



# Action Against Illegal Mining

## Why in News?

Recently, the **Deputy Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir** chaired a **high-level meeting** to deliberate on the pressing issue of [illegal mining](#) across Jammu and Kashmir.

## Key Points

- **Strict Measures Against Illegal Mining:**
  - The Deputy CM directed officials to **implement stringent measures to eradicate illegal mining.**
  - He stressed the **need for night-time vigilance** and **frequent inspections** to monitor activities.
  - Emphasis was placed on **ensuring accountability at all levels of administration.**
  - **Issues of mismatch** between field data and records on the [J&K Mining Web Portal](#) were also highlighted.
- **Data Management and Coordination:**
  - Officials were instructed to provide updated and comprehensive data on mining activities.
  - Consistent coordination with police was urged to enhance field-level monitoring.
- **Environmental Concerns and Sustainable Management:**
  - Concerns were raised over [pollution in water bodies](#) caused by illegal mining.
  - The need for concerted efforts to address ecological damage as part of [sustainable resource management](#) was emphasized.

## Illegal Mining

- **About:**
  - Illegal mining is the extraction of minerals, ores, or other valuable resources from land or water bodies **without the necessary permits, licenses, or regulatory approvals** from government authorities.
  - It can also involve the violation of environmental, labor, and safety standards.
- **Issues:**
  - **Environmental Degradation:**
    - It can lead to deforestation, soil erosion, and water pollution and can result in the **destruction of habitats for wildlife**, which can have serious ecological consequences.
  - **Hazards:**
    - Illegal mining often involves the **use of hazardous chemicals such as mercury and cyanide**, which can pose serious health risks to miners and nearby communities.
  - **Loss of Revenue:**
    - It can lead to a **loss of revenue for governments** as miners may not pay appropriate taxes and royalties.
    - This can have significant economic impacts, particularly in countries where natural resources are a major source of revenue.
  - **Human Rights Violations:**

- Illegal mining can also result in [human rights violations](#), including forced labor, child labor, and exploitation of vulnerable populations.

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