

# Historic Milestone for Arunachal Pradesh: Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy Inaugurates State's First Commercial Coal Mine at Namchik Namphuk

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Union Minister for Coal and Mines, Shri G. Kishan Reddy, along with Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh, Shri Pema Khandu, today inaugurated the Namchik Namphuk Coal Mine in Changlang district, marking a historic milestone as the state's first commercial coal mining project. This event opens a new chapter in Arunachal Pradesh's economic journey, positioning it firmly on India's coal and energy map.



Marking the historic occasion, Union Minister for Coal and Mines, Shri G. Kishan Reddy and Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh, Shri Pema Khandu, performed the Bhumi Pujan and participated in a tree plantation drive under the "100-tree plantation initiative" at the project site. This was followed by the formal inauguration of the Namchik Namphuk Coal Mine. The event also witnessed the handing over of the mining lease and the flagging off tools and machinery of CPPL to the Namchik-Namphuk Central Coal Block, marking the official commencement of mining operations.



Union Minister, Shri G. Kishan Reddy, while addressing the gathering, highlighted the significance of the event and later interacted with the media. He described the launch as “a symbol of new hope and a significant step toward energy security and regional development in the North East” and informed that the Namchik Namphuk Coal Mine holds reserves of 1.5 crore tonnes of coal and has become operational from today.



Highlighting the significance of the project, Chief Minister Shri Pema Khandu welcomed the Namchik Namphuk Coal Mine, noting its role in boosting the state’s economy, creating employment opportunities, and generating steady revenue for Arunachal Pradesh. He expressed confidence that this initiative will empower local communities and attract future investments in the state’s mining and industrial sectors.

The Namchik Namphuk Coal Mine will play a crucial role in driving the development of the North

East region while strengthening India's journey towards Aatmanirbhar Bharat. It will not only boost local employment and industrial growth but also enhance the region's contribution to the nation's energy security and self-reliance.

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