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THE COMPASS

Vedanta Aluminium may outperform in

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The listing of the Vedanta group's four newly demerged entities offers investors a key option: they may assess and value those businesses separately and selectively. As a result, there should be value-unlocking. Vedanta says the move will simplify its corporate structure and create sector-focused companies with independent plans. In management terms, it may make strategising easier.

Vedanta Aluminium Metal, Vedanta Oil & Gas, Vedanta Power, and Vedanta Iron & Steel listed separately on the BSE and the NSE. Vedanta Ltd also remains listed and can be considered a non-ferrous metals play. Under the 1:1 scheme, every investor holding one Vedanta share received one share in each of the four new companies.

The 2025-26 (FY26) consolidated financials entering the demerger showed revenue up 15 per cent year-on-year (Y-o-Y), operating profit up 29 per cent, and reported net profit up 22 per cent. The group debt allocation has been

Post demerger value

	Price per share (₹)*	Mcap (₹ cr)
Vedanta	303	118,328
Vedanta Aluminium Metal	501	195,774
Vedanta Power	41	16,013
Vedanta Oil and Gas	37	14,488
Vedanta Iron and Steel	21	8,231
Total	902	352,834
Pre-demerger value of Vedanta**	773	302,371
Gains post demerger	129	50,463
Gains post demerger (%)	16.7	16.7

*Unit adjusted price, **On April 29; Value as on June 15, Mcap: Market capitalisation
Sources: Bloomberg, exchanges

done carefully. The post-demerger net debt to earnings before interest tax, depreciation and amortisation (net debt/Ebitda) for each demerged entity are 1.3 times for Vedanta Aluminium Metal, 4.7 times for Vedanta Power, 1.4 times for Vedanta Iron & Steel, while Vedanta Oil & Gas has zero debt. The residual Vedanta Ltd's net debt/Ebitda is 0.4 times.

Initial trading indicates that the move may indeed unlock value. Pre-demerger (effective May 1),

Vedanta was traded on April 29 at a market capitalisation (mcap) of approximately ₹3.02 trillion, with each share priced at ₹773. Post-demerger, the five independent entities traded at an aggregated mcap of ₹3.53 trillion, implying over 16 per cent appreciation. Some analysts are projecting potential value-unlocking of 150 per cent, citing sum-of-the-parts comparison with listed peers.

As of now, Vedanta Aluminium Metal is being seen as the likely

near-term performer. Analysts say it has scale, and low production costs. The commodities cycle favours the business. The iron and steel business, however, is in direct competition with bigger players. The oil & gas segment may gain due to geopolitics, while the Iran war keeps prices elevated. Power saw the fastest growth in FY26.

Group debt could be an overhang. Vedanta Oil & Gas and Vedanta Iron & Steel are the best placed in terms of debt. Dividend policy may also diverge for different companies. Prior history indicates generous payouts for the merged entity but different companies will have to make decisions about dividend payouts, with every entity having capex plans.

Vedanta Aluminium lists as India's largest aluminium producer, and the third-largest globally outside China, as well as being very low cost. It runs the world's largest aluminium smelter at Jharsuguda, Odisha. The company plans to double capacity to 6 million tonnes per annum (mtpa) over three years,

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near term

which would make it the world's largest, lowest-cost, integrated aluminium producer.

Vedanta Oil & Gas is India's largest private sector upstream producer. It has a debt-free balance sheet, and the group plans to invest \$5 billion over three to five years to scale production to 500,000 barrels per day (bpd) at globally competitive costs. The portfolio spans tight or unconventional oil, shale gas, shallow-water and deep-water assets, satellite fields, and onshore acreage in the Northeast.

Vedanta Iron & Steel is also low-debt. It is looking to scale its current capacity of 4 mtpa of steel to 15 mtpa. The erstwhile Sesa Goa offers access to 4 billion tonnes (bt) of iron ore resources in Goa, Odisha, and Karnataka, about 800 kilo tonne per annum (ktpa) of metallurgical coke, and access to gas pipeline infrastructure. The company says it will focus on high-value segments like green steel, electrical steel, and specialty steels.

Vedanta Power looks to provide a stable baseload. It is India's fifth-largest thermal producer

with 4.2 gigawatt (Gw) of capacity plus long-term power purchase agreements (PPAs), and secure captive coal resources. Vedanta Power is looking to scale to 20 Gw through brownfield expansions. While coal may be unfashionable, it will continue to play a key role. Vedanta Power is also evaluating nuclear energy possibilities. The power entity was the fastest-growing earnings contributor in FY26, with Ebitda more than doubling from ₹650 crore (FY25) to ₹1,623 crore. It also carries the highest leverage at 4.7 times net debt/Ebitda. This debt is largely long-term project finance sourced from PFC/REC with 7 to 10 years tenure.

Flagship Vedanta Ltd is anchored by the 60 per cent stake in Hindustan Zinc, which is the world's largest integrated zinc producer and third-largest silver producer, with an excellent 56 per cent Ebitda margin. Vedanta Ltd controls entities that produce zinc, silver, copper, nickel, ferroalloys, etc. Hindustan Zinc is also developing a 1.5 mtpa fertiliser plant. Vedanta Ltd is India's only producer of nickel, with plans to scale production to 60,000 tonnes per annum (tpa). The copper production

Anil Agarwal hints at parent firm relisting

Vedanta Chairman Anil Agarwal on Monday hinted at a possible overseas relisting of parent Vedanta Resources and laid out an ambitious expansion roadmap across businesses, saying each vertical has the potential to become a \$100 billion opportunity over time as the group scales up operations in metals, mining, oil and gas, power and critical minerals.

Agarwal said relisting of Vedanta Resources, which was delisted from the London Stock Exchange, is not an immediate plan but may complete in three years time.

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(erstwhile Sterlite) is significant to domestic supply, while FACOR may become India's largest producer of ferrochrome and the only Indian player in specific manganese products.

THE HINDU DATE:17/6/2026 P.NO.13

Central banks to raise gold reserves over one year: WGC

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World Gold Council's (WGC) 2026 Central Bank Gold Reserves (CBGR) survey indicate that the central banks around the world would accumulate more gold in the future.

This means the price of the yellow metal will remain high in the future impacting retail customers. Indian gold prices had risen by about 40% in 12 months primarily on central banks' buying and rupee's depreciation against U.S. dollar, the determining currency of gold price.

As per the survey central banks "remain very positive on gold, highlighting its significance amid a volatile geopolitical and economic environment."



Central banks accumulated 1,000 tonne gold over 4 years.

The survey shows a continuation of the trend uncovered in previous years: central banks see gold making up a growing share of reserve portfolios.

Doubling purchases

Central banks have accumulated an average of 1,000 tonne of gold over the past four years, which is signifi-

cantly higher from the 500 tonne average over the preceding decade.

"This marked acceleration in the pace of accumulation occurred against a backdrop of geopolitical and economic uncertainty, which clouded the outlook for reserve managers," WGC said in the foreword of the Survey.

In India the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) was seen aggressively expanding its gold reserves between FY24 and FY25. Total reserves grew from 822.1 tonne in FY24 to 879.58 tonnes by end FY25 and rose marginally to 880.52 tonne in FY26. The survey was conducted between February 5 and May 19 with the majority of responses coming in after the West Asia conflict began.

THE ECONOMIC TIMES DATE:17/6/2026 P.NO.07

Aluminium Under Fire as War Ends, Prices to Fall More as Supply Eases

Ruchita Sonawane

Mumbai: Aluminium stocks fell up to 5% Tuesday after the interim US Iran deal removed supply constraints that had driven a rally in the base metal since the war began in Iran.

Analysts said that the sector could face near term pressure as aluminium prices are likely to fall further.

Vedanta Aluminium Metal dropped 5% while National Aluminium Company and Hindalco fell 4.1% and 3.1% respectively. The Nifty Metal Index slid 1.6% on Tuesday while benchmark Nifty rose 0.6%.

Since the blockage at Strait of Hormuz is expected to open, the imports which were stuck are likely to sail through and restore supply, said Jateen Trivedi, VP Research Analyst - Commodity and Currency, LKP Securities.

"This implies that the premium that aluminium based companies were enjoying will get eroded," said Trivedi. "If the peace deal is signed on June 19th as anticipated, then further profit booking could drag the metal index 5% lower."

The sudden deal could unlock nearly 10% of global primary aluminium supply—while tumbling energy costs have lowered global production curves. This has forced benchmark LME aluminium down to around \$3,374 per metric tonne,



Stocks Under Pressure

Stock	Change* (%)
Vedanta Alu	-5.0
Nalco	-4.1
Hindalco	-3.1
Nifty Metal	-1.6
Nifty 50	+0.6

* On June 16

said Nishchal Jain, Quant Researcher, Share Market by Phone Pe.

"The Daily Relative Strength Index (RSI) levels have cooled to a neutral-to-bearish zone, indicating that while short-term dead-cat bounces are possible, the sector faces further near-term consolidation toward a crucial global price floor of \$3,200 to \$3,250," said Jain.

Aluminium prices on London Metal Exchange (LME) prices slumped over 8%

in June so far, after it rallied for six consecutive months, surging nearly 9% in March, at the peak of the war. On Tuesday it fell as much as \$3,333.75 after dropping nearly 5% on Monday.

"Considering the importance of aluminium, from consumption perspective these higher prices were not sustainable," Parthiv Jhonsa, VP, Anand Rath Institutional Equities. "LME prices are expected to be around \$3300 for FY27 and \$3175 for FY28."

Jhonsa said that the Q1 earnings for these companies could be robust due to increased margins on account of the spike in aluminium prices.

The Nifty Metal Index jumped nearly 7% from the war until Monday while benchmark Nifty declined 5.3% in the same period. "In the near term the rally is expected to be done, and investors are advised to allocate once the index corrects 5-8%," said Trivedi. "Nalco will become attractive after a 15% dip from current levels."

Jain said that Hindalco Industries remains the top defensive pick to accumulate on dips.

"More than half of its revenue comes from its US downstream subsidiary, Novelis, whose margins rely on processing conversion spreads rather than volatile primary LME prices, leaving it structurally insulated," he said.

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G7 sets up critical minerals alliance, platform to cut reliance on China

COORDINATED POLICY. Mechanism would start with two pilot critical minerals – lithium and nickel

Reuters

Evian-les Bains (France)

The Group of Seven leaders agreed on Wednesday to step up coordination to cut their countries' reliance on China for critical minerals, including plans to align stockpiling and launch a new platform with an expanded role for the International Energy Agency (IEA).

Western powers are racing to diversify supplies of metals vital to defence, technology and renewable energy and reduce dependence on China. Beijing rattled global markets last year when export curbs on permanent magnets disrupted industries, exposing their reliance on a single source.

Without naming China, the leaders said they aim to reduce dependence on any one supplier outside the G7 and partner countries for rare earths and permanent magnets to below 60 per cent by 2030, with an ultimate goal of 50 per cent "as soon as possible".

"We are committed to working towards establishing harmonised, interoperable mechanisms... This would start with two pilot critical minerals — lithium and nickel — and aim to avoid undermining competitiveness or imposing excessive cost burdens," the leaders said in a joint statement.

The mechanisms would later expand to five new minerals each year with a focus on rare earth elements.

NEW PLATFORM

The G7 will also set up a platform to coordinate policy, data sharing and crisis response, working with the IEA to monitor markets and flag risks, as first reported by Reuters.



LENDING A HAND. Prime Minister Narendra Modi helps US President Donald Trump up a step at the G7 summit, as other leaders and their spouses look on, in Evian-les-Bains, France. AP/PTI

The platform will draw on the agency for analysis and "early warnings of market distortions", the group said.

G7 countries and allies face the challenge of building full supply chains from mining to end-product, requiring billions of dollars of investment.

The leaders said G7 development finance institutions and export credit agencies should work together, including with the private sector, to back projects and infrastructure.

So far, countries have announced 195 projects since the start of 2026 with €64 billion (\$74 billion) in investment.

The statement added that countries would explore "price-gap subsidies, joint procurement instruments and trade-related instru-

ments such as quotas and price floors", including through "plurilateral trade agreements". The US is expected to propose legally binding deals with Japan and the EU this month.

EXCHANGE RATES

A joint statement issued by the leaders of the G7 group of the world's richest nations, meeting in France, pledged to stick to existing G7 exchange rate commitments, amid financial market turbulence linked to volatile oil prices.

"In order to strengthen crisis management and mitigate the impact of crises, which could contribute to stabilising energy markets, we encourage oil-importing countries to establish sufficient and effective oil reserve systems aligned with the In-

ternational Energy Agency (IEA) 90-day stockpiling requirement while avoiding pro-cyclical effects," said the statement.

"We also reaffirm our existing G7 exchange rate commitments," it added.

ANTHROPIC TALKS

G7 leaders pledged closer coordination on the risks and opportunities of advanced AI, while also discussing the creation of a "trusted partners" scheme granting access for non-US nations to advanced US AI models from firms like Anthropic.

In a joint statement on the final day, the leaders said they would task finance officials, regulators and cybersecurity experts with assessing how frontier AI models could impact financial stability, productivity and labour

markets. Cybersecurity experts are concerned that Anthropic's Mythos, developed to find coding flaws to bolster cyberdefences, could potentially turbo-charge attacks on the very systems it aims to protect.

AI executives from Anthropic, OpenAI and Google, which are all developing highly advanced models, attended a working lunch on Wednesday at the G7 to discuss regulation and AI infrastructure.

Europe is struggling to balance a push for greater sovereignty and less dependence on US tech and security, while also keeping pace with technological advances largely led by US tech firms that dominate cloud computing, semiconductor design and cutting-edge AI research.

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Sell copper futures at ₹1,325

Akhil Nallamuthu
bl. research bureau

Copper futures (₹1,338/kg) have been trading flat over the past few sessions. But it continues to trade below an important level, maintaining a bearish bias.



COMMODITY CALL

The June contract, which slipped below ₹1,350 nearly a couple of weeks ago, made a low of ₹1,305.20 on June 11. But it has recovered since then and is now hovering around ₹1,338.

That said, copper futures are trading below the support-turned-resistance of ₹1,350. There is a good chance for the contract to resume the decline on the back of this. A fresh leg of fall from here can drag the price to ₹1,275.

On the other hand, if copper futures break out of the

barrier at ₹1,350, the bulls could regain traction and lift the contract higher to ₹1,385. Resistance above ₹1,385 is at ₹1,420.

Overall, as it stands, copper futures trade below ₹1,350, retaining the bearish inclination. Therefore, traders can be short on the contract.

TRADE STRATEGY

Last week, we suggested selling copper futures at ₹1,325 with a stop-loss at ₹1,350. Retain this trade.

When the contract slips to ₹1,300, revise the stop-loss to ₹1,325. Book profits at ₹1,275.

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दुनिया के केंद्रीय बैंक खरीदेंगे अभी और सोना

■ दिल्ली, एजेंसियां. आर्थिक अनिश्चितता के दौर में दुनिया भर के केंद्रीय बैंकों का भरोसा कागजी मुद्रा के बजाय एक बार फिर सोने पर ज्यादा मजबूत हो रहा है.



वर्ल्ड गोल्ड काउंसिल के वार्षिक सर्वे ने यह साफ कर दिया है कि रिजर्व मैनेजर्स (आरक्षित निधि प्रबंधकों) के बीच अपने पोर्टफोलियो में सोने की हिस्सेदारी बढ़ाने को लेकर दीर्घकालिक रुझान है. सर्वे में दुनिया भर के 76 केंद्रीय बैंकों ने हिस्सा लिया,

कीमतों में आ सकता है तेज उछाल

जो अब तक का सबसे बड़ा आंकड़ा है. 84 फीसदी केंद्रीय बैंकों का मानना है कि पांच साल बाद कुल वैश्विक भंडार में सोने की हिस्सेदारी काफी ऊंची होगी. दिलचस्प बात यह है कि इस मामले में विकसित देशों, उभरते बाजारों व विकासशील अर्थव्यवस्थाओं के केंद्रीय बैंक एक सुर में बात कर रहे हैं. अंतरराष्ट्रीय मुद्रा कोष के आंकड़ों से पता चलता है कि वैश्विक भंडार में अमेरिकी डॉलर की हिस्सेदारी लगातार घट रही है. 74 फीसदी आरक्षित प्रबंधकों का अनुमान है कि पांच साल बाद वैश्विक भंडार में अमेरिकी डॉलर का हिस्सा वर्तमान के मुकाबले काफी कम हो जाएगा. वर्ल्ड गोल्ड काउंसिल सर्वे के नतीजों पर केंडिया एडवाइजरी के डायरेक्टर अजय केंडिया ने कहा कि दीर्घकालिक रूप से सोने की कीमतों का नजरिया तेज और आक्रामक बना हुआ है.

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हिन्दी कार्यशाला का सफल आयोजन

■ नागपुर, बिजनेस रिपोर्टर. भारतीय खान ब्यूरो मुख्यालय नागपुर में एक दिवसीय हिन्दी कार्यशाला का आयोजन किया गया. मुख्य अतिथि बीएनआईटी के विशेष कार्य अधिकारी सत्येंद्र प्रसाद सिंह थे. इस अवसर पर मुख्य खान नियंत्रक (एमईएस) वीजेके बाबू, खान नियंत्रक एवं राजभाषा अधिकारी बीएल गुर्जर व अन्य अधिकारी और कर्मचारी उपस्थित थे. कार्यशाला के अंतर्गत 3 महत्वपूर्ण व्याख्यान आयोजित किए गए. प्रथम व्याख्यान में बीएल गुर्जर ने 'ई-ऑफिस' कार्यप्रणाली से संबंधित जानकारी के विषय पर विस्तृत मार्गदर्शन किया. द्वितीय व्याख्यान में सत्येंद्र प्रसाद सिंह ने 'राजभाषा के उपयोग में कठिनाई और उसका व्यावहारिक समाधान' विषय पर विचार व्यक्त



किए. उन्होंने कहा कि अपनी मातृभाषा के प्रयोग करने में विलकुल भी हीनभावना से ग्रसित नहीं होना चाहिए. अभिनय शर्मा ने आभार व्यक्त किया. कार्यशाला को सफल बनाने के लिए वरिष्ठ अनुवाद अधिकारी असीम कुमार, श्रीनाथ राज, सुबोध कुमार, प्रदीप कुमार, कमल हेमराज बिरहा ने सहयोग किया.

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UK to grant India higher country-specific, residual export quotas for steel

Amiti Sen
New Delhi

The UK has agreed to grant India enhanced tariff-free export of steel through country-specific and residual steel import quotas, alongside access to its authorised use scheme (AUS), resolving a major sticking point in the bilateral free trade negotiations, said an official.

The breakthrough effectively shields Indian steel trade from severe disruptions as Britain's tighter steel safeguard measures take effect on July 1. Country-specific quotas provide individual countries with dedicated steel export quotas, while residual quotas offer additional access through shared pools open to all exporters. The AUS provides a further route for eligible steel products imported for specified industrial uses.

"The new safeguard regime is estimated to affect around 15 per cent of India's steel exports to the UK, worth about \$137 million a year. The rest of the \$1 billion of total steel exports [85 per cent of total steel exported to UK] are not affected by the safeguards," said an official tracking the matter.

There is, however, no understanding yet on the impact of the UK's proposed Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) levies, expected to be imposed from January 2027.

Discussions on the issue will take place once London finalises the framework, the official pointed out. "The UK



will impose carbon levy on the lines of EU from 2027. Even the 85 per cent 'protected' volumes under the CETA steel deal could face indirect pressure from CBAM costs. The two policies together create a dual challenge for UK market access," said Ajay Srivastava from research body GTRI.

While interests of the MSME steel sector, which had called for special carve-outs for six steel product categories, including hot-rolled steel sheets and strips and a variety of rods, bars and pipes, were given priority in the negotiations, the final deal was drafted within the "realm of reality", said the official.

India had put the India-UK comprehensive economic and trade agreement — signed in July 2025 — on hold when London announced its new safeguard measures to be implemented from July 1, 2026. Under the new regime, tariff free import quotas are to be slashed, while duties on shipments exceeding the quota are to be near-doubled to 50 per cent.

However, after the two countries reached a resolution on June 17, an announcement was made on the implementation of the India-UK CETA on July 15.

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Dependence on thermal coal imports seen firm at 175-190 mt by 2030

Our Bureau
Mumbai

India's dependence on quality thermal coal imports to remain firm in the range of 175-190 million tonne by 2030, supported by roughly 50 million tonne of demand from import-dependent coal-based power plants.

Pritish Raj, Senior Manager, APAC & EMEA Thermal Coal, S&P Global, said even without direct disruption, coal has been pulled into this broader price cycle and has entered into yet another year of record-high global coal consumption in 2026, with limited downside risk even if growth moderates.

While policymakers in India are targeting a reduction in imports, particularly with plans to substitute up to 20 per cent through domestic coal blending in import-based capacity, this transition will be gradual and extend toward the end of the decade, with import reliance structurally intact at least through 2030, he added.

Higher blending ratios introduce efficiency losses, increased maintenance, and require meaningful capital investment. Hence, coal continues to serve as a reliable and cost-effective cornerstone of India's energy system, particularly in an increasingly uncertain global environment.

While cement and sponge iron industries may incrementally increase the use of domestic coal, their ability to fully substitute imported material remains constrained by efficiency considerations and process requirements.

POWER DEMAND

Therefore, even in the non-power segment, imported



coal demand is likely to see only gradual and limited displacement, said Raj.

On the sharp increase in power demand, S&P Global said the global data centre sector is experiencing explosive growth, with power demand projected to increase 18 per cent annually over 2025-30.

This surge could add an incremental 1,000-1,500 TWh by 2030, equivalent to the total current power consumption of Japan or India.

Jenny Yang, Global Head of Power and Renewables Research at S&P Global Energy said the demand for power from data centres in India is expected to grow over 25 per cent annually.

DOMESTIC DEMAND

India's strong domestic demand and relatively lower baseline capacity offer significant headroom for rapid expansion.

Geopolitical disruptions such as West Asia reinforces the importance of geographic diversification in cloud architectures, creating incremental demand for secondary, disaster-recovery and overflow capacity for which India is increasingly considered a viable location, she said.

However, the ability to capitalise on this demand depends on power infrastructure readiness, she added.

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Stay off zinc futures, as their direction lacks clarity

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Zinc futures (₹368/kg) saw an increase in price over the last week. However, the rally does not have enough strength to surpass the prior high. As it stands, the price action shows that the contract is potentially in a consolidation phase.

COMMODITY CALL.

The June futures has been trading between ₹357 and ₹375 over the last month. Unless either of these levels are breached, the path of the next leg of trend will remain uncertain. If the bulls gain traction, leading to a breakout of ₹375, zinc futures can rally to ₹400. On the other hand, if



zinc futures breaches the support at ₹357, the outlook could turn bearish and the price could drop to ₹340.

So, overall, as it stands, although the long-term trend has been bullish, the contract is now in a sideways band.

TRADE STRATEGY

Since there is a lack of clarity in the direction of short-term trend, traders can stay out. Consider fresh positions along the direction of the break of the ₹357-375 range.

LOKMAT (MARATHI)

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‘गडचिरोलीच्या सहा लोहखनिज खाणी राज्य सरकारला द्या’

लोकमत न्यूज नेटवर्क

मुंबई : महाराष्ट्राला देशातील ‘ग्रीन स्टील हब’ बनविण्याच्या उद्देशाने केंद्रीय कोळसा व खनिकर्म मंत्रालयाने गडचिरोलीतील सहा लोहखनिज खाणी महाराष्ट्र राज्य खनिज महामंडळाला द्याव्यात, अशी मागणी मुख्यमंत्री देवेंद्र फडणवीस यांनी केंद्रीय कोळसा व खनिकर्म मंत्री जी. किशन रेड्डी यांच्याकडे केली.

या खाणी राज्य शासनाला मिळाल्यास दोन वर्षात कार्यान्वित करून २०३०पर्यंत उत्पादन सुरू करून पुढील काळात स्टील उत्पादन निर्यातदार म्हणून भारताला पुढे आणू, असा विश्वास मुख्यमंत्र्यांनी यावेळी व्यक्त केला. राज्यातील खनिकर्म व उर्जा निर्मितीसंदर्भात फडणवीस यांच्या अध्यक्षतेखाली वर्षा या शासकीय निवासस्थानी रेड्डी यांच्या समवेत बैठक झाली. यावेळी केंद्रीय खनिकर्म राज्यमंत्री सतीशचंद्र दुबे, राज्याचे खनिकर्म राज्यमंत्री पंकज भोयर, उर्जा विभागाच्या (पान १० वर)



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गडचिरोलीच्या ६ लोहखनिज खाणी राज्य सरकारला द्या

(पान १ वरून) अतिरिक्त मुख्य सचिव आभा शुक्ला, केंद्रीय अतिरिक्त सचिव वीणा कुमारी आदी उपस्थित होते. मुख्यमंत्री फडणवीस म्हणाले की, गडचिरोलीमधील लोहखनिज देशातील सर्वाधिक दर्जेदार खनिजांपैकी एक आहे. त्यामुळे गडचिरोली हे भविष्यात देशातील महत्त्वाचे औद्योगिक व पोलाद उत्पादन केंद्र म्हणून विकसित होईल. यातून तीन लाख कोटींची गुंतवणूक येईल आणि लाखो रोजगार निर्माण होतील. या खाणी राज्य महामंडळाला दिल्यास राज्य सरकार पारदर्शक पद्धतीने खनिजांचे वितरण पोलाद उत्पादकांना करू शकेल. यामुळे खाणी दोन वर्षात कार्यान्वित करता येतील आणि देशातील पोलाद उत्पादनाला गती मिळेल. ओडिशा राज्य महामंडळाला देण्यात आलेल्या बॉक्साइट खाण क्षेत्राच्या धर्तीवर महाराष्ट्राने मागितलेले सुमारे १,३०० हेक्टर क्षेत्र मंजूर केल्यास राज्यातील औद्योगिक विकासाला मोठी चालना मिळेल.

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अनुरोध : मुख्यमंत्री देवेंद्र फडणवीस ने की अपील, 'ग्रीन स्टील हब' बनाने में मिलेगी मदद 6 लौह अयस्क खदानें MSMC को दें

■ नागपुर, व्यापार प्रतिनिधि. महाराष्ट्र सरकार ने केंद्र सरकार से गडचिरोली में स्थित 6 लौह अयस्क खदानों को महाराष्ट्र राज्य खनन निगम (एमएसएनएमसी) को आवंटित करने का अनुरोध किया है. मुख्यमंत्री देवेंद्र फडणवीस ने मुंबई में केंद्रीय कोयला एवं खनन मंत्री जी. किशन रेड्डी के साथ बैठक के दौरान यह मांग रखी. उन्होंने कहा कि इससे राज्य को 'ग्रीन स्टील हब' (हरित इस्पात केंद्र) में बदलने में मदद मिलेगी. केंद्रीय खनन राज्य मंत्री सतीश चंद्र दुबे, महाराष्ट्र के खनन राज्य मंत्री पंकज भोयर और केंद्र एवं राज्य के वरिष्ठ अधिकारी इस बैठक में उपस्थित रहे. फडणवीस ने कहा कि यदि

ये खदानें राज्य निगम को आवंटित की जाती हैं, तो इन्हें 2 वर्षों के भीतर चालू किया जा सकता है. वहीं 2030 तक उत्पादन शुरू हो सकता है. इससे भारत के एक इस्पात निर्यातक देश के रूप में उभरने में मदद मिलेगी. उन्होंने कहा कि पूर्वी महाराष्ट्र का गडचिरोली क्षेत्र देश के उच्चतम गुणवत्ता वाले लौह अयस्क भंडार में से एक है. इसमें प्रमुख औद्योगिक एवं इस्पात निर्माण केंद्र बनने की क्षमता है. साथ ही यह लगभग तीन लाख करोड़ रुपये का निवेश आकर्षित कर सकता है और लाखों रोजगार उत्पन्न कर सकता है. मुख्यमंत्री ने बताया कि इस जिले में लौह अयस्क के साथ-साथ चूना पत्थर

और इस्पात उत्पादन के लिए आवश्यक अन्य खनिज भी प्रचुर मात्रा में उपलब्ध हैं. उन्होंने कहा कि इसके अलावा गडचिरोली में वामपंथी उग्रवाद में कमी आने से औद्योगिक विकास के लिए अनुकूल वातावरण बना है. फडणवीस ने बताया कि महाराष्ट्र में 40 से अधिक खनिज ब्लॉक नीलामी के लिए तैयार हैं और 34 चिन्हित ब्लॉक में से 14 के लिए प्रक्रिया शुरू हो चुकी है. राज्य ने 2030 तक पांच करोड़ टन लौह अयस्क उत्पादन का लक्ष्य रखा है. सूत्रों के अनुसार, रेड्डी ने इस मांग पर सकारात्मक प्रतिक्रिया दी और कोयला गुणवत्ता से जुड़े विवादों को कम करने तथा बिजली उत्पादन कंपनियों को वित्तीय नुकसान से बचाने के लिए एक स्वचालित नमूना परीक्षण प्रणाली शुरू करने का निर्देश दिया.

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'Gold imports drop 70 pc to 30 tonnes after duty hike'

NEW DELHI, June 18 (PTI)

INDIA'S gold imports have reduced about 70 per cent to 25-30 tonnes after customs duty on the yellow metal was more than doubled to 15 percent, an official said on Thursday.

Effective May 13, import duty on gold and silver has been increased to 15 per cent from 6 per cent.

"Gold imports have been reduced to 25-30 tonnes after an import duty hike in a month, from 75-100 tonnes earlier," the official said.

However, in value terms, India's gold imports rose by 34

per cent year-on-year to USD 3.41 billion in May, driven by higher prices of the precious metal. During April-May 2026-27, gold imports surged 60.14 per cent to USD 9.04 billion.

In the last FY26, gold imports rose 24 per cent to hit an all-time high of USD 71.98 billion. In volume terms, however, imports dipped 4.76 per cent to 721.03 tonnes.

Gold imports in India, the world's second-biggest gold consumer after China, are driven by the jewellery industry demand. Such imports involve substantial outflow of foreign exchange.

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CM urges Centre to allot six iron ore mines in Gadchiroli to Maharashtra

Major push to 'Green Steel Hub' in State

MUMBAI

In a major push to transform Maharashtra into a 'Green Steel Hub', chief minister Devendra Fadnavis on Thursday urged the Union ministry of coal and mines to allocate six key iron ore mines in Gadchiroli district to Maharashtra State Mining Corporation (MSMC). The chief minister made this pitch during a high-level meeting with Union minister for coal and mines, G Kishan Reddy.



Fadnavis expressed strong confidence that if these mines are handed over to the State government, they will be made operational within two years, with full-scale production commencing by 2030, eventually driving India forward as a dominant global steel exporter.

He highlighted that Gadchiroli possesses some of the highest-grade iron ore deposits in the country.

Alongside rich limestone reserves and other minerals essential for steel manufacturing, the region is uniquely positioned to become a vital industrial and steel production powerhouse.

"With nearby coal mines, abundant water resources, and rapidly developing infrastructure, Gadchiroli offers an exceptionally favourable ecosystem for the steel industry," Fadnavis stated.

DAINIK BHASKAR

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रक्षा मंत्री राजनाथ आज नागपुर दौरे पर 10 हजार टन के एल्यूमिनियम प्लांट की रखेंगे आधारशिला

भास्कर न्यूज | नागपुर. केंद्रीय रक्षा मंत्री राजनाथ सिंह शुक्रवार को नागपुर दौरे पर रहेंगे। वे विशेष विमान से सुबह करीब 11 बजे नागपुर पहुंचेंगे।



इसके बाद अंबाझरी स्थित यंत्र इंडिया लिमिटेड (वाईआईएल) के आयुध निर्माणी परिसर में 10 हजार टन क्षमता वाले एल्यूमिनियम

एक्सट्रूजन प्रेस परियोजना का भूमिपूजन करेंगे। इस अवसर पर मुख्यमंत्री देवेंद्र फडणवीस, रक्षा उत्पादन विभाग के सचिव संजीव कुमार और रक्षा मंत्रालय और यंत्र इंडिया लिमिटेड के चरिष्ठ अधिकारी मौजूद रहेंगे। रक्षा मंत्रालय के अनुसार यह परियोजना देश की रक्षा और एयरोस्पेस उत्पादन क्षमता को मजबूत करेगी। नए प्लांट में रक्षा क्षेत्र के लिए उच्च गुणवत्ता वाले एल्यूमिनियम कंपोनेंट्स तैयार किए जाएंगे। इससे महत्वपूर्ण रक्षा उपकरणों के लिए आयात पर निर्भरता कम होगी।

THE ECONOMIC TIMES DATE:20/6/2026 P.NO.05

PLI, Duty Sops Soon for Lithium, N

Govt aims to build domestic refining capacity and reduce dependence on overseas proce

Twesh Mishra

New Delhi: India is set to approve incentives for setting up lithium and nickel processing units as it seeks to build domestic refining capacity and reduce dependence on overseas processors.

The proposed scheme, which is close to securing approvals, will offer production-linked incentives and waive import duties on capital goods needed to establish processing facilities, a senior government official told ET.

"Lithium and nickel processing unit incentive scheme is close to securing all approvals," the official

Critical Call

ON OFFER

₹2,000 CR

Size of proposed PLI scheme

Duty waivers on capital goods needed to set up processing units

Incentives align with efforts to expand critical minerals ecosystem

India dependent on imports for lithium, cobalt and nickel

China accounts for over half of global lithium processing capacity, third of world's nickel



said, adding that it aligns with broader efforts to expand India's critical minerals ecosystem.

The scheme could provide production-linked incentives worth about Rs 2,000 crore, in addition to duty waivers on capital goods.

"An import duty waiver on capital goods will allow speedier setting up of processing units supported by the scheme," the official said.

The move builds on the Rs 16,300 crore National Critical Minerals Mission (NCMM), which aims to secure supplies and strengthen the entire value chain, from exploration and mining to beneficiation, processing and recovery from end-of-life products.

Nickel Processing

processors; scheme may offer ₹2kcr incentives

India remains entirely dependent on imports for lithium, cobalt and nickel, with no domestic production of these minerals, according to the Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis.

China dominates the global lithium supply chain, accounting for more than half of global lithium processing capacity. It also processes about one-third of the world's nickel supply.

The government is keen to have refining capacity in place by the time domestic mines begin production.

The mines ministry auctioned two blocks containing nickel, platinum and chromium in Bihar and Karnataka in July 2024. The

Katghora lithium and rare earth element block in Chhattisgarh was auctioned a month earlier. These minerals are critical for electric vehicles, defence and space applications.

India's annual demand for lithium-ion batteries is projected to increase fivefold to about 210 GWh by 2030. The National Programme on Advanced Chemistry Cell Battery Storage aims to create 50 GWh of domestic manufacturing capacity.

In addition, at least 10 manufacturers have announced plans to set up a combined 178 GWh of capacity in the country over the next five years, according to an official statement.

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Brokerages turn bullish on Vedanta Aluminium, see up to 30% upside

Our Bureau
Mumbai

Leading global and domestic brokerages have initiated coverage on Vedanta Aluminium, underscoring confidence in the company's market leadership, growth trajectory, improving cost competitiveness and ability to create significant shareholder value as a standalone listed entity.

Citi has assigned a 'Buy' rating with a target of ₹560 per share, while Kotak Institutional Equities has assigned a fair value of ₹600 per share, implying potential upside of up to 30 per cent from current levels. With about 2.9 million tonnes per annum (mtpa) of installed capacity and an estimated 62 per cent share of the domestic market, the company is well positioned to benefit



from growing aluminium demand. Citi expects EBITDA and profit CAGRs of about 15 per cent and 26 per cent, respectively, over FY26-29.

Kotak expects EBITDA and profit CAGRs of about 23 per cent and 33 per cent, respectively, and believes the company deserves a premium valuation given its strong free cash flow profile, visible volume growth and significant cost-reduction opportunities.

CAPACITY EXPANSION

Both brokerages highlighted Vedanta Aluminium's industry-leading growth runway, with capacity additions and debottlenecking initiatives expected to drive a volume CAGR of about 6 per cent through FY29.

Citi expects captive alumina sourcing to increase to about 75 per cent by FY27, supported by the expanded Lanjigarh refinery and commencement of the Sijimali bauxite mine. Kotak estimates that the commissioning of the 9 mtpa Sijimali bauxite mine and four key coal mines could reduce production costs by about \$150 per tonne and enhance profitability.

Vedanta Aluminium commenced trading on stock exchanges on June 15, following the demerger of Vedanta into separate sector-focused listed entities.

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खोज**4 ठिकानों से निकलेगा हजारों करोड़ का गोल्ड, AP हो सकता है सप्लायर**

भारत में मिला सोने का नया भंडार

■ हैदराबाद, नवभारत न्यूज नेटवर्क. भारत में सोने के प्रति लोगों की दीवानगी जगजाहिर है, लेकिन अब इस दीवानगी को घरेलू स्तर पर एक बहुत बड़ी मजबूती मिलने वाली है. देश के दक्षिणी राज्य आंध्र प्रदेश से एक बेहद उत्साहजनक खबर सामने आई है, जहां के कुरनूल जिले में करीब 50 टन सोने के विशाल भंडार का पता चला है. इस ऐतिहासिक खोज के बाद आंध्र प्रदेश आने वाले कुछ ही सालों में देश के भीतर सोने का सबसे बड़ा उत्पादक और सप्लायर बनकर उभर सकता है. इस भंडार से न केवल घरेलू स्तर पर सोने के उत्पादन में भारी तेजी आएगी, बल्कि विदेशों से होने वाले महंगे गोल्ड इम्पोर्ट पर भारत की निर्भरता भी काफी हद तक कम होने की उम्मीद है. अन्य संभावित क्षेत्रों की भी हुई पहचान आंध्र प्रदेश के माईस विभाग के प्रधान सचिव मुकेश कुमार मीणा ने एक प्रेस कॉन्फ्रेंस के दौरान इस बड़ी कामयाबी की आधिकारिक पुष्टि की. उन्होंने बताया कि विभाग ने केवल जोन्नागिरी ही नहीं, बल्कि राज्य में सोने के खनन के लिए चार और संभावित स्थलों को चिन्हित किया है. इन जगहों में रामागिरी, जक्कुला और

एक टन मलबे से महज एक ग्राम सोना

धरती के सीने से सोना निकालना दिखने में जितना आकर्षक लगता है, हकीकत में यह प्रक्रिया उतनी ही जटिल और खर्चीली है. मुकेश कुमार मीणा ने इस बात पर विशेष जोर दिया कि गोल्ड माइनिंग के लिए भारी-भरकम पूंजी निवेश के साथ-साथ बेहद खास तकनीकी ज्ञान की आवश्यकता होती है. यही वजह है कि सरकार ने पारदर्शी टेंडर प्रक्रिया के जरिए निजी कंपनियों को इस काम की कमान सौंपने का फैसला किया है.

चिगुरुकुटा बिस्नाटम जैसी साइट्स शामिल हैं. हालांकि इन सभी में जोन्नागिरी सबसे प्रमुख है, जहां अकेले ही 50 टन सोना मौजूद होने का मजबूत अनुमान जताया गया है. राज्य सरकार अब इन खनिज-समृद्ध इलाकों में आगे की खोज और उनके व्यापक विकास के लिए एक बड़ी कार्ययोजना तैयार कर रही है. **जोन्नागिरी में खजाने की खोज का पूरा गणित :** इस खजाने के कर्मशिवल प्रोडक्शन की तैयारियों पर बात करते हुए अधिकारियों ने बताया कि कुरनूल के जोन्नागिरी गांव में लगभग एक दशक पहले ही सोने के खनन के लिए 1,500 एकड़ जमीन आवंटित की



भारत की सोने की भूख

भारत में हर साल लगभग 800 टन सोने की भारी-भरकम खपत होती है, लेकिन इसके मुकाबले हमारा घरेलू उत्पादन न के बराबर है. साल 2000 में कर्नाटक की मशहूर कोलार गोल्ड फील्ड्स के बंद होने के बाद से भारत का घरेलू उत्पादन लगातार गत में गया है. वर्तमान समय में कर्नाटक की सरकारी हुट्टी गोल्ड माइन्स ही देश की एकमात्र बड़ी और सक्रिय सोने की खदान बची है, जिससे सालाना महज 1.5 टन सोने का उत्पादन हो पाता है.

गई थी. हालांकि, शुरुआती दौर में केवल 500 एकड़ क्षेत्र में ही खोज कार्य किया जा सका था, जहां लगभग 13 टन सोना मिलने की संभावना जताई गई थी. अब बची हुई 1,000 एकड़ जमीन पर भी जल्द ही नए सिरे से खोज का काम शुरू किया जाएगा. इस पूरे बेल्ट को मिलाकर कुल रिजर्व 50 टन के पार जाने की उम्मीद है. इस पूरी महत्वाकांक्षी परियोजना को गति देने के लिए मुख्यमंत्री चंद्रबाबु नायडू इसी महीने के अंत में आधिकारिक रूप से जोन्नागिरी गोल्ड माइनिंग के काम की शुरुआत करेंगे.

9,000 करोड़ आंकी गई सोने की

कीमत : भारतीय बाजार के मौजूदा समीकरणों के लिहाज से देखें तो जोन्नागिरी में मिले इस 50 टन सोने के भंडार की अनुमानित कीमत करीब 7,500 करोड़ रुपये से लेकर 9,000 करोड़ रुपये के बीच आंकी जा रही है. चूंकि सराफा बाजार में सोने के भाव रोजाना अंतरराष्ट्रीय परिस्थितियों के हिसाब से बदलते रहते हैं, इस खजाने की अंतिम वैल्यूएशन में थोड़ा बहुत उतार-चढ़ाव देखने को मिल सकता है. बहरहाल, इतनी बड़ी मात्रा में सोने की उपलब्धता देश की अर्थव्यवस्था और स्थानीय रोजगार के परिदृश्य को बदलने की ताकत रखती है.

THE HITAVADA DATE:22/6/2026 P.NO.04

ED attaches over Rs 1,000 cr assets in Goa 'illegal' iron ore mining case

NEW DELHI, June 21 (PTI)

THE Enforcement Directorate on Sunday said it has attached assets worth more than Rs 1,023 crore, including properties located in Singapore, in an alleged illegal iron ore mining case in Goa.

A provisional order has been issued on June 19 under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) in the matter pertaining to large-scale illegal iron ore mining by the Salgaocar Groups and associates (AVS Group), the central agency said in a statement.

The attached assets include 99 immovable properties located in India (Rs 459.10 crore), 31 immovable properties in Singapore (Rs 471.32 crore) and equity shares in Indian companies (Rs 93.42 crore) held in the names the Estate of Late Anil Salgaocar (through its administrator Lakshmi Anil Salgaocar), Salgaocar Mining Industries, Shantilal Khushaldas & Brothers, S Kantilal & Co., Salitho Ores, Vertex Newton Projects, And Subarnarekha Port, according to the ED. The total value of the assets is Rs 1,023.85 crore.

The money laundering investigation stems from a FIR of the Goa Police CID.

ED summons ex-Keralam CM's daughter again

KOCHI, June 21 (PTI)

THE ED has issued a fresh notice to former Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan's daughter Veena T, asking her to appear for questioning on June 29 in a money laundering case linked to mining company CMRL and her now-defunct IT firm, sources said on Sunday. This will be the second round of questioning of Veena by the central agency in the case. She was questioned for over nine hours at the Enforcement Directorate (ED) Kochi office on June 17 in connection with the case registered under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

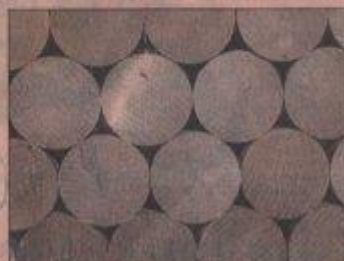
THE ECONOMIC TIMES DATE:22/6/2026 P.NO.11

Dark Transits, Chinese Supply Blunt Aluminum's War Shock

The Iran war caused one of the biggest supply shocks to ever hit the aluminum market, but the runaway price surge that many were bracing for has been blunted by the ingenuity of producers from West Asia to China.

When the conflict began, market watchers warned that unless the Strait of Hormuz reopened quickly, smelters were likely to run out of raw materials within weeks, potentially forcing widespread shutdowns that would plunge the global market into crisis and send prices to record highs above \$4,000 a ton. Those fears escalated dramatically when Iran targeted smelters in the region in missile strikes, and there was broad agreement that aluminum looked set to be one of the worst-hit commodities outside of oil and gas.

However, in recent weeks West Asian smelters have carried out a series of complex logistical operations—including daring voyages through the strait—to replenish reserves of alumina and other raw materials, helping to avert broad closures in a region that accounts for nearly 10% of global supply. And outside the Gulf, smelters in



REUTERS

China and Indonesia have been key in keeping the global market in check as buyers wait for exports to rebound.

Now, with analysts, traders and investors staking their bets on where prices are heading next, stark disagreements are emerging on how quickly the market will recover from the squeeze.

"A full-blown physical supply freeze has been averted thanks to a combination of rerouted Middle Eastern alumina imports, rising Chinese exports, and ramping Indonesian production," said Amelia Xiao Fu, head of commodities strategy at Bank of China Int'l. "While the market managed to survive the last few months by drawing down inventories, these operational buffers have now been decreased." **Bloomberg**

THE HITAVADA (CITYLINE) DATE:23/6/2026 P.NO.07

Indian Bureau of Mines



ll well-being.

THE Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) celebrated the 12th International Day of Yog at its headquarters with enthusiastic participation from officers and staff. Guided by yog expert Vinay Kumar Saxena, participants performed yog asanas, pranayama and meditation exercises. Pankaj Kulshrestha, Controller General, encouraged regular yoga practice to enhance physical fitness, mental resilience and over-

BUSINESS LINE DATE:23/6/2026 P.NO.10

Platinum, palladium lose glitter, but may gain by the end of third quarter

THE DECIDING FACTOR. Prices may rebound, but may drop another 10% if the war in West Asia continues

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After a sizzling start to the year, platinum and palladium have dropped by 19 per cent and 23 per cent, respectively, this year. However, both precious metals are likely to gain by the end of the third quarter this year, analysts said.

"Platinum and palladium prices will return to levels above \$2,000 an ounce (oz) and \$1,500/oz, respectively, by the end of Q3 2026. However, if talks (between the US and Iran) break down and the conflict escalates further, platinum and palladium could decline by another 10 per cent this year on fears of a global recession," said research agency BMI, a unit of Fitch Solutions.

At the moment, the BMI macro team predicts a 45 per

cent probability of the Iran war escalating further.

Bank of America said the rally in the platinum group of metals (platinum and palladium) had lost steam since late January, largely tracking moves on gold.

Further, ongoing macro headwinds from the conflict in West Asia add downside risk to the demand for industrial metals.

BULLISH FOR Q4

"That said, we remain bullish on gold into 4Q, which we expect will draw investors back into the PGM market and add upward pressure to prices," it said.

Currently, platinum is quoted near a six-month low of \$1,668/oz, and palladium is ruling near an 8-month low of \$1,263.5 an ounce. Both metals have lost steam after gold peaked at \$5,608 an ounce on January 19.



MUTED TRADE. Currently, platinum is quoted near a six-month low of \$1,668/oz, and palladium is ruling near an 8-month low of \$1,263.5 an ounce

The World Platinum Investment Council (WPIC) said the platinum deficit this year is forecast at 297,000 oz.

"Further above-ground stocks have depleted to just under three months' worth of cover to meet global demand projected by the end of 2026," it said.

Bank of America forecast a shifting demand in PGM markets, as platinum is expected to see a small deficit this year while palladium is forecast to see a small surplus.

PRICE FORECAST

"We forecast platinum and

palladium prices to average \$2,000/oz and \$1,500/oz, respectively, in 2026," said BMI.

Bank of America expects platinum prices to average around \$3,000 oz by the fourth quarter of 2026 and through the first half of 2027. Palladium prices are forecast to average around \$2,200 an ounce in the last three months of the year.

BMI said the sentiment in the PGM market is being dampened by concerns of inflation, a stronger dollar and diminished hopes of US Fed rate cuts.

"Our economists have lowered their 2026 global growth forecast to 2.4 per cent, down from 2.8 per cent before the US-Iran conflict began, while increasing their global inflation forecast to 4.1 per cent from 3.1 per cent previously," said the research agency.

NAVBHARAT (NAGPUR PLUS) DATE:23/6/2026 P.NO.04

स्वस्थ जीवनशैली को बढ़ावा देने के लिए योग आवश्यक

भारतीय खान ब्यूरो

■ नागपुर, बिजनेस रिपोर्टर. भारतीय खान ब्यूरो मुख्यालय में अंतरराष्ट्रीय योग दिवस पर विशेष कार्यक्रम का आयोजन किया गया. कार्यालय परिसर में आयोजित योग संगम में कार्यालय के अधिकारियों व कर्मचारियों ने बड़े ही उत्साह से भाग लिया. योग विशेषज्ञ विनय कुमार सक्सेना के मार्गदर्शन में उपस्थित प्रतिभागियों ने विभिन्न श्वास अभ्यासों और आसनों का प्रदर्शन किया. सक्सेना ने भारत सरकार के आयुष मंत्रालय द्वारा जारी कॉमन योग प्रोटोकॉल का पालन करते हुए सभी प्रतिभागियों को योग



आसन और प्राणायाम का अभ्यास कराया तथा योग को अपने दैनिक जीवन का अभिन्न अंग बनाने का संकल्प भी दिलाया. इस दौरान भारतीय खान ब्यूरो के महानियंत्रक पंकज कुलश्रेष्ठ ने समापन अभिभाषण में शारीरिक और मानसिक स्वास्थ्य को बढ़ाने के लिए दैनिक जीवन में योग और ध्यान को शामिल करने के महत्व पर बल दिया. कार्यालय

के अधिकारियों व कर्मचारियों ने अच्छे स्वास्थ्य, खुशहाली, आत्मिक शांति एवं सक्रिय जीवनशैली के लिए योग के महत्व को समझते हुए सुबह के इस जीवंत योग सत्र का भरपूर लाभ उठाया. योग दिवस के इस आयोजन में मुख्य खान नियंत्रक (एमडीआर) डॉ. वाईजी काले, मुख्य खान भविष्यनी एसके अधिकारी, खान नियंत्रक (टीएमपी) बीएल गुर्जर तथा खान नियंत्रक (एमटीएस) पुष्पेंद्र गौड़ प्रमुखता से उपस्थित थे.

DAINIK BHASKAR DATE:23/6/2026 P.NO.16

दैनिक जीवन में योग अपनाने का संकल्प



नागपुर। भारतीय खान ब्यूरो (इंडियन ब्यूरो ऑफ माइंस) मुख्यालय में योग कार्यक्रम आयोजित किया गया। इस वर्ष की थीम 'स्वस्थ वृद्धावस्था के लिए योग' रही। इसमें अधिकारियों एवं कर्मचारियों ने उत्साह के साथ भाग लिया। योग विशेषज्ञ विनय कुमार सक्सेना ने मार्गदर्शन किया। इस दौरान निर्मित योग करने का संकल्प दिलाया गया। ब्यूरो के महानियंत्रक पंकज कुलश्रेष्ठ ने अधिकारियों एवं कर्मचारियों को योग को दैनिक जीवन में अपनाने के लिए प्रेरित किया। कार्यक्रम में डॉ. वाय. जी. काले, एस. के. अधिकारी, बी. एल. गुर्जर एवं पुष्पेंद्र गौड़ विशेष रूप से उपस्थित रहे।

BUSINESS STANDARD
DATE:23/6/2026 P.NO.02

Hindustan Zinc signs MoU to explore green hydrogen

Vedanta group firm Hindustan Zinc Ltd on Monday announced its collaboration with Advantek Associates LLP and Aero Eagle Automobiles Pvt Ltd to evaluate green hydrogen and alternative clean-energy solutions across its operations. The collaboration will explore adoption of innovative technologies aimed at reducing carbon emissions and enabling a transition to low-carbon, future-ready mining. "Through this MoU (Memorandum of Understanding), Hindustan Zinc is set to pioneer the use of hydrogen fuel for underground mining applications, positioning it to become the only company to deploy this technology in such environments," the company said. PTI

BUSINESS STANDARD DATE:24/6/2026 P.NO.07

Commitments for recycling critical minerals scheme treble

SAKET KUMAR

New Delhi, 23 June

India's efforts to build a domestic ecosystem of critical minerals have received a boost, with commitments under the government's ₹1,500 crore recycling scheme reaching 850 kilotonnes per annum (ktpa) against a target of 270 ktpa, said Mines Secretary Piyush Goyal on Tuesday.

Another scheme to develop a domestic value chain of processing battery minerals is nearing finalisation, he added. He was speaking at a conference organised by the Materials Recycling Association of India (MRAI). The scheme could generate an annual capacity to recycle 300,000 tonnes of ewaste by 2030, he said. The recycling scheme, launched under the National Critical Mineral Mission, has approved 58 recyclers and is expected to

Centre auctions 10 critical mineral blocks in seventh tranche

The Union Ministry of Mines has auctioned 10 critical and strategic mineral blocks under the seventh tranche of auction, expanding the geographical footprint of India's critical-mineral programme and strengthening efforts to secure domestic supplies of key raw materials.

This tranche included blocks containing graphite, rare-earth elements, vanadium, titanium, glauconite and rock phosphate.

This was the first time that critical-mineral blocks were auctioned in Gujarat, Uttarakhand and Telangana.

With the latest awards, the number of critical and strategic mineral blocks auctioned has risen to 56. The ministry said this represented a success rate of more than 63 per cent. **BS REPORTER**

Indian companies hold critical mineral assets overseas. They include lithium and cobalt resources in Africa and elsewhere, but the lack of processing infrastructure in the country has limited value addition here, he said.

The government is accelerating domestic exploration and mining. While the target is 1,200 exploration projects by 2031, Goyal said the ministry expected the number to exceed 2,000, supported by greater participation from private exploration agencies. So far, 571 projects have been completed and another 300 are expected to be completed this year. In mining, India in FY26 auctioned a record 212 mineral blocks and operationalised 36 mines. They include 28 greenfield projects. The Centre is aiming to operationalise 50-60 greenfield mines in FY27.

help India emerge as a major global hub for critical-mineral recycling by 2030.

The programme incentivises recovering 27 critical minerals, with benefits linked to mineral extraction and processing rather than black mass

production. Alongside recycling, the government is moving to address a gap in the supply chain of critical minerals. Goyal said the ministry was close to finalising the scheme for battery minerals after six rounds of stakeholder consultations.

THE HINDU DATE:24/6/2026 P.NO.15

'56 critical, strategic mineral blocks auctioned till date'

The Union Mines Ministry informed on Tuesday that it had auctioned 10 critical and strategic mineral blocks associated with the seventh tranche of auctions, implying that 56 of 88 mineral blocks had been cumulatively auctioned across all tranches till date. The seventh tranche, which commenced March 23 this year, offered 19 mineral blocks. The Ministry also informed it had completed the second tranche of exploration licence auctions.

BUSINESS LINE DATE:24/6/2026 P.NO.08

Short aluminium futures if they slip below ₹350

Akhil Nallamuthu

bl research bureau

Aluminium futures (₹346/kg) since early June has been on a decline. Over the past week, it breached a couple of important supports, and the outlook is bearish now.

Since June futures are nearing expiry (June 30), we shall consider the July contract for analysis and trade recommendation.

COMMODITY CALL.

The July contract slipped below the support at ₹360 last week. While it has been charting a sideways trend post the breakdown, on Tuesday, the contract breached another support at ₹350. The price action indicates that the downward momentum is strong and the nearest notable support is at ₹330. Hence, the likelihood of a further decline is high.

If aluminium futures re-



claim ₹360, it could extend the rise to ₹375. However, given the bearish price action, a rally is unlikely.

TRADE STRATEGY

Last week, we suggested going short on the June contract if it slips below ₹350.

Traders who initiated this trade can retain it with a stop-loss at ₹360. Exit at ₹330. In case neither target nor stop-loss is triggered before expiry, consider exiting at the prevailing price.

Traders looking for new opportunities can sell July futures at ₹350. Target and stop-loss can be ₹330 and ₹360, respectively.

THE HITAVADA DATE:24/6/2026 P.NO.09

Centre auctions 10 critical mineral blocks in 7th round

NEW DELHI, June 23 (PTI)

THE Centre on Tuesday sold 10 critical and strategic mineral blocks in the seventh round of auction, taking the cumulative total to 56 mines.

That amounts to a success rate of more than 63 per cent, with 56 of the 88 distinct mineral blocks the Centre put up for auction being sold. The Seventh Tranche marked a significant expansion of country's critical mineral exploration landscape, with critical mineral blocks auctioned for the first time in Gujarat, Uttarakhand and Telangana by the Centre.

The tranche included minerals such as graphite, rare earth elements (REE), vanadium, titanium, glauconite, rock phosphate and associated minerals, further widening the geographical reach of critical mineral exploration in the country.

"These successful auctions have taken the total number of critical and strategic mineral blocks successfully auctioned to 56, marking a significant step towards strengthening domestic mineral supply chains and advancing India's critical mineral mission," the Mines Ministry said in a statement. The seventh round of auction was launched through the Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) issued.

LOKMAT (MARATHI)

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घबाड...महासमुंदमध्ये हिऱ्याची नवी खाण ?

रायपूर : छत्तीसगडच्या महासमुंद जिल्ह्यातील एका 'डायमंड ब्लॉक'मध्ये पाच हिरे सापडले असून, त्यापैकी दोन रत्नांच्या दर्जाचे आहेत. यामुळे राज्यात हिरे मिळण्याचे एक नवीन क्षेत्र खुले होण्याची शक्यता निर्माण झाली आहे.

हे हिरे जिल्ह्यातील सरायपाली भागातील 'बलौदा-बेलमुंडी डायमंड ब्लॉक'मध्ये सापडले. या भागात हिऱ्यांचा मोठा साठा असण्याची शक्यताही वर्तवण्यात येत आहे. नॅशनल मिनरल डेव्हलपमेंट कॉर्पोरेशन आणि छत्तीसगड मिनरल डेव्हलपमेंट कॉर्पोरेशन यांचा संयुक्त उपक्रम असलेल्या 'एनएमडीसी-सीएमडीसी लिमिटेड'ने याला अधिकृत दुजोरा दिला आहे.

NAVBHARAT

DATE:24/6/2026 P.NO.10

छत्तीसगड में हीरे की खदान

रायपुर: छत्तीसगड के महासमुंद जिले में वैज्ञानिक अन्वेषण के दौरान हीरा मिलने की पुष्टि हुई है. अधिकारियों ने मंगलवार को बताया कि सरायपाली क्षेत्र में स्थित बलौदा-बेलमुंडी डायमंड ब्लॉक में

**महासमुंद में
मिली सफलता**

वैज्ञानिक अन्वेषण के दौरान हीरों की प्राप्ति ने प्रदेश को खनिज संपदा के क्षेत्र में नई पहचान दिलाने की दिशा में महत्वपूर्ण कदम बढ़ाया है. उन्होंने बताया कि 200 टन बल्क सैंपल के परीक्षण और प्रसंस्करण के बाद कुल पांच हीरे प्राप्त हुए हैं. अधिकारियों ने बताया कि लौदा-बेलमुंडी क्षेत्र में किए गए वैज्ञानिक सर्वेक्षण के लिए लगभग 200 टन खनिज सामग्री का बल्क सैंपल एकत्रित कर परीक्षण किया गया. जिसमें पांच हीरों में दो जेम क्वालिटी के मिले.

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FED RATE-HIKE FEARS ADD PRESSURE

Metal Cos' Hot Run Comes to an End as West Asia Cools Off

Peace talks, falling prices and signs of domestic slowdown weigh on companies

Our Bureau

Mumbai: Shares of metal companies came under selling pressure on Tuesday, with the Nifty Metal index emerging as the worst-performing sector, as falling prices, signs of a slowdown in the domestic economy and growing expectations of a US Federal Reserve rate hike dented investor sentiment.

The Nifty Metal index fell 3.2%, as against the 1.2% decline in the Nifty. Vedanta led the losses with a 7.9% fall, followed by National Aluminium Company, Hindustan Zinc and Jindal Steel, which declined 4.6%.

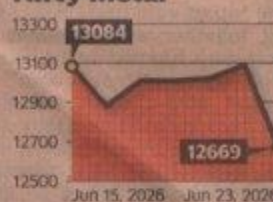
"Metal stocks had become technically stretched, so a short-term pullback was in the offing," Netra Deshpande, research analyst at Mirae Asset Sharekhan. "The block deal activity in Vedanta and broader market profit-booking have also added to Tuesday's decline."

Metal stocks have been among the top gainers since the West Asia conflict broke out, as supply disruptions in West Asia and resilient demand drove up prices on the London Metal Exchange (LME). The rally fizzled out with traders cutting their positions following the peace talks between the US and Iran around mid-June.

"Easing geopolitical tensions and subsequent unwinding of risk premiums led to a fall in aluminium, steel, copper, and zinc prices, which have weighed on sentiment," said Anita Gandhi, head of institutional broking at Arianant Capital.



Nifty Metal



Concerns over the impact of probable interest rate hikes by the US Federal Reserve on the dollar also played spoilsport.

"A firm dollar index is likely to keep exerting downward pressure on metal prices, and its trajectory will be key to determining how metal stocks perform going forward," said Gandhi.

Despite the recent drop, the Nifty metal index is still up 13% so far this year, compared with an 8.9% decline in the Nifty.

Deshpande said Vedanta Steel, Vedanta Aluminum, JSW Steel, Hindustan Copper, Gravita India and Welspun Corp are likely to remain relatively resilient, while Vedanta, Hindalco and NALCO may continue to face some pressure in the near term.

Market participants advise against buying metal stocks immediately.

"While metal stocks had outperformed in recent weeks due to firm prices, after the recent correction in prices, we are taking a wait-and-watch approach," said Gandhi. "We would prefer to see how companies navigate lower commodity prices and a domestic slowdown before recommending fresh exposure to the sector."

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Andhra mine promises gold output at scale

India's first commercial-scale pvt mine inaugurated

SHINE JACOB

Chennai, 24 June

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu inaugurated a ₹405 crore gold mining and processing project in Kurnool district on Wednesday, marking an important step in a country that is a massive consumer of the yellow metal, without producing much of it.

Located across three villages — Jonnagiri, Erragudi and Pagidirayl — the project, called the Jonnagiri Gold Mine, is India's first commercial-scale private-sector gold mining operation.

Spread across nearly 598 hectares, Jonnagiri Gold Mine is expected to produce up to one tonne of refined gold every year at peak capacity for its estimated life of around 15 years. This can potentially plug a huge gap — Indians buy between 700 kg and one tonne of gold per year, almost all of it imported.

Jonnar's current certified gold resources stand at approximately 13.1 tonnes, with exploration indicating the potential for larger resources across the broader mineral belt.

Developed by Geomysore Services India Pvt Ltd, a gold exploration and development company and Deccan Gold Mine, and backed by Lloyds Metals and Energy and Thri-veni Group, the mine brings commercial-scale gold production back to India for the first time since independence.

B Prabhakaran, managing director and chairman, Lloyds Metals and Energy, said, "Jonnagiri Gold Mine marks the beginning of a new chapter for India's gold mining industry. For decades, India has been one of the world's largest consumers of gold while remaining heavily dependent on imports. Today, we are demonstrating that India can dis-



Andhra Pradesh CM N Chandrababu Naidu at the project site in Kurnool on Wednesday

PHOTO: ANDHRA PRADESH GOVT

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cover, develop and operate world-class gold mining assets at commercial scale."

"Our vision extends beyond a single project. We aim to build a sustainable domestic gold ecosystem that supports economic growth, generates employment, contributes to national resource security and positions 'Made in India' refined gold in both domestic and international markets."

The inauguration comes at a time when gold prices are at historic highs and market volatility remains elevated. On Wednesday, the prices in India stood at ₹14,433 per gram for 24 carat gold, ₹13,230 per gram for 22 carat gold and ₹10,825 per gram for 18 carat gold. In such an environment, the development of a domestic source of gold is not only commercially significant but also strategically important for India.

The project is also expected to generate employment, support local businesses and contribute to the regional economy through investment, royalties and taxes, the firm said.

The mine is expected to encourage further exploration and investment in gold.

According to industry sources, though one small private gold mine started production in Jharkhand after Independence, its output was insignificant and irregular.

Chief Minister Naidu, who described the project as marking the beginning of a "golden chapter in the history of Andhra Pradesh, said, "Every district in Rayalaseema is being developed industrially. Massive investments are coming in sectors such as space, aerospace, defence, electronics, automobiles, steel, cement and clean energy. India's largest Drone City is being established in Kurnool," he said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi last month urged Indians to stop buying gold as a temporary measure to help conserve foreign exchange in the backdrop of the West Asia crisis.

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WCL, Bamboo Development Board ink MoU for green mining initiative



Western Coalfields Limited (WCL) and the Maharashtra Bamboo Development Board (MBDB) have signed an MoU to develop a commercial bamboo plantation on 19.75 hectares of overburden dump land at Sasti Open Cast Mine in Ballarpur Area. Under the project, around 21,942 bamboo saplings will be planted with an initial investment of 1.33 crore by WCL. The 15-year initiative aims to promote sustainable mining, ecological restoration, carbon sequestration and local employment. This marks the third such collaboration between WCL and MBDB for commercial bamboo cultivation on reclaimed mining land.

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405 करोड़ की स्वर्ण खनन परियोजना शुरू नायडू ने किया उद्घाटन

■ कुरनूल (आंध्र प्रदेश), न्यूज एजेंसियां। आंध्र प्रदेश के मुख्यमंत्री एन. चंद्रबाबु नायडू ने बुधवार को कुरनूल जिले के जौन्नागिरी में 405 करोड़ रुपये की स्वर्ण खनन एवं प्रसंस्करण परियोजना का उद्घाटन किया। इसके साथ ही राज्य में वाणिज्यिक स्तर पर सोने के उत्पादन की शुरुआत हुई है। मुख्यमंत्री ने परियोजना के दूसरे चरण की आधारशिला भी रखी, जिसे जियो मैसूर सर्विसेज इंडिया प्राइवेट लिमिटेड और डेक्कन गोल्ड माईंस लिमिटेड द्वारा विकसित किया जा रहा है। यह



परियोजना खनन क्षेत्र में आंध्र प्रदेश के लिए एक नया अध्याय खोलती है और औद्योगिक विकास एवं रोजगार सृजन में महत्वपूर्ण योगदान देने की उम्मीद है।

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अवैध खनिज उत्खनन टास्क फोर्स नेमणार

लोकमत न्यूज नेटवर्क

मुंबई : अवैधरीत्या गौण खनिजाचे उत्खनन रोखण्यासाठी तसेच अशा प्रकारावर कठोर कारवाईसाठी स्वतंत्र 'टास्क फोर्स'ची स्थापना करण्यात येणार असल्याचे महसूलमंत्री चंद्रशेखर बावनकुळे यांनी विधानसभेत प्रश्नोत्तराच्या तसात सांगितले.

सदस्य नाना पटोले यांनी या

संदर्भात प्रश्न उपस्थित केला. या प्रश्नाच्या चर्चेत सदस्य भास्कर जाधव यांनी सहभाग घेतला.

मंत्री बावनकुळे म्हणाले की, गडचिरोली येथील साखर फाटा येथे घडलेल्या प्रकरणात गुन्हा दाखल करण्यासाठी परवानगी मागण्यात आली होती. मात्र, त्यासाठी विलंब झाल्याने कारवाईला उशीर झाला. यापुढे अशा प्रकारचा विलंब होणार नाही याची दक्षता घेण्यात येईल.

LOKMAT (MARATHI) HELLO NAGPUR DATE:26/6/2026 P.NO.05

बांबू लागवडीतून कोळसा खाणींचा कायापालट; ९३.४३ हेक्टरवरील क्षेत्र हरित पट्ट्याखाली येणार

मोresh्वर मानापुरे
लोकमत न्यूज नेटवर्क

नागपूर : खनन क्षेत्रातील ओसाड जमिनीचा कायापालट करून तिथे हिरवेगार भविष्य निर्माण करण्याचा एक मोठा आणि सकारात्मक प्रयोग विदर्भात ओकारास येत आहे. वेस्टर्न कोलफील्ड्स लिमिटेड (वेकोलि) आणि महाराष्ट्र बांबू विकास मंडळ (एमबीडीबी) यांच्यातील व्यावसायिक बांबू लागवडीच्या नवीन करारांमुळे खाण क्षेत्रातील पर्यावरण संवर्धनाला मोठी गती मिळणार आहे.

या प्रकल्पांतर्गत वेकोलिचे ९३.४३ हेक्टर क्षेत्र हरित पट्ट्याखाली येणार आहे. कोळसा खाणींमधून निघणाऱ्या मातीच्या ढिगाऱ्यांवर बांबूचे जंगल उभारून शाश्वत विकासाचे एक नवे 'स्टेट मॉडेल' याद्वारे सादर केले जात आहे.

शाश्वत विकास आणि रोजगाराची संधी

या प्रकल्पाच्या माध्यमातून खाण क्षेत्राचे पुनरुज्जीवन होणार असून, कार्बन शोषणात मोठी वाढ होईल. बांबूच्या वैशिष्ट्यपूर्ण मुळांमुळे खाण परिसरातील भूस्खलन व धुळीचे प्रदूषण रोखण्यास मदत होणार आहे. या

पर्यावरणपूरक प्रक्रियेतून

स्थानिक नागरिक आणि

खाण प्रकल्पयुक्त

व्यवसायासाठी मोठ्या

प्रमाणावर शाश्वत

रोजगाराच्या संधी उपलब्ध

होणार आहेत. यापूर्वी उमरेड

आणि नागपूर क्षेत्रातील दोन

मोठ्या खाणींमध्ये असा प्रयोग यशस्वी

झाल्यानंतर आता हा तिसरा टप्पा सुरू

करण्यात आला आहे. या उपक्रमावरून

वेकोलि केवळ कोळसा उत्पादनापुरती

मर्यादित नसून, पर्यावरणाचे रक्षण करत

हरित भविष्याच्या निर्मितीसाठी कटिबद्ध

असल्याचे अधोरेखित होत आहे.

प्रकल्प एका नजरेत (आकडेवारी)

१९.७५ हेक्टर : बल्लारपूर क्षेत्रातील सास्ती ओपन कास्ट खाणीची पुनर्वासित जमीन या प्रकल्पासाठी वापरली जाईल.

२९.९४२ : एवढ्या मोठ्या संख्येने उच्च दर्जाच्या बांबू रोपांची लागवड या क्षेत्रावर केली जाणार आहे.

१.३३ कोटी रुपये : प्रकल्पाच्या पहिल्या ५ वर्षात वेकोलिद्वारे एवढी गुंतवणूक करण्यात येणार आहे.

१५ वर्षे : या दीर्घकालीन प्रकल्पाची एकूण कालमर्यादा १५ वर्षे आहे.



८५ : १५ : पारदर्शक महसूल भागीदारी मॉडेलनुसार ८५ टक्के शुद्ध नफा वेकोलिचा आणि १५ टक्के सुविधा शुल्क बांबू विकास मंडळाला मिळेल.

वेकोलिच्या ३ प्रकल्पांचा आवाका (विस्तार)

प्रकल्प/	खाण क्षेत्र	लागवडीखालील जमीन	सद्यस्थिती
नकरघोकाडा-३	ओपन कास्ट (उमरेड)	३०.६३५ हेक्टर	यशस्वीरीत्या कार्यरत.
अमलगमेरेड	इंटर-कामठी (नागपूर)	४३.०४५ हेक्टर	यशस्वीरीत्या कार्यरत.
सास्ती	ओपन कास्ट (बल्लारपूर)	१९.७५० हेक्टर	नवीन करार (प्रस्तावित)
एकूण हरित क्षेत्र - ९३.४३ हेक्टर			

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Stainless Steel Industry Seeks Restoration of QCO from Tomorrow

Our Bureau

New Delhi: The domestic stainless steel industry has urged the government not to extend the temporary relaxation from the Quality Control Order (QCO) beyond June 30 and to restore the norms from July 1.

The Indian Stainless Seamless Pipes Manufacturers Association (ISSMA) said the industry is grappling with a surge in low-priced imports, facilitated by the temporary withdrawal of the QCO and the alleged circumvention of anti-dumping duties.

The relaxation expires on June 30, with the QCO set to come back into force from July 1.

"The industry's capacity utilisation has fallen to below 50%, threatening the viability of domestic primary manufacturers," Prakash Tatia, spokesperson at ISSMA, told ET.

He said the association had "urged the government to reinstate the QCO at the earliest to prevent the inflow of sub-standard imports".

LOKMAT (MARATHI) HELLO NAGPUR DATE:30/6/2026 P.NO.02

आयबीएम मुख्यालयात आंतरराष्ट्रीय योग दिन

नागपूर : इंडियन ब्युरो ऑफ माइन्स (आयबीएम) च्या नागपूर येथील मुख्यालयात आंतरराष्ट्रीय योग दिन उत्साहात साजरा करण्यात आला. 'निरोगी वृद्धत्वासाठी योग' या संकल्पनेवर आधारित या कार्यक्रमात कार्यालयातील अधिकारी आणि कर्मचाऱ्यांनी उत्स्फूर्त सहभाग घेतला.

भारत सरकारच्या आयुष मंत्रालयाद्वारे जारी केलेल्या कॉमन योग प्रोटोकॉलचे पालन करत योगतज्ज्ञ विनय कुमार सक्सेना यांच्या मार्गदर्शनाखाली कार्यक्रम पार पडला. सक्सेना यांनी उपस्थित सर्वांकडून विविध प्रकारचे श्वासोच्छ्वासाचे व्यायाम, योगासने आणि ध्यानधारणा करून घेतली. याप्रसंगी बोलताना इंडियन ब्युरो ऑफ माइन्सचे कंट्रोलर जनरल पंकज



कुलश्रेष्ठ यांनी मानसिक आणि शारीरिक लवचिकता सुधारण्यासाठी दैनंदिन जीवनात योग आणि ध्यानाचा समावेश करण्याच्या मूल्यावर भर दिला. निरोगी आणि संतुलित जीवनासाठी योगासने करावीत, असे आवाहन केले. या आंतरराष्ट्रीय योग दिन कार्यक्रमाला इंडियन ब्युरो ऑफ माइन्सचे चीफ कंट्रोलर ऑफ माइन्स डॉ. वाय. जी. काळे, चीफ मायनिंग जिओलॉजिस्ट एस. के. अधिकारी, कंट्रोलर ऑफ माइन्स बी. एल. गुर्जर, कंट्रोलर ऑफ माइन्स पुष्पेंद्र गौर उपस्थित होते.