



Sustainable Development Cell for Coal Mining

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Why in News

The **Ministry of Coal** has decided to establish a 'Sustainable Development Cell (SDC)' in order to promote environmentally sustainable coal mining in the country.

The Cell envisages to provide a better environment to people working and residing in the vicinity of Mines.

Role of the SDC

- It will advise, mentor, plan and monitor the mitigation measures taken by the coal companies for maximising the utilisation of available resources in a sustainable way, minimising the adverse impact of mining and mitigating it for further ecosystem services and will act as nodal point at Ministry of Coal level in this matter.
- It will also monitor the effective utilisation of the Mine Closure Fund and environment budgets of different coal companies.
- The SDC will focus on land amelioration and afforestation, air quality, emission and noise management, mine water management, sustainable overburden management, sustainable mine tourism, planning and monitoring.

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