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Account for the present location of iron and steel industries away from the source of raw material, by giving examples.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2020 · GS I · 10 marks · Natural Resources and Industries

Distribution of key natural resources across the world (including South Asia and the Indian sub-continent); factors responsible for the location of primary, secondary, and tertiary sector industries in various parts of the world (including India).

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Numbers move. Confirm the latest Budget, Economic Survey or census round. This sheet is for revision, not a substitute for the model answer.

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Jamshedpur

Classic inland plant on ore, coal access, and early rail, still a raw-material location type.

Vizag Steel

Coastal integrated plant designed around a port, imported coal, and southern markets.

Hazira

Gujarat coastal complex using gas and port logistics rather than a Damodar coal pit.

Coking coal imports

India's blast furnaces depend heavily on seaborne coking coal, which pulls location to harbours.

Mini mills

Electric and sponge-iron units that locate on scrap, power, and regional demand.

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