

Uranium Corporation of India

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Uranium Corporation of India (UCIL) is a centrally owned Public Sector Undertaking (PSU), under the Department of Atomic Energy for uranium mining and uranium processing. The corporation was founded in 1967 and is responsible for the mining and milling of uranium ore in India.^[1] The firm operates mines at Jadugora, Bhatin, Narwapahar, Turamdih and Banduhurang^[2]

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Type	Public
Industry	Uranium mining, uranium processing
Founded	1967
Headquarters	Singhbhum, India
Products	Uranium concentrate
Website	<div>ucil.gov.in</div> <div>(http://www.ucil.gov.in/)</div>

Mines

Jaduguda

It is the first uranium mine of India which started its operations in 1967. This mine is located in the state of Jharkhand.^[3] Jadugoda process plant is located close to the mine which is used for the processing of the uranium ore. The ore from Bhatin and Narwapahar mines is also processed here.

Bhatin

This mine is located 3 km away from Jaduguda and shares most of the infrastructure with the Jaduguda mine.

Narwapahar

This mine was commissioned in April 1995. It is known to be the most modern mine of the country.

Turamdih

Turamdih mine is located 24 km to the west of Jaduguda and five km south to Tatanagar railway station which is on howrah mumbai main line. It was commissioned in 2003. Turamdih Processing Plant has been set up to treat the ore from Turamdih, Banduharang and Mohuldin mines.

New projects

UCIL has taken up activities to start two underground mines in Jharkhand. Uranium reserves have been found in the state of Andhra Pradesh and the construction of an underground mine has started in Cuddapah district.^[4]

Controversies

There was criticism from certain sections of the local community that the mining operations of UCIL were resulting in harmful radiation to the public.^[5]

UCIL was also among the 63 Indian establishments put under sanction by USA in 1998.^[6] The mining activities of UCIL in the Khasi Hills were also fiercely opposed by the local tribals protesting against potential health effects.^[7]

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