



Gevra and Kusbunda Among World's Largest Coal Mines

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Recently, Chhattisgarh-based [Coal India Limited \(CIL\)](#) subsidiary **South Eastern Coalfields Limited's (SECL) Gevra and Kusbunda coal mines** have secured the **2nd and 4th spot** in the list of the world's 10 largest coal mines released by WorldAtlas.com.

- Located in the Korba district, Chhattisgarh these two mines produce more 100 million tons of coal annually accounting for about **10% of India's total coal production**.
- Gevra is one of the megaprojects of SECL and became the **largest coal mine in the country in 2023** with annual production for FY 22-23 reaching 52.5 million tons and 59 million tons in FY 23-24. Kusbunda mine produced over 50 million tons in FY 23-24.
- These mines use advanced mining machines like the "**Surface Miner**" for **eco-friendly coal extraction** without blasting.
 - For overburden removal (the process of removing layers of soil, stone etc. to expose the coal seam), the mines use some of the **world's largest HEMMs (Heavy Earth Moving Machinery)** along with Vertical Rippers for environment-friendly and blast-free OB removal.
- CIL a **Maharatna company**, was established in November 1975 and has since become the **largest coal producer in the world**. It operates under the **Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act, of 1973**, which gives it a monopoly over coal mining and distribution in the country.

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