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Q17

Mineral resources are fundamental to the country's economy and these are exploited by mining. Why is mining considered an environmental hazard? Explain the remedial measures required to reduce the environmental hazard due to mining.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2025 · GS III · 15 marks · Environment and Conservation

Conservation, environmental pollution and degradation, environmental impact assessment.

Facts & figures for this PYQ only.

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DMF

District Mineral Foundation, created so a share of royalty funds the mining-affected people in that district.

Hasdeo Arand

A much-debated Chhattisgarh forest-coal landscape where ecology, Adivasi consent and energy demand collide.

Mine closure

A mandatory plan to restore or secure a pit when extraction ends, often weakly funded in practice.

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