## Surjagarh mines get 5-star rating

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Surjagarh iron ore mines of Lloyds Metals and Energy Ltd (LMEL) have brought laurels to Gadchiroli district by bagging the prestigious 5-star rating from the Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) under the Union Ministry of Mines.

Union minister for coal and mines G Kishan Reddy, presented the 5-star rating memento and certificate to senior officials of LMEL in a ceremony held at Rajasthan International Centre, Jaipur on July 7.

Surjagarh mines have won this national recognition for its stellar performance in operational excellence and green innovation in the year 2023-24. Reddy presented the award to LMEL officials in presence of Union minister of state for coal and mines Satish Chandra Dubey, controller general in-charge, Indian Bureau of Mines Peeyush Narayan



Union minister for coal and mines G Kishan Reddy presenting the 5-Star Rating Award to Lloyds Metals and Energy Ltd officials. Also seen are Union minister of state for coal and mines Satish Chandra Dubey, controller general in-charge, IBM Peeyush Narayan Sharma, chief controller of mines, IBM Pankaj Kulshreshtha and others.

Sharma, and chief controller of mines, IBM Pankaj Kulshreshtha.

The five-star rating has made Surjagarh iron ore mines a shining example of outstanding achievement in sustainable and environment-friendly mining operations under sustainable development framework (SDF) guidelines. The Union ministry of mines has evolved a

system of star rating of mines to implement the SDF. The prestigious five-star rating is awarded to a mine with a score equal to or above 90% in all the modules.

Expressing happiness, managing director of LMEL B Prabhakaran, said that the achievement became possible with the support of the local communities and the LMEL team.