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Despite India being one of the countries of the Gondwanaland, its mining industry contributes much less to its Gross Domestic Product(GDP) in percentage. Discuss.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2021 · 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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Gondwana coal

Permian coal measures of eastern and central India, the backbone of thermal generation.

MMDR Act

Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) framework for leases and auctions.

National Mineral Policy 2019

Seeks exploration, auction transparency, and downstream linkages.

DMF

District Mineral Foundation, meant to spend a share of royalty on mining-affected people.

Services share

Over half of Indian GVA, which arithmetically shrinks mining's percentage even when tonnage grows.

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