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### SHAKTI Policy

*Ministry of Power launches scheme for Procurement of Aggregate Power of 4500 MW for five years under B (v) of SHAKTI Policy.*

- Scheme for Harnessing and Allocating Koyala (Coal) Transparently in India (SHAKTI) policy was designated for the allocation of coal among thermal power plants.
- **Launch Year** - 2017
- **Ministry** - Ministry of Coal.
- **Aim** - Ensure the availability and supply of coal to thermal power plants (TPPs) in India in a transparent way.
- The scheme also aims to reduce the dependence on imported coal and promote rationalization of coal linkages.
- For the first time bidding of coal is being carried out under B(v) of Shakti scheme.
- Under the scheme, Ministry of Power has invited bids for the supply of 4,500 MW.

### References

1. [PIB - MoP launches scheme for Procurement of Aggregate Power](#)
2. [News On Air - SHAKTI Scheme](#)
3. [Lok Sabha - Unstarred Question: Ministry of Coal - pdf](#)

### Mission Coking Coal

*Based on recommendations of Inter- Ministerial Committee For Augmenting Coking Coal Production, the Ministry of Coal has set up Mission Coking Coal.*

- Mission Coking Coal was set up to evolve a road map for increasing production and utilization of domestic coking coal.
- **Launched** - August 2021
- **Ministry** - Ministry of Coal
- **Aim** - To reduce dependence on imports for coking coal and increase use of locally available coal in the steel making through gasification process.
- The mission will prepare a roadmap suggesting ways to augment the production and utilization of domestic coking coal in India by 2030.
- **Recommendations made** - Exploration, enhancing production, enhancing washing capacity, and auction of new coking coal mines.

### References

1. [ET - 'Coking Coal Mission' to diversify raw material sources](#)
2. [PIB - Mission Coking Coal: Augmenting Coking Coal Production](#)

## National Career Service

*In a written reply in Rajya Sabha, the Minister of State for Labour & Employment gave information about National Career Service (NCS).*

- The National Career Service (NCS) is a one-stop solution that provides a wide array of employment and career related services to the citizens of India.
- **Launch** - Launched by the Prime Minister in July 2015.
- **Aim** - To provide a variety of employment related services through a digital platform at free of cost.
- **Implementing Agency** - The Directorate General of Employment, Ministry of Labour & Employment.
- **Services** - One stop solution for career related services including private and government sector jobs, information on job fairs, skill/training programmes etc.
- **3 pillars** - NCS portal, Country wide set up of Model Career Centers and Interlinkage with all the states through employment exchanges.
- **Portal** - [www.ncs.gov.in](http://www.ncs.gov.in) -The NCS Portal brings together Jobseekers and employers on one platform.
- **Interlinkage** - The NCS portal is integrated with 20 State and 7 UT Employment portals.

## References

1. [PIB - National Career Service](#)
2. [DGE - National Career Service](#)
3. [National Career Service](#)

## Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana

*The Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare gave an update on Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) in a written reply in the Rajya Sabha.*

- The Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) envisages creation of tertiary healthcare capacity in the underserved areas of the country.
- **Aim** - Correcting the imbalances in the availability of affordable/reliable tertiary healthcare services and augmenting facilities for quality medical education.
- **Year** - The scheme was approved in March 2006.
- **Ministry** - Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- **Fund** - Central Sector Scheme
- The scheme has 2 broad components:
  1. Setting up of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS);
  2. Up-gradation of existing Government Medical Colleges/Institutions (GMCIs).
- So far, 22 new AIIMS and 75 up-gradation Projects of existing Government Medical Colleges/Institutions (GMCIs) have been approved under this scheme.

## References

1. [Vikaspedia - Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana \(PMSSY\)](#)
2. [Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana](#)

## North East Entrepreneurs Development Program (NEEDP)

*North Eastern Council (NEC) has launched a first-of-its-kind North East Entrepreneurship Development Programme (NEEDP) at NEC Secretariat.*

- North East Entrepreneurship Development Program (NEEDP) is an initiative for creating an inclusive entrepreneurial ecosystem in north east region.
- **Implementation** - North Eastern Council (NEC) in association with IIM Calcutta Innovation Park.
- **Aim** - To foster Socio-Economic Development and Employment Generation in the North East region.
- **Beneficiary** - existing and aspiring entrepreneurs across all the 8 states of North East region.
- North East Entrepreneurship Challenge (Hunt) is being organized as a part of this initiative.
- Entrepreneurs are chosen through a systematic, transparent selection process ensuring representation from each state taken for incubation and pre-incubation programs.
- These programs will help them to commercialize and grow their businesses.

## References

1. [PIB - NEC and IIM Calcutta Innovation Park launch NEEDP](#)
2. [IIM Calcutta Innovation Park - NEEDP](#)

