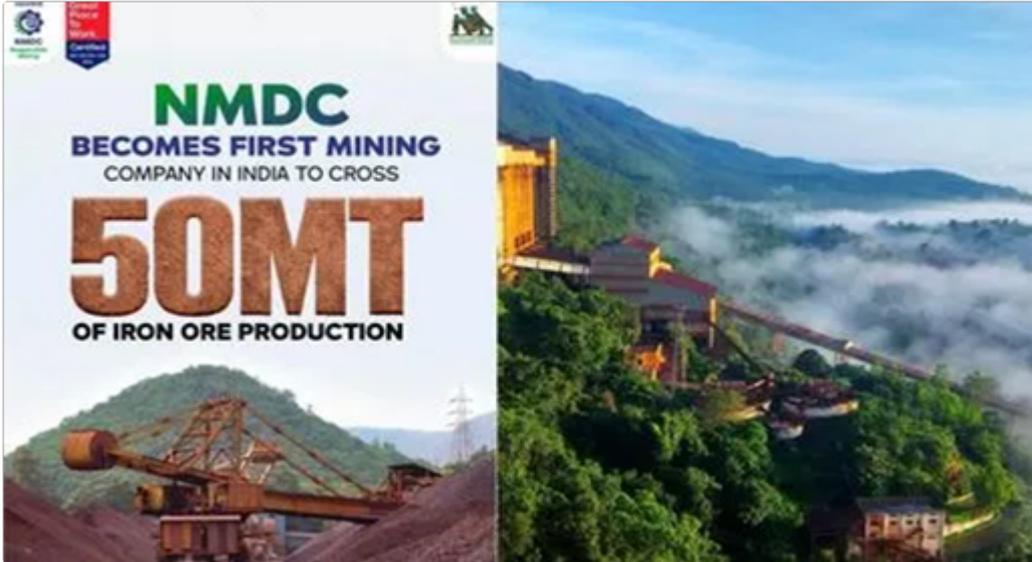




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NMDC Becomes India's First Mining Company to Produce 50 Million Tonnes of Iron Ore

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NMDC Limited has become the first mining company in India to produce 50 million tonnes (MT) of iron ore in a single financial year (FY 2025–26), marking a historic milestone for the country's mining sector.

Key Highlights

NMDC Limited achieved the milestone ahead of the close of FY 2025–26, demonstrating strong operational growth.

The company is the largest producer of iron ore in India and plays a major role in supplying raw materials to the domestic steel industry.

Production has grown significantly over the decades—from about 10 million tonnes in 1978 to 50 million tonnes in FY2025–26.

Iron ore output has increased rapidly in recent years, rising from around 30 MT in 2015 to 50 MT, reflecting expansion in mining capacity and efficiency.

The achievement strengthens India's efforts to ensure stable domestic iron ore supply for its growing steel industry.

About NMDC

NMDC Limited was established in 1958 as a Government of India public sector enterprise.

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It is a Navratna Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) under the Ministry of Steel.

Headquarters: Hyderabad, Telangana.

Major iron-ore mining operations are located in Chhattisgarh and Karnataka.

The company also explores minerals such as copper, diamond, graphite, and coal.

Chairman-Cum-Managing Director: Amitava Mukherjee

Significance for India's Steel Sector

Iron ore is the primary raw material for steel production.

India aims to expand its steel-making capacity to about 300 million tonnes by 2030, increasing the demand for iron ore.

NMDC's increased production is crucial for ensuring raw material security for India's steel industry.