires stringent steps to ensure maximising the efficiency of its existing coal-fired power plants to achieve nationally determined contributions under the landmark 2015 Paris Climate Change Treaty. *Economic Times*
- Higher coking coal prices for 2020 and 2021 indicate that companies may be willing to accept a tighter supply, reports Hellenic Shipping News. In the past, coking coal prices have been very sensitive to supply shocks caused by cyclones or geologic challenges to mining. Prices have surged at least three times in the past two years.
- Business Line reported that the volatility of the rupee in the last two weeks has come as a double whammy for coal consumers other than the power sector. Deprived of even the contracted quantities from Coal India, which is struggling to meet the demand from the power sector despite double-digit growth in the fuel production, non-power consumers (like steel, cement etc) are increasingly dependent on imports to meet their demand.
- Power companies will be able to swap their coal supply agreements between Coal India and Singareni Collieries. The one-time offer is only to companies that willing to pass the final savings to the consumer. *TOI*
- In order to monitor coal quality, Coal India has launched a portal UTTAM (unlocking transparency by third party assessment of mined coal) to capture the entire life cycle of sampling of Coal.
- CIL is planning to set up a coal-based methanol plant at Dankuni Coal Complex (DCC).
- Coal India is working on rationalisation its underground mines in view of safety and financial viability. CIL could close about 53 such mines this year.
- PTI reported that Coal India aims at a production of 652 million tonne for FY19 and supply to the power sector is estimated at 525 million tonne for the fiscal, as against 454 million tonne in 2017-18. *Business Line*
- The Indian Express has reported that the Coal Ministry has put on hold the plan to allow private companies to mine coal for commercial sale.
- U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) shows coal-fired power was still the major source of generation on a state-by-state basis in 2017, though natural gas-fuelled electricity production slightly outpaced coal overall.
- On 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2018, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Dulanga Coal Mining Project of NTPC and Garjanbahal open cast mine of MCL in Odisha.
- It has been reported that state-run coal major Coal India Limited (CIL) plans to commission a total of 18 new washeries by 2020 with nine of these washeries dedicated for processing coking coal and the remaining handling non-coking coal.



XIX International Coal Preparation Congress (ICPC) is scheduled to be held in New Delhi on 13-15 November 2019. Please block you diary. For further details, please visit : [www.icpc2019.in](http://www.icpc2019.in) or contact: [rksachdev01@gmail.com](mailto:rksachdev01@gmail.com); [president@cpsi.org.in](mailto:president@cpsi.org.in)