अवैध खानन पर काबू पाने के लिए
इलेक्ट्रॉनिक सर्विलांस के जरिए लगेंगी रोक

देहरादून। प्रदेश सरकार नहीं अवैध खानन के लिए जनसंचार ही एक प्रभावी फास्ट करने जा रही है। इसके तहत राज्य में इलेक्ट्रॉनिक सर्विलांस व्यवस्था लागू करने पर विचार किया जा रहा है। राज्य में अवैध खानन के लिए एक रुपये में बड़े माफिया पर बड़े प्रभाव रखने के लिए, राज्य सरकार अपनी प्रतिक्रिया जारी की। उन्होंने कहा कि इलेक्ट्रॉनिक सर्विलांस के जरिए इस क्षेत्र में प्रशासन का संचार पर रोक लगाई जा सकेगी।
GOA GOVT ISSUES NOTICES TO 8 MINES

Panaji: Goa Mines and Geology Department today issued notices to eight mining firms for violating the norms under the Mines and Geology Act by overloading trucks with iron ore in Cauvery and Rivona areas, a mineral rich-belt in South Goa. Director of Mines Prasanna Acharya said that notices are issued to eight mining firms, as the trucks operating for their mining leases were found overloading.
SAIL signs MoU with Mongolia

NEW DELHI, 11 MAY: Steel Authority of India Ltd (SAIL) today signed a memorandum of understanding with the Mongolian ministry of mineral resource and energy (MMRE) to explore business opportunities in the mining and steel sectors. SAIL plans to develop iron ore and coal mines in Mongolia in collaboration with the local government.

As per the MoU, MMRE will provide information on iron ore and coal deposits to SAIL and will offer options of locations and size of steel manufacturing facility for pre-feasibility study, a SAIL statement issued here said.

A joint pre-feasibility study for setting up a mineral processing facility for iron ore and coal, “both” coking and thermal, in Mongolia, and downstream steel making facilities for domestic consumption and trade, will be taken up by MMRE and SAIL.

SAIL will select the best available technology to treat Mongolian iron ore and coal deposits based on the feasibility study. The MoU envisages exploration of opportunities for investments to be made by SAIL, either individually or in a consortium with other entities to develop mineral processing or steel manufacturing facility in Mongolia, the statement said. SNS
NALCO eyes gold, copper reserves in Afghanistan

We had shown interest in mining gold, copper and uranium reserves in Afghanistan through a consortium formed with Steel Authority of India Ltd (SAIL), and Hindustan Copper Ltd (HCL). We have been shortlisted and the request for proposal (RFP) would be issued to us by July. The RFP would enable the consortium to conduct due diligence of the deposits in Afghanistan, before bidding for final selection.

Afghanistan has abundance of natural reserves, the total size of which is unknown. We have roped in SAIL as it is already leading a consortium which plans to mine iron-ore in that country. NALCO wants to be one of the pioneering companies from India, which in the long run can claim to have played an important role in development of mining activities of that country as well as helping in developing the related infrastructure, he further informed.

Giving further details about the Bhubeswar-based company's plans, Bagra while it plans to build another aluminium smelter in western Orissa (apart from the existing one in Angul), and it is expected to materialise soon, NALCO is plans to expand its reach out of Orissa by looking at mines in other parts of the country and even abroad.

"Apart from this, we also have plans to enter the fields of nuclear power and wind energy" the CMD said, adding that NALCO has entered into a joint venture with Nuclear Power Corporation of India Ltd (NPCIL) with the aim of developing the Kakrapar Atomic Power Station project (KAPS) in Gujarat for nuclear power generation at a capacity of 2X700 MW. The investment for this would be around Rs 11,450 crore.

Bagra informed that NALCO plans to set up a 50 MW wind power project in Gandikota in Andhra Pradesh at a cost of Rs 270 crore.

"Also going beyond India, we plan to set up a coal-based smelter project in East Kalmantan in Indonesia. A coal miner for sourcing the dry fuel has been identified. We will proceed further after the said coal mining firm's restructuring process is completed," he explained.

He said that with the Environment Ministry having recently given its clearance to the 4000 MW Sundargarh ultra mega power project (UMPP) in Orissa, for which NALCO has formed a consortium with BHEL, NMDC and Neyveli Lignite Corporation, the RFP for it would be issued soon.
सेल का मंगोलिया के साथ समझौता

नई दिल्ली (एजेंसी). सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के भारतीय इस्तान विभाग (सेल) के श्रीमती नार्तकी ने शुरू की कहना कि उनके मंगोलिया के साथ एक समझौता पर हस्ताक्षर किया है। जिसके तहत इस्तान विभाग के साथ साथ लोकोपयोगी और उपकरण खाने संस्थान इस्तान की सहयोगी बनकर करने के अलावा सेल के टिकटों को दी बर्चर भी। सेल ने कहा कि इस आयोजन के तहत विभाग के साथ समझौता उपलब्ध करने पर मंगोलिया में खाने संस्थान उपकरण और उपकरण मंगोलिया सरकार की ओर से हस्ताक्षर किये गए। इस अवसर पर सेल के सभी वर्गों तथा समाजसेवियों के उपयोगी दी माज्जाजाज उपस्थित थे।

बांग्लादेश में कहा गया है कि सेल चेतना ने इस आयोजन के लिए मंगोलिया सरकार के स्थान पर मंगोलिया के साथ समझौते के निर्माण करने के प्रयासों को सपना कहा। इससे देश के प्रशासन ने रवीन मित्त का बढ़ाने का प्रयास किया।
कहीं ठंडे बस्ते में न चला जाए
कोयला नियमक विश्वेक

जिस प्रसाधारित कोयला नियमक प्रशिक्षण को सरकार
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थे, उसके ठंडे बस्ते में जाने को समझना बन गया है।

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अरावली क्षेत्र का विशेष निरीक्षण शुरू

शुभकामनाएं, ब्रह्मचारी संवाददाता: अरावली पहाड़ी क्षेत्र में अरौंध खनन व पलष्य चोरी के मामले समाप्त आने के बाद इस विभाग ने इसके बारे में विशेष निरीक्षण करना शुरू कर दिया है। शुरूआत के निरीक्षण में अरौंध खनन का पुट्टा नहीं हो पाई, लेकिन पलष्य चोरी को बात से इंकार नहीं किया जा सकता।

तीन दिन पूर्व सुहाना कामीना ने तीसी में अरौंध खनन के पहले में विकास की थी। शिकायत पर यह विभाग देखकर अफसर देवेंद्र ने अरौंध खनन के संबंध में वादा कर दिया था। इसी कारण में शुरूआत को वैधता नहीं मिली। रेल अफसर देवेंद्र ने बताया कि अरौंध खनन की संभावना नहीं थी, इसके लिए एक वार किराए खाई खोदने का काम किया जाएगा। बता दें सालभर पूर्व कई इलाकों में खाई खोदी गई थी। वहांतन में फेंड की ब्यवस्था होते ही खाई खोदने का कार्य शुरू कर दिया जाएगा।
IRON ORE MINING

Apex court orders CBI probe of Yeddyurappa, JSW Steel

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BANGALORE

The Supreme Court on Friday ordered a probe against former Karnataka chief minister B.S. Yeddyurappa and JSW Steel Ltd, India's third largest steel maker, in connection with allegations of illegal iron ore mining in the southern state.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) must probe any violations by Yeddyurappa, who belongs to the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), and allegations of payments made by JSW Steel to him and his family, said three judges of the Supreme Court led by Chief Justice S.H. Kapadia. The agency has to file a report by 3 August, the bench said. The top court also stayed all proceedings relating to the matter before any court in Karnataka.

The Supreme Court order follows a report submitted on 20 April by the court-appointed central empowered committee (CEC), which recommended a CBI inquiry against Yeddyurappa. It also called for a probe of JSW, alleging that the company procured illegally mined ore.

The report said that in 2008, Yeddyurappa had denominated one acre of government land in Bangalore purchased by two of his sons and a son-in-law. The land was subsequently sold to South West Mining Ltd, a Jindal group company, for ₹20 crore—about 50 times the price Yeddyurappa’s family paid for it.

The Piterana Education Society, a trust set up by Yeddyurappa's family, received a donation of ₹10 crore from South West Mining. The CEC report alleged.

The order comes as a blow to Yeddyurappa, who had been hoping to be reinstated as chief minister after the Karnataka high court in March quashed a police complaint filed against him in an illegal mining case. The complaint was based on a report by the anti-corruption ombudsman, the Lokayukta, that led to his exit as chief minister in July last year. The high court also quashed a chapter of the Lokayukta report that dealt extensively with Yeddyurappa's alleged role in illegal mining in Karnataka.

Responding to Friday's apex court order, Yeddyurappa said, “The Supreme Court has ordered a probe into illegal mining that pertained to my tenure as chief minister. I request the Prime Minister to order a CBI probe into the issue since 2000 till my regime.” In 2008, Yeddyurappa became the first BJP chief minister of a southern state after the party won state elections.

Karnataka chief minister D.V. Sadananda Gowda, who was with Yeddyurappa in Nanjangud, said he would study the order.

“I believe that just like the high court, the Supreme Court will also come to the conclusion that there was no illegality,” he said.

JSW Steel said it hadn’t engaged in any illegal activity nor was it connected with any wrongdoing.

“The company has full faith in the judicial process and its books are open and it will fully cooperate with the investigating agencies,” the company said in a statement.

Seshagiri Rao, joint managing director and group chief financial officer, said the group follows the highest standards of corporate governance. “JSW Steel is, in fact, the victim of alleged illegal mining,” he said.

CBI is already looking into the purchase of ore by Jindal Steel from a company owned by former Karnataka minister and mining baron G. Janardhana Reddy, who is currently in jail.

JSW Steel, with production of 7.43 million tonnes of crude steel in 2011-12, has been beset by problems with its flagship plant in Karnataka facing iron ore shortages since the illegal mining issues came to light and the Supreme Court banned mining in the state by all private miners last year.

Following the Supreme Court order, JSW Steel shares slid as much as 8.4%, the most in seven weeks, to ₹605.65 each. The shares closed 5.19% lower at ₹627.05 on BSE on a day the benchmark Sensex index declined 0.77%.

“If there is negative news for the company during the probe, there could be corporate governance issues,” said Bhavesh Chauhan, a senior analyst at Angel Broking Ltd. “There could be a further fall in its shares in future depending on the news flow on the probe.”

Ruchira Singh in New Delhi, and Bloomberg and Reuters contributed to this story.
₹170 cr sewage plant in Udaipur

HINDUSTAN Zinc and the Rajasthan government have joined hands to build the first sewage treatment plant (STP) in Udaipur on ‘design build own operate and transfer’ with ₹170 crore. A deal with Hindustan Zinc, Udaipur Municipal Corporation and UIT was inked. The plant will only treat domestic sewage, not industrial sewage.
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**LECTRICITY TRADING AT IEX**

Market price in ₹/MWh
SAIL Eyes Iron, Coal Resources in Mongolia

OUR BUREAU
NEW DELHI

Indian steelmakers have set their sights on mineral rich Mongolia, chasing the huge mineral wealth that is helping the once pastoral, landlocked economy register one of the fastest economic growth rates in the world.

Steel Authority of India Ltd (SAIL) is considering replicating its successful public-private approach in Afghanistan and Mongolia. The two countries have signed a memorandum of understanding to study the possibilities of setting up mineral-processing facilities for iron ore and coal, both coking and thermal, in Mongolia, and downstream steel-making facilities for domestic consumption and trade.

In a statement from Ulaanbaatar, the public sector steelmaker said the MoU covers exploration of opportunities for investments to be made by SAIL either individually or in a consortium with others.

According to the MoU, Mongolia's Mineral Resource & Energy (MMRE) will share information on possible iron ore and coal deposits with SAIL and offer options of locations for investments. A joint pre-feasibility study for setting up mineral-processing facilities for iron ore and coal and downstream steel-making facilities will be taken up by MMRE and SAIL, the statement said.

SAIL will select the best available technology to treat Mongolian iron ore and coal deposits based on the feasibility study. The development comes after the visit of a high-level Mongolian delegation to SAIL's Bhilai Steel Plant in November 2011.
Aluminium buyers in Japan to pay record fee

Bloomberg
May 10

Aluminium buyers in Japan, Asia’s largest importer, may pay a record fee to producers, after China boosted purchases and global smelters cut output.

Premiums for the three months starting in July may climb more than $30 from fees this quarter between $115 and $127 a metric tonne over the London Metal Exchange cash price, four executives, representing smelters and buyers, said before pricing talks this month.

The highest fee since Japanese buyers began purchasing most requirements through long-term contracts in 1996 was $125 to $130 for the first quarter of 2010, they said, declining to be identified as negotiations are private.

Premiums are poised to surge as demand is expanding in Japan, led by the auto and construction industries, because of rebuilding from last year’s earthquake and tsunami. Buyers in China, the biggest consumer, boosted imports as they took advantage of international prices that were below domestic levels.

Alcoa Inc., the largest US producer, cut 12 percent of capacity in January and Chief Executive, Mr. Klaus Kleinfeld, said last month the reductions may not be the end.

As demand is picking up, buyers may have no other option but to pay more to secure supply, said Mr. Kunio Ishikawa, a Director at the Japan Aluminium Association.
Group firms fare well in building global assets: Study

Key growth driver is through acquisitions

Our Bureau
Hyderabad, May 11

The majority of Indian companies with an international asset base are part of business conglomerates.

According to the finding of a survey conducted by Indian School of Business and the Brazilian business school Fundacao Dom Cabral, 50 per cent of companies that acquired global assets during 2008-11 belonged to business groups.

"The sharing of knowledge and resources seem to be helping the affiliates of business group firms in acquiring overseas assets," Prof. Ravendrea Chittoor of ISB who conducted the study told Business Line.

The survey had ranked Indian trans-national companies, using a global measure of internationalisation called the transnational index, during 2008-09 to 2010-11.

"The chief growth for Indian companies during this period came through overseas acquisitions or inorganic growth," Prof Chittoor said.

Tata Steel Ltd, Tata Global Beverages Ltd and Hindalco Industries Ltd topped the list of 15 companies with an international asset base of over $500 million.

More than half of the top 15 transnational companies are affiliated to business groups, a phenomenon unique to emerging economies with companies from Tata Group dominating the list, the study showed.

OUTWARD FDI
India's outward foreign direct investment grew from $1 billion in 2001-02 to $18.5 billion in 2007-08 at a compound annual growth rate of over 60 per cent.

During 2008-10, the global economic crisis slowed the internationalisation of Indian companies.

In 2010-11, Indian companies resumed their process of internationalisation and outward foreign direct investment increased by over 23 per cent in the year-ago period.

But 2011-12 could be different. "We don't have complete data for the last financial year yet. But as per Reserve Bank of India's figures, the global investments of our corporate houses appear to have come down," the ISB academician said.

The objective of the study was to benchmark Indian transnational companies against their global counterparts, he added.

The study was based on information collected from the top 50 companies ranked by their consolidated international assets.

The transnational index was developed by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development as a standardised index for comparative analysis across geographies.

It uses various parameters such as international assets, international revenues and number of foreign employees.

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Hind Zinc plans sewage treatment plant at Udaipur

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Hindustan Zinc, a Vedanta Group company, plans to invest Rs 170 crore to build a Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) for Udaipur city.

A tripartite agreement was signed recently between Hindustan Zinc, Udaipur Municipal Corporation (UMC) and State Government-owned Urban Improvement Trust.

The 20-million-litres a day STP will be built on the ‘Design-Build-Own-Operate and Transfer’ model.

The plant will treat domestic and not industrial sewage. Udaipur generates almost 70 million litres of sewage a day, but UMC doesn’t have any facility to treat it. Hindustan Zinc, which has its plant in Udaipur, had moved the Rajasthan Government in 2010 to set up the plant. The treatment of sewage will generate a large quantity of manure and the same will be sold by UMC. This is likely to generate revenue of about Rs 1 crore a year for the Corporation.

The manure will be sold on a fortnightly basis to avoid the problem of storage, said a press release issued by HZL.

Mr Akhilesh Joshi, Chief Executive Officer, Hindustan Zinc, said the company is following a ‘zero discharge’ policy at all its units and have been quite successful in significantly reducing the consumption of water.

Hindustan Zinc has metal production capacity of over one million tonnes a year, besides 230 tonnes a year of silver output in Udaipur.

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