



Madhya Pradesh: Emerging as India's Mining Capital

Why in News?

Recently, Madhya Pradesh is positioning itself as a leader in the [Indian mining sector](#), leveraging its vast mineral wealth and infrastructure.

Key Points

- **Mineral Wealth:**
- Madhya Pradesh is the only state [producing diamonds](#), and leading in manganese, copper, limestone, and coal.
- [Panna diamond mine](#) produces 1 lakh carats annually, with the Bunder Block holding 32.2 million carats.
- Madhya Pradesh led the country in mineral block auctions, with **78 blocks auctioned in 2022-23 and received top awards for mineral auctions.**
- State boasts 5.1 lakh km of roads, **7 airports, and 6 inland depots.**
- The District Mineral Fund has completed over **7,500 projects for local development.**
- **Investment Opportunities:**
 - Two-day conclave on mining **17th -18th Oct, 2024** to discuss technology (AI/ML) and energy.
 - Madhya Pradesh will also be focusing on [coalbed methane \(CBM\) and national gas](#) grid connection.

Diamond Industry in India

- India is the world's largest cutting and polishing center for diamonds, accounting for over 90% of polished diamond manufacturing globally.
 - According to Indian Minerals Yearbook 2019, diamond fields of India are grouped into four regions:
 - Central Indian tract of Madhya Pradesh, comprising Panna belt.
 - South Indian tract of Andhra Pradesh, comprising parts of Anantapur, Kadapa, Guntur, Krishna, Mahabubnagar and Kurnool districts.
 - Behradin-Kodavali area in Raipur district and Tokapal, Dugapal, etc. areas in Bastar district of Chhattisgarh.
 - Eastern Indian tract mostly of Odisha, lying between [Mahanadi](#) and [Godavari valleys](#).
 - In 2022, India ranks first among the top exporters in cut & polished diamonds.