

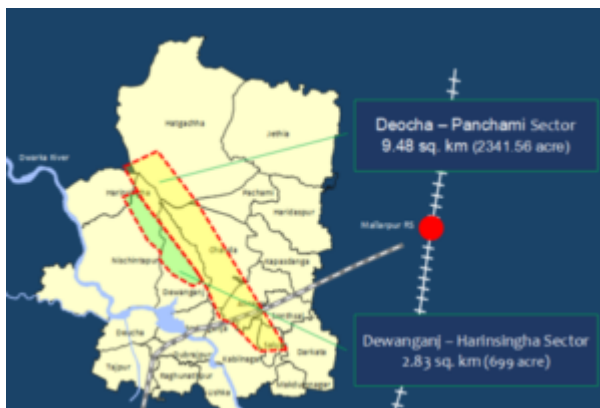
# Deucha-Pachami coal block

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**In news**— Amid protests over land issues over Deucha Panchami by various organizations, the West Bengal Chief Minister has recently increased the monetary package for the tribals in Deucha Panchami.

## About the Deucha Panchami coal block-

- The Deucha-Panchami-Dewanganj-Harinsingha coal block is the newest coal mine in the Birbhum district of West Bengal state.



- It is the **second-largest coal block in the world and is the largest in India.**
- The block has a thick coal seam trapped between equally thick layers of rocks, mostly basalt.
- The existence of these thick basalt layers, however, makes mining of coal difficult.
- More foreign investment and technology will be hence needed for mining.
- **However, a total of 21,000 people will be displaced.**
- India's abundant domestic reserves are in the **states of Jharkhand, Odisha, West Bengal, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Telangana and Madhya Pradesh.**

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