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Skill Development Project with District Mineral Foundation Trust, Kalahandi

After successful completion of Phase-1, Skill Council for Mining Sector signed under District Mineral Foundation Trust, Kalahandi (for Phase-2), Odisha on 10th June 2026 for NSQF-aligned and placement linked training program in the mining sector. This project aims to train and certify 210 candidates in the various trades of mining. The MOU was signed between Integrated Tribal Development Authority (ITDA, Thuamul Rampur) and SCMS, in the presence of Shri Sachin Pawar, IAS, DM and Chairperson-DMFT Kalahandi. The project is expected to commence in the month of July 2026.



MOU signing between SCMS & DMFT, Kalahandi

51st Meeting of the Governing Board of Skill Council for Mining Sector

The 51st meeting of the Governing Board of Skill Council for Mining Sector (SCMS) was held on 29th May 2026 at FIMI House, New Delhi which was chaired by Dr. Pankaj Kumar Satija, Executive Vice President, Corporate Affairs, JSW Group & Chairman-SCMS.

In the opening remarks, Dr. Pankaj Kumar Satija, Chairman-SCMS, welcomed all the board members and highlighted the key activities undertaken by the SCMS during Q4. The Chairman also extended his gratitude to the board members for their continuous support, guidance, mentorship, industry linkages, timely interventions, and confidence in the vision and functioning of SCMS with which SCMS had been able to reach financially in a net positive in the last financial year, 2025-26. The Chairman emphasized that the achievement is even more significant considering that SCMS has attained this milestone without any

implementation support under any Government funded skill development scheme and appreciated team SCMS for their efforts and dedication.

He then invited Mr. Navneet Kumar, COO & Officiating CEO, SCMS to take the proceedings forward in line with the agenda.



51st GB meeting in progress

Skill Council for Mining Sector Initiates Skill Gap Study (2025-30) for the Indian mining sector in collaboration with Ministry of Mines

SCMS, in collaboration with Ministry of Mines, is conducting a Skill Gap Study for the period 2025-30 to prepare a Skill Plan for the Indian Mining Sector for the same period basis the findings of the study. M/s Deloitte Touché Tohmatsu India LLP is the consultant for this assignment.

The primary research phase commenced in January and is currently underway. This includes survey deployment and structured stakeholder interactions. Field work has been initiated across the identified 13 mining states. Overall, the study is progressing with strong stakeholder engagement.

Impact Assessment Studies on completed Skill Development Programs

Skill Council for Mining Sector (SCMS) recently commenced the Impact Assessment of its DMFT Angul and DMFT Jajpur (Phase-1) skill development projects. The Angul project was completed in 2022 and the Jajpur project was completed in 2023.

The questionnaires for all the stakeholders were finalized and the on-ground survey was initiated in the month of January 2026. The survey has been completed in the month of March 2026. The reports shall be published by SCMS in July 2026.

MINING & EXPLORATION

Ministry of Coal Reports Record-Breaking Production and Dispatch in Captive and Commercial Mines for FY 2025-26

The Ministry of Coal has marked FY 2025–26 as a watershed moment in India’s coal sector, with captive and commercial mining achieving a milestone never reached before. For the first time, combined production and dispatch from these blocks have surpassed the 200 Million Tonnes (MT) mark, marking a decisive leap in scale, capability, and contribution to the Nation’s energy landscape.

As on March 31, 2026, coal production from captive and commercial mines reached 210.46 MT, registering a robust year-on-year growth of 10.22% over 190.95 MT in the previous fiscal. Dispatches also witnessed a strong uptick, touching 204.61 MT and marking a 7.35% increase compared to 190.42 MT in FY 2024–25. These record-breaking figures reflect improved operational efficiency, strengthened logistics, and the sector’s growing capacity to meet the nation’s rising energy demand.

Significant Milestones Achieved in FY 2025–26

- **Historic 200+ MT Milestone:** Production and dispatch from captive/commercial blocks crossed 200 MT for the first time, reflecting sustained growth and operational excellence.
- **Operationalization of New Blocks:** During FY 2025–26, 12 captive and commercial coal blocks were operationalized through the grant of Mine Opening Permission (MOP), significantly expanding the operational coal mining base by adding more than 86 MT of annual production capacity.
- **Accelerated Production Commencement:** Further, 7 blocks commenced coal production within the same financial year, demonstrating faster project execution and improved regulatory coordination.

The production of coal from the captive and commercial mining was 115.78 million tonnes in the financial year 2022-23, and the dispatches were at 109.08 million tonnes in the same period. The production figure in FY 2025-26 is a massive jump of over 88 percent as compared to the figures in FY 2022-23.

This landmark achievement is a strong reflection of India’s commitment to Aatmanirbhar Bharat, driven by focused policy interventions, streamlined approvals, and a renewed thrust on enhancing domestic coal production. It underscores the Ministry’s sustained efforts to create an enabling ecosystem for captive and commercial mining, thereby reducing import dependence and strengthening national resource security.

Building on this momentum, the achievements of FY 2025–26 reinforce the coal sector’s central role in advancing the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047. With continued emphasis on efficiency, scalability, and responsible mining practices, the sector is well-positioned to drive industrial growth, support economic expansion, and ensure a resilient and future-ready energy framework for the nation.

(Press Information Bureau, New Delhi – 2 April, 2026)

ALLIED INDUSTRY

Indian Steel Sector Maintains Growth Momentum in April 2026

India's steel sector sustained its growth trajectory in April 2026, recording year-on-year gains across key production and consumption parameters. The month continued to reflect healthy domestic demand momentum and stable industrial activity across infrastructure and manufacturing.

Crude steel production in April 2026 stood at 14.09 million tonnes, up 5.8% year-on-year (YoY) over April 2025 (13.31 million tonnes). Hot metal production grew 5.4% YoY, while pig iron output (0.69 million tonnes) posted a decline of 6% YoY. Finished steel production reached 13.05 million tonnes, up 3.4% YoY. Finished steel consumption in April 2026 was 12.99 million tonnes, registering growth of 8.1% YoY reflecting continued buoyancy in construction, infrastructure, and manufacturing end-use segments.

On the trade front, imports stood at 0.68 million tonnes and exports at 0.47 million tonnes, making India a marginal net importer during the month. Compared to April 2025 imports of 0.52 million tonnes and exports of 0.38 million tonnes, a growth of 30.8% and 24.9% was registered in imports & exports respectively in April 2026.

India's total steel capacity stood at approximately 220 MTPA in FY 2025–26, on track toward the National Steel Policy target of 300 MTPA by 2030. Major players including SAIL, Tata Steel, JSW Steel, JSPL, and AMNS continued investments in capacity expansion, with Tata Steel recently commissioning a ₹3,200 crore scrap-based EAF green steel plant (0.75 MTPA) at Ludhiana, the first of its kind in Punjab.

Under the Ministry of Steel's Green Steel Initiative, NISST continued its role as the nodal agency for measurement, reporting, verification, and certification of green steel. As on 31st March 2026, NISST had issued green steel certificates to 90 producers across 15 states, spanning products including TMT Bars, HR/CR Coils, Wire Rods, and Pipes, with a majority of certified products achieving the highest 5-star rating reflecting strong uptake of the initiative across secondary and mid-size steel producers.

Domestic steel prices extended their recovery in April 2026 across all major product categories. TMT/Rebar prices rose 2.6% month-on-month, also registering a 3% year-on-year gain marking the first positive YoY reading after several months of softness. Flat steel prices saw sharper gains, with HR Coil up 6.3% and GP Sheet up 7.3% month-on-month, reflecting improved demand.

Raw material prices showed a mixed but broadly firming trend in April 2026. Domestic iron ore prices strengthened notably, with NMDC lump and fines prices rising 10 - 11% month-on-month, reflecting improved steel sector demand. Global seaborne iron ore remained largely stable. International coking coal costs edged up further month-on-month, sustaining elevated input cost pressures for integrated BF-BOF producers heading into Q1 FY 2026 - 27. International scrap prices were broadly flat, offering relative stability for the electric route steelmakers.

The Indian steel industry is well-positioned to sustain its growth trajectory supported by continued infrastructure investment and expanding manufacturing activity. Navigating energy security, raw material cost volatility, and global trade developments will remain key priorities for the sector in the year ahead.

(Press Information Bureau, New Delhi – 6 May, 2026)

PM Modi's Viksit Bharat Vision to Be Powered by a Digitally Transformed Steel Sector: H.D. Kumaraswamy

Union Minister for Steel and Heavy Industries Shri H.D. Kumaraswamy on 24th June 2026 asserted that digitalisation is no longer an option but the "foundational cornerstone of long-term survival" for India's steel industry, underscoring the need for the sector to embrace emerging technologies to remain globally competitive.

Addressing the Chintan Shivir 2026 on Digitalisation in the Steel Sector at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi, Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy said the future of the steel industry would not be determined merely by production capacities, but by its ability to build intelligent, connected and data-driven manufacturing ecosystems. Invoking Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of a Viksit Bharat by 2047, H.D. Kumaraswamy described the steel sector as a strategic pillar of India's economic transformation, powering infrastructure creation, manufacturing, renewable energy, urbanisation, transportation and defence production.

"Steel is the backbone of nation-building," he said, noting that India has consistently retained its position as the world's second-largest steel producer since 2018, even as steel demand remains subdued in several advanced economies. Highlighting the sector's robust growth trajectory, the Minister pointed out that crude steel production has expanded at an average annual rate of nearly 8 percent since FY 2021-22, while finished steel consumption has grown by approximately 13 percent annually, reflecting strong domestic demand and rapid industrialisation.

Shri Kumaraswamy reiterated the government's long-term vision of increasing India's steelmaking capacity to 300 million tonnes by 2030 and 400 million tonnes by 2035. However, he cautioned that achieving these targets would require the industry to simultaneously address challenges related to raw material security, operational efficiency, decarbonisation, modernisation and export competitiveness. Emphasising the transformative potential of technology, the Minister said Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Industrial Internet of Things, Digital Twins, Robotics and Advanced Data Analytics are redefining steel manufacturing globally and must be adopted extensively in India.

He observed that digitalisation and automation can significantly improve productivity, optimise energy consumption, reduce operational costs and enable predictive maintenance systems capable of identifying equipment failures before they occur. Such interventions, he said, would help minimise unplanned downtime, reduce human errors and enhance workplace safety.

The Chintan Shivir featured thematic sessions on AI-led mining solutions, digital transformation of steel plants, PM Gati Shakti, Industry 4.0 applications and case studies showcasing measurable business impacts. Leading startups and industry stakeholders also participated in discussions aimed at accelerating the sector's technological transition. Expressing confidence in the deliberations, Kumaraswamy said the insights emerging from the forum would contribute towards building a smarter, greener, more efficient and globally competitive steel industry aligned with the Prime Minister's vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat and Viksit Bharat 2047.

(Press Information Bureau, New Delhi – 24 June, 2026)

GENERAL

India plans to operationalise up to 60 mines in FY27

India expects to operationalise up to 60 new mines in the current fiscal year, Shri Piyush Goyal, Secretary, Ministry of Mines said on 23rd June, 2026. Addressing a conference organised by the Materials Recycling Association of India (MRAI), Shri Goyal said 36 mines, including 28 greenfield projects, were operationalised in 2025-26. Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of the event, he said bids for setting up lithium and nickel processing units would be invited within the next three months.

"We are confident of operationalising 50 to 60 greenfield mines in this current year," Shri Goyal said, adding that 58 greenfield mines have been operationalised since the auction regime began in 2015. The secretary said policies for the extraction of critical minerals have already been put in place.

"We are implementing the same and getting excellent results," he said, adding that significant quantities of cadmium are now being recovered and recycled in the country. Shri Goyal said the target of 1,200 exploration projects by 2031 would be achieved ahead of schedule.

"About 571 exploration projects have been completed by Geological Survey of India (GSI), 300 more are waiting to be completed this year. We hope to target more than 2,000 projects by 2031," he said. Against a target of 100 exploration blocks for the private sector by 2031, 56 have already been auctioned. The government expects the number to exceed 200 by the end of the period.

(The Economic Times, New Delhi – 24 June, 2026)

GLEANINGS FROM

MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship completes 12 Years of Skills, Scale and Transformation; Building One of the World's Largest Skilling Ecosystems

The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), under the leadership of Shri Jayant Chaudhary, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and Minister of State for Education, Government of India, marks twelve years of Skills, Scale and Transformation, highlighting the growth of one of the world's largest skilling ecosystems and its contribution to India's journey towards Viksit Bharat 2047.

Over the past twelve years, the Ministry has built a comprehensive skilling ecosystem that integrates vocational education, industry-led training, apprenticeships, entrepreneurship development, digital public infrastructure and international workforce mobility into a unified national framework. Through sustained reforms, institutional strengthening and deep collaboration with industry, academia and state governments, Skill India has evolved into one of the world's largest and most diverse skilling ecosystems.

Shri Jayant Chaudhary, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and Minister of State for Education, Government of India, said, "The journey of the last twelve years reflects India's growing recognition that skills are among the most powerful enablers of opportunity, productivity and economic transformation. The Ministry has worked to create an ecosystem where skills are viewed as an integral part of learning, employability and lifelong growth, alongside formal education. As

technologies reshape industries and the nature of work continues to evolve, our focus is on preparing India's youth not only for existing opportunities, but also for jobs and enterprises that will emerge in the years ahead. Through stronger industry partnerships, digital innovation, entrepreneurship support and global mobility pathways, we are building a workforce that is confident, competitive and ready to contribute to India's development journey."

The Ministry's impact is visible across every stage of the skilling lifecycle. India's vocational training infrastructure has expanded significantly, with the number of Industrial Training Institutes growing from 9,776 in 2014 to more than 13,888 today. Together with National Skill Training Institutes, Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendras and Jan Shikshan Sansthan, these institutions have expanded access to quality skill development opportunities across the country. The Ministry has also established three Indian Institutes of Skills (IIS) in Gandhinagar, Mumbai and Kanpur, creating state-of-the-art centres of excellence to deliver industry-aligned, future-ready training.

Apprenticeship has emerged as one of the strongest bridges between education and employment. More than 56.08 lakh apprentices have been engaged since 2016, supported by reforms that have improved participation from both industry and youth while strengthening on-the-job learning opportunities.

The Ministry has also driven large-scale short-term skilling interventions through flagship programmes such as Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana, under which more than 1.64 crore candidates have been trained. Simultaneously, entrepreneurship development initiatives led through the National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD) and the Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE) have trained over 25 lakh beneficiaries under Entrepreneurship Development Programmes (EDPs), creating pathways for enterprise creation, self-employment and livelihood generation across urban, rural and aspirational districts.

A defining feature of the Ministry's transformation journey has been the creation of a digital-first skilling ecosystem. The Skill India Digital Hub (SIDH) has emerged as an integrated digital public infrastructure for skills, bringing together skilling, jobs, apprenticeships and entrepreneurship opportunities on a single platform. Today, more than 1.5 crore candidates are registered on SIDH, with over 1,000 courses available in 23 languages. Programmes such as SOAR (Skilling for AI Readiness) have further accelerated AI awareness and preparedness among learners and educators with 50+ AI Courses and Qualifications across sectors, recording over 4.5 lakh enrolments since launch across emerging technology domains.

India's excellence in skills has also been reflected on the global stage through its performance at WorldSkills competitions. Team India has steadily strengthened its standing among the leading nations, improving its global ranking from 29th in 2015 to 13th in 2024. India's participation in IndiaSkills and WorldSkills has evolved into a national movement for skill excellence, inspiring youth to pursue world-class standards and showcase the capabilities of Indian talent on international platforms.

Recognising India's growing role as a global talent partner, the Ministry has also expanded its focus on international workforce mobility. Through government-to-government partnerships, skill-based mobility agreements and the establishment of Skill India International Centres, India is creating trusted pathways for skilled professionals to access opportunities in global labour markets.

The Ministry's reform agenda continues to evolve in response to the changing world of work. Through initiatives such as the Pradhan Mantri Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs (PM-SETU), future skills programmes in artificial intelligence, cybersecurity and emerging technologies, and stronger integration of skilling with education under the National Education Policy 2020, the Ministry is building a workforce prepared for the opportunities and challenges of the future.

As MSDE completes twelve years, its focus remains firmly on strengthening quality, expanding access, deepening industry partnerships, promoting entrepreneurship, accelerating apprenticeship adoption and positioning India as a global hub for skilled talent. The achievements of the past decade provide a strong foundation for the next phase of India's growth story, powered by skills, innovation and human potential.

(Press Information Bureau, New Delhi – 10 June, 2026)

SCMS IN ACTION

MOIL - CER Project

SCMS received the work order from MOIL under the Corporate Environment Responsibility (CER) for the location of Chikla mines for training and certification of 30 male candidates in the trade of Dumper/Tipper operator. Under the program the classroom training to be provided in conference room at Chikla Mines MOIL. Post mobilization of candidates, the training has commenced from 2nd June 2026.



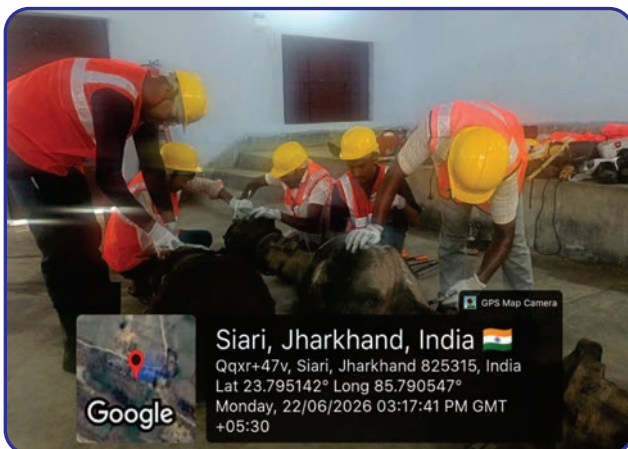
Glimpses of classroom training

DMFT Bokaro STT Project

SCMS signed an MOU with DMFT, Bokaro, Jharkhand to train 360 candidates in the trades of Mine Electrician, HEMM Mechanic, Mine Welder, Dumper/Tipper Operator, Excavator Operator and Loader Operator. This is a residential program for a period of 3-4 months exclusively for the unemployed youth of Bokaro district.

Under the initiative, the training programs for the first four batches, comprising a total of 111 candidates, have been successfully completed in the trades of Mine Electrician, Mine Welder and HEMM Mechanic. In the next phase, one batch of 30 candidates each in the HEMM Mechanic and Mine Welder trades is scheduled to undergo assessment. Simultaneously, the mobilization process for the next three batches in operator job roles is already underway.

As part of the ongoing quality assurance process, SCMS carried out a routine inspection of the training centre on 20th June 2026 through its representative to assess the quality of infrastructure, training facilities, and overall training delivery. The inspection identified a few areas requiring improvement, and the necessary corrective measures have since been implemented to ensure continued compliance with the quality standards.



Highlights from the Training and Assessment of Mine Welder & HEMM Mechanic Trainees



IMFA Jajpur (Odisha) – CER Project

SCMS received a work order from Indian Metals & Ferro Alloys Limited (IMFA) on 5th September 2025 to conduct training and certification program under the Corporate Environment Responsibility *CER) at IMFA's Jajpur facility in Odisha. The project covers training for a total of 90 candidates in the trades of Dumper/Tipper Operator, Loader Operator - Underground, and Loader Operator (Mining). The training and certification programme was implemented at Indian Metals & Ferro Alloys Limited (IMFA), Jajpur, continues to progress steadily, with key milestones achieved and ongoing activities strengthening the learning outcomes for candidates. In addition to classroom sessions, candidates underwent simulator-based training for the Dumper/Tipper Operator and Loader Operator (Mining) job roles, enabling them to gain hands-on virtual experience before operating actual equipment. Simultaneously, they received practical training on Heavy Earth Moving Machinery (HEMM), providing real-world operational exposure and equipping them with the skills and confidence required to work effectively in a mining environment.

The project has been successfully completed. The training programme for the Dumper/Tipper Operator batch was conducted and certified under the National Skills Qualification Framework (NSQF), ensuring alignment with nationally recognized competency standards. Meanwhile, the training programmes for Loader Operator (Underground) and Loader Operator (Open Cast) were successfully completed under the Non-NSQF framework.

This achievement marks a significant milestone in the programme, reflecting the successful development of a skilled workforce equipped with the knowledge and competencies required to meet the operational demands of the mining industry.



Highlights of Training in the trades of Dumper/ Tipper Operator & Loader Operator



Glimpses of Assessment

Skill Development Project with District Mineral Foundation Trust, Keonjhar

Skill Council for Mining Sector (SCMS) is executing a Skill Development Project with District Mineral Foundation Trust, Keonjhar (Odisha) for “Short term Training” project covering 720 local candidates/PAPs in the trades of Mine Electrician, Mine Welder, HEMM Mechanic, HEMM Electrician, Hydra Crane Operator, Dumper/Tipper Operator, Loader Operator, Excavator Operator and Upskilling/Reskilling of 500 existing mine’s workers in their related trades through RPL (Recognition of Prior Learning) program.

So far, the STT training of 360 candidates have been completed in the trades of HEMM Mechanic, Mine Welder, Dumper/Tipper Operator and Mine Electrician. A total of 187 trainees have been offered placements in various mining organization and placement for the remaining candidates is in process. Under the RPL program comprising two days of training followed by one day of assessment, the training and certification of 537 existing mine workers have been completed and out of which 500 workers have been certified. The project was monitored by the DMF officials.

On 24th April 2026, Shri Rajesh Prabhakar Patil, IAS, Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Department of Cooperation, Government of Odisha, accompanied by Shri Vishal Singh, IAS, District Collector & District Magistrate, Keonjhar, visited the DMF Khani Shakti Skill Development Training Centre, Keonjhar to review the ongoing skill development initiatives being implemented under the DMF Khani Shakti Programme. The

dignitaries were received and accompanied throughout the visit by Shri Pradeep Pradhan, Head - DMF Skill, and Shri Pradosh Ranjan Das, along with the training centre team.

During the visit, the dignitaries interacted with the trainees enrolled under various job roles and enquired about their overall learning experience. Shri Patil held detailed discussions with the candidates regarding the quality of training being imparted, the technical skills they were acquiring, their career aspirations, expected employment opportunities upon successful completion of the programme, and the anticipated salary packages. The trainees confidently shared their learning experiences and aspirations to secure employment in the mining and allied industries.

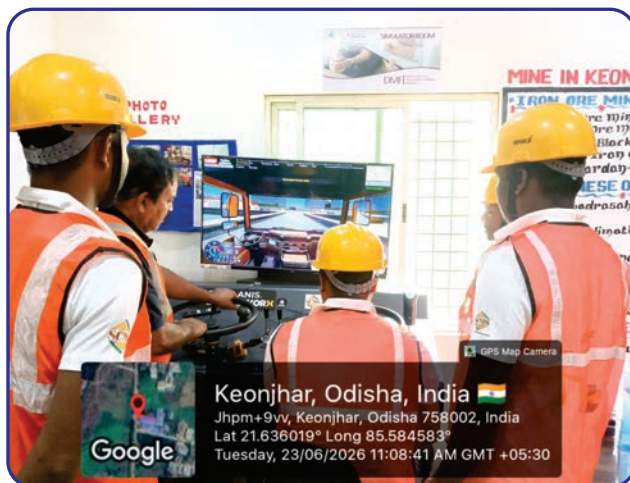
The dignitaries visited the practical training yard, where they interacted with the women trainees undergoing Dumper/Tipper Operator training. Shri Patil appreciated their participation in a traditionally male-dominated profession and enquired about the practical training methodology, safety measures, equipment handling, and the confidence they had developed through the programme.

The delegation also visited the classrooms of the Mine Electrician, Simulator Room and AR/VR Laboratory, where the dignitaries observed the use of advanced simulation and immersive technologies for practical learning. They appreciated how these facilities enable trainees to gain a three-dimensional understanding of mining operations, equipment handling, workplace safety, and real-life field scenarios before entering the industry.

Subsequently, Shri Patil inspected the Mechanical Laboratory, Computer Laboratory and the Activity Room, where trainees showcased innovative working models and project-based learning activities developed during the course of their training. The dignitaries commended the creativity, technical knowledge, and practical application demonstrated by the candidates.



The visit concluded with an appreciation of the centre's infrastructure, technology-enabled learning ecosystem, and industry-oriented training methodology.



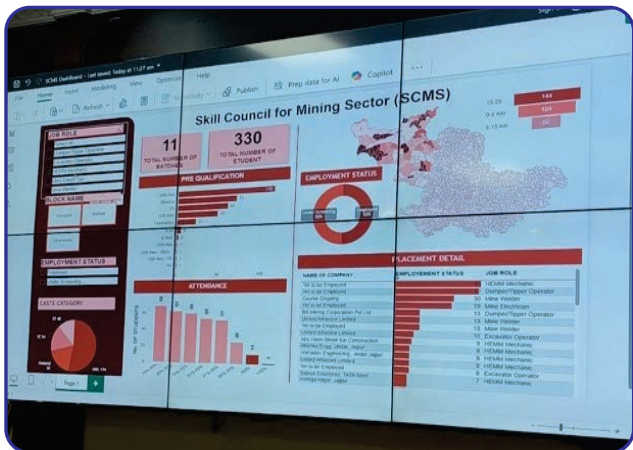
Inside the Classroom, Practical and Simulator Training Programme

Skill Development Project with District Mineral Foundation Trust, Jajpur

SCMS is executing Phase-II of the Skill Development Project at Jajpur, Odisha under funding from DMFT for Short Term Training (STT) for 360 local youth in the trades of Mine Electrician, Mine Welder, HEMM Mechanic, Hydra Crane Operator, Dumper/Tipper Operator, Excavator Operator and upskilling/re-skilling of 500 existing mine's workers in their related trades through RPL (Recognition of Prior Learning) program.

The training of 330 STT candidates in the trades of Mine Electrician, HEMM Mechanic, Excavator Operator and Dumper/Tipper Operator have been completed. Multiple placement drives have been conducted and a total of 232 certified candidates have been offered the jobs and placement for rest candidates is in process. Under RPL, 568 existing mine workers have been trained and 505 have been certified. Due to inactive status of the 'Hydra Crane Operator' job role, the related training targets of 30 candidates have been requested by SCMS to be removed from the current project and may be added in next phase of project. The current project will also be then treated as completed.

SCMS attended a review meeting chaired by Shri Ambar Kumar Kar, Collector and District magistrate, Jajpur, Odisha on 5th June 2026, regarding the skilling projects undergoing in the district under DMFT. The chairperson appreciated the efforts of SCMS and related project outcomes.



DMFT Review meeting at Jajpur, Odisha



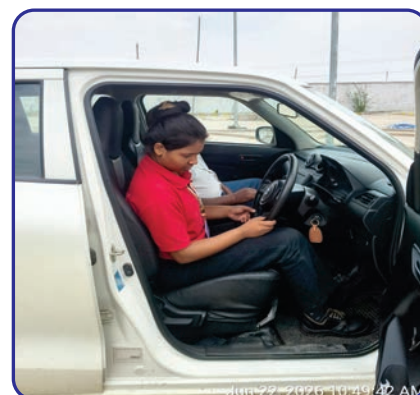
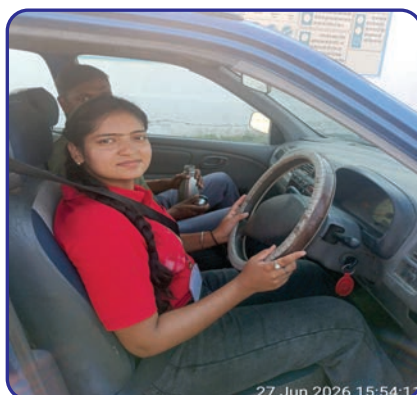
Campus Placement Drive

HAMARI ADIRA - EMIL Residential Female STT Training Program

SCMS has received a work order from Essel Mining & Industries Limited (EMIL) to conduct a residential Short-Term Training (STT) program for 60 female candidates in the trade of Dumper Operator. The training is being implemented for Amelia Coal Mining Limited (ACML) at Singrauli, Madhya Pradesh, with a strong focus on developing job-ready skills through structured, hands-on learning.

The program integrates classroom sessions with hands-on training, including simulator-based practice that allows trainees to safely learn machine handling and improve their confidence before working on actual equipment. To enhance real-world understanding, trainees gain exposure to mining operations, safety practices, and daily workflows through structured industrial learning opportunities at key operational sites, including the Jayant Base Workshop of Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL) and Amelia Coal Mining Limited (ACML).

In addition to the technical training, the programme also emphasizes on holistic development. Trainees are being equipped with essential life skills that enhance their confidence, independence, and employability. As part of this initiative, all female candidates undergo supplementary sessions in self-defense, LMV driving, and English communication. These modules are designed to improve personal safety awareness, develop basic driving skills, strengthen communication abilities, and prepare participants for professional workplace environments, thereby supporting their transition into sustainable careers in the mining and allied industries.



The training programme continues to be strengthened through regular visits by industry leaders and stakeholders, who interact with trainees and review the training ecosystem. These visits have included senior representatives from Essel Mining & Industries Limited (EMIL), the Aditya Birla Group, and Subhadra Coal Mining Limited, reflecting their continued engagement and support for the initiative.





On 3 April 2026, the training centre had the privilege of welcoming Mr. Thomas Cherian, Managing Director, Essel Mining Industries Ltd., along with Mr. Umesh Mahato, President & Head of Mining Services, Essel Mining Ltd. and Mr. Sanjit Adhya, Project Head, Amelia Coal Mines. The dignitaries participated in the morning assembly, interacted with the trainees, and joined them for breakfast, fostering a warm and encouraging learning environment. The trainees presented a morning prayer, while Ms. Prachi delivered a heartfelt poem in their honour. The visiting dignitaries appreciated the trainees' enthusiasm, discipline, and commitment, and commended the efforts being made to develop a skilled and confident workforce for the mining sector.

This was followed by the visit of Mr. Navneet Jaitly, Joint President & Head - Human Resources, Essel Mining & Industries Ltd. on 16th April 2026. During his interaction with the trainees, he listened to their experiences, appreciated their dedication and enthusiasm, and encouraged them to pursue their career goals with confidence. His interaction served as a strong source of motivation for the trainees.



Continuing this engagement, Mr. Sandeep Jain, Head - Corporate Affairs, Aditya Birla Group, visited the centre on 15th May 2026 and engaged with trainees during classroom sessions. He appreciated their active participation and encouraged them to continue building their skills with dedication and perseverance, further boosting their confidence and motivation.



The series of visits concluded on 29 May 2026 with representatives from Subhadra Coal Mining Limited, Ms. Smrutirupa Mohanty and Mr. Smruti Ranjan Das, who visited the centre to understand the training model as a reference for developing similar initiatives. They interacted with trainees, reviewed the training infrastructure and delivery mechanisms, and gathered feedback on the learning experience, providing valuable insights into industry-aligned skill development practices.



National Workshop on Capacity Building and Awareness for Awarding Bodies

A day long National Workshop for Capacity Building and Awareness Building of Awarding Bodies was organised by the National Council for Vocational Education and Training (NCVET), Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) on April 7, 2026, at Kaushal Bhawan, New Delhi. The workshop brought together about 200 representatives from Awarding Bodies, Assessment Agencies, industry councils, and academic institutions, setting a strong foundation for a coherent, quality-driven, and future-ready skills ecosystem aligned with the vision of Skill India Mission and NEP 2020.

The National Workshop on Capacity Building and Awareness for Awarding Bodies was inaugurated by Shri Jayant Chaudhary, Hon'ble Minister of State (IC) for Skill Development & Entrepreneurship and Minister of State for Education, Govt. of India. In his address, he emphasized building a unified, agile, and future-ready skilling ecosystem, anchored in the “3T Model” — Trust, Transparency, and Teamwork. He underscored the need for collaboration, strong quality standards, and alignment with evolving industry demands to enhance employability and drive economic growth.

Organised by the National Council for Vocational Education and Training (NCVET), Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), the inaugural session also marked the unveiling of Employability Skills Modules and the release of NCVET's Bi-Annual Newsletter, reinforcing efforts to strengthen quality benchmarks and outreach.



Smt Debashree Mukherjee, Secretary, MSDE and Chairperson, NCVET, highlighted the critical role of awarding bodies as a bridge between regulation, industry, and the workforce. She emphasized the importance of developing responsive qualifications and fostering active participation through dialogue and feedback. Prof. (Dr) Ashok Kumar Gaba, Executive Member, NCVET, concluded with a vote of thanks, reiterating the need for continuous alignment, capacity building, and shared understanding across stakeholders. The session set a strong foundation for collaboration and collective action towards advancing India's skilling ecosystem.

Mrs. Silky Sharma, Manager Affiliations, Assessment & SIDH and Mr. Apoorv Aishwarya, Sr. Manager Curriculum Design & Development from SCMS participated in the workshop.

Adani Skills & Education, Sarguja (Chhattisgarh) – Skill Development program

SCMS, in association with Adani Skills & education, is conducting a NoN-NSQF training program in the trades of Mine Electrician and Mine Welder for the PAP candidates at GVTC and Mining CoE, Sarguja, Chhattisgarh at Parsa Kente Colliery. The first batch of Mine Electrician with 13 candidates has been successfully completed, while the another batch of 15 candidates in the trade of Mine Welder has also been initiated from 18th of May 2026.



The training is being conducted at Mining CoE, Adani Skills & Education, Sarguja, Chhattisgarh.

FIMI's Managing Committee Meeting

Managing Committee Meeting of Federation of Indian Mineral Industries (FIMI) was organized on 12th June 2026 at FIMI House, New Delhi. Mr. Navneet Kumar, COO & Officiating CEO-SCMS, attended the meeting and shared updates/ highlights of SCMS to the esteemed members of the committee.



Mr. Navneet Kumar shared key updates of SCMS with the members of committee

NUPPL, Dumka (Jharkhand) Skill Development Program for Project Affected Persons

SCMS received a work order from Neyveli Uttar Pradesh Power limited (NUPPL) on 9th February 2026 to conduct residential skill development training program for 75 PAPs in the trades of Mine electrician, Mine mechanic/Fitter, and Mine welder in South Pachwara OCP/NUPPL, Dumka, Jharkhand.

The primary objective of this project is to upskill and empower Project Affected Persons (PAPs) from NUPPL command area/Project Affected Villages by providing Industry relevant training in mining related trades. The training aims to enhance employability, self-reliance, and livelihood opportunities.

Post mobilization, the training of first batch of 25 candidates in the trade of Mine welder has been initiated from 11th June 2026 at a training Centre, setup in Phulo Jhano Chowk, Dumka. The mobilization and registration of interested eligible candidates from the project affected areas is in progress for next batches in the trade of Mine Mechanic/ Fitter and Mine Electrician.

Mr. Deepak Mishra, SCMS, visited NUPPL office and Training Centre in Dumka for a Stakeholder consultations and guidance on 21st May 2026.



Classroom training in the trade of Mine Welder



**Trainees along with NUPPL officials organised an area cleanness drive at Bus Station,
Dumka on 19th June 2026**

JPL Tamnar, Raigarh (Chhattisgarh) - Skill Assessment (Dakshta Initiative)

The Skill Council for Mining Sector (SCMS), in collaboration with LSI Engineering & Consultants Ltd. under an exclusive implementation arrangement, successfully executed a comprehensive workforce Skill Gap Assessment for around 1300 non-executive employees and contractual workers at Jindal Power Limited's GP IV/1 and GP IV/2&3 Coal Mines, Tamnar, Raigarh (Chhattisgarh), under the **Dakshta Initiative of Jindal Power Limited**. The project was designed as a competency-based workforce capability assessment rather than a conventional training needs survey. Its objective was to evaluate every workman against the competency requirements of his respective duty position, taking into account statutory and regulatory requirements, standard operating procedures (SOPs), operational standards, and other performance parameters prescribed by the principal employer.

The assessment methodology combined technology-enabled tablet-based theoretical assessments with structured practical evaluations and viva-based competency verification to assess both knowledge and the ability to apply skills in real workplace situations. The assessment framework covered 41 duty positions across 17 competency parameters, enabling objective evaluation of technical knowledge, practical proficiency, safety awareness, operational discipline, and job-specific competencies. Each individual assessment contributes towards creating a verified skill profile of the workforce, forming the foundation for evidence-based workforce development.

A key outcome of the project is the development of individual **Skill Dossiers** for every assessed workman. These dossiers capture competency levels, identified skill gaps, and role-wise proficiency, enabling the employer to design targeted, role-specific training interventions instead of adopting a one-size-fits-all approach. The consolidated assessment findings will also provide workforce heat maps, department-wise competency analysis, and actionable recommendations to support productivity enhancement, regulatory compliance, operational excellence, and long-term capability development.

Field execution of the assessment commenced in May 2026 and has been successfully completed. The project team is currently finalising the comprehensive assessment report, which will consolidate individual skill dossiers, organisational skill gap analysis, and training recommendations for future workforce development initiatives. A team of SCMS officials mobilised to the project site to undertake the field execution, supported by a panel of highly experienced assessors possessing over three decades of professional experience in the coal mining industry, including extensive service with Coal India Limited. Their domain expertise ensured a robust, credible, and industry-aligned evaluation process.



Skill Assessment at Jindal Power Limited



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Mr @sandeepnarade, VP & Head, Mining BU, presented the certificates to the candidates at a special ceremony.

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With the aim of preparing skilled labor groups for mining industry, the commissioner as well as governing secretary, cooperative department Shri Rajesh Prabhakar Patil has inspected the project. During the tour, District Council Chief Development and Executive Officer were present. CMO Odisha EducationOdisha Information & Public Relations Department, Government of Odisha

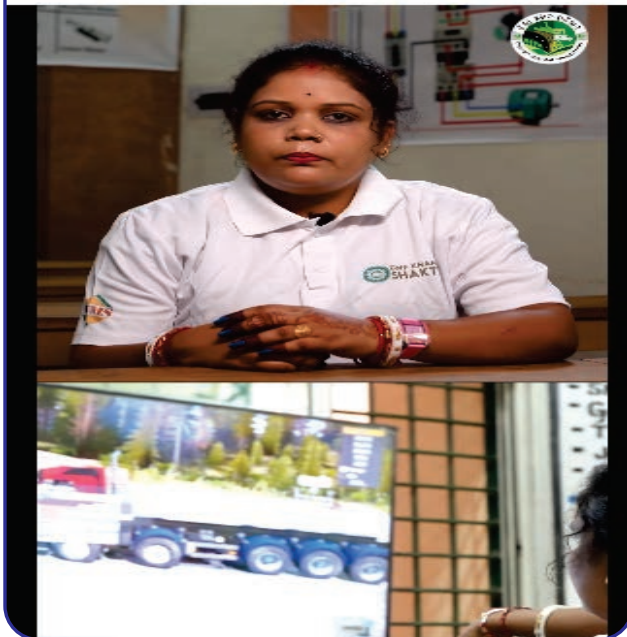
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📍 Kalahandi, Odisha

📅 2024



6-month training programme titled 'Prakashini 2.0', allocated by TATA Steel Mining, for 18 female and transgender candidates in the trade of Dumper/Tipper Operator.



The programme focused on skill development, equipment operation, safety awareness and industry-ready training.



MOIL Ltd.

📍 Bhandara, Maharashtra

📅 2023



SCMS conducted a 4-month residential skill development programme for 30 female candidates from Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh in the trade of Rig Mounted Drill Operator,



The entire batch was assessed and certified, followed by apprenticeship at UltraTech Cement across locations in Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh.



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