

Profile of Shri Uday A. Kaole, CMD, MCL

Shri Uday A. Kaole, Chairman-cum-Managing Director of Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL) is a persona with an illustrious career spanning over 37 years in the coal mining sector, Shri Kaole has demonstrated unparalleled leadership and technical expertise.

Shri Kaole is an alumnus of Nagpur University, where he earned his Bachelor's degree in Mining Engineering and is also First Class Mine's Manager. He further enhanced his academic credentials with an MBA and LLB.

Shri Kaole began his journey in Coal India Limited (CIL) in 1987 and has since held pivotal positions across WCL, SECL, and served as Director (Technical) at BCCL, before his appointment as CMD, MCL on 19th December 2023.

Under his visionary leadership, MCL has achieved remarkable milestones:

- **Highest Coal Producer and Supplier to the Power Sector:** MCL has surpassed 225 million tonnes of coal production, marking a 9% growth over the previous year. This year MCL is on the track to achieve 239 MT coal production.
- **Eco-Friendly Coal Production & Dispatch:** An impressive 98% of coal production is achieved using Surface miners. Nearly 70% of the coal dispatched is through environmentally sustainable rail modes and only 30% is done through road mode.
- **Major Infrastructure Projects:** MCL is advancing with First Mile Connectivity (FMC) and Railway projects worth ₹16,000 crore, enhancing logistical efficiency and sustainability.
- **Significant Economic Contributor:** MCL plays a pivotal role in regional economic development by contributing nearly ₹17,000-18,000 Cr to the Govt. exchequers.
- **Exemplary Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR):** MCL leads with the highest CSR expenditure, reflecting its commitment to community welfare. Till date MCL has spent over ₹2,288 Cr in CSR activities with an average of nearly ₹250 Cr annually.

Additionally, MCL's dedication, under his eminent leadership, to excellence has been recognized with numerous accolades in the country at the highest level.

Shri Uday A. Kaole's vision and dedication to innovation, safety, and sustainability have cemented his reputation as a transformational leader in the mining industry.