

## **6th International Mining Machinery Exhibition, 2016 at Kolkata**

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After China, India is the second fastest mining economy despite slowdown. As the demand for minerals as well as for mining services increasing, mining in India is becoming more structured and companies have started outsourcing part of their projects to mining services companies. As Coal India Limited plans to invest around Rs.254 billion during the 12th Five Year Plan (2012-17), it is opined that contract mining can prove to be a solution to the ongoing current coal deficit in the country. Auction of several coal blocks allotted to various private entrepreneurs would hopefully attract international technologies especially when Coal India's divestment plan for 13 green field projects will take shape.

The 6th International Mining Machinery Exhibition (IME 2016) being organized concurrently with the 6th Asian Mining Congress at Kolkata between 24-27 February will certainly open the floodgate of new and innovative mining technologies. Hopefully, the exhibition will provide a window to such technologies for minerals and mining sector for the future of Indian mining.

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