

National Mineral Awards – 2007

Mining Technology (including, application of new methods, innovative techniques and development of technology for underground and open pit mining, research & development leading to increase in productivity, conservation of mineral resources, systematic mine planning, concurrent mine reclamation & rehabilitation and dimensional stone mining)

Dr. Ashok Kumar Singh, Chairman And Managing Director, Central Mine Planning And Design Institute, Ranchi has long and eventful experience in execution of various coal mining projects with brilliant performance. He had been a pioneer in introducing the mechanized longwall mining with powered roof support and first roadheader machine in the underground mine as well as mechanization in open cast mine which has been a trend setter.

His visionary approach, meticulous planning and management besides adoption of best practices in opencast mine layout with high degree of mechanization led to successful implementation of Nigahi coal project in Singrauli coalfields for achieving higher coal production to bridge the demand-supply gap and gaining wide recognition in coal sector. His skills and experience is now being gainfully utilized at the Coal India Limited for improvement in production through mechanization.

In recognition of his significant contribution in the field of Mining Technology towards the growth and development of the coal sector in the country, National Mineral Award - 2007 is conferred upon Dr. Ashok Kumar Singh.