## Khanan Prahar app

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<u>In news</u>— The government of India has launched a mobile app namely 'Khanan Prahari' and a web app Coal Mine Surveillance and Management System (CMSMS).

About Khanan Prahari & CMSMS-

- Khanan Prahari is a Mobile App of Ministry of Coal for Reporting Illegal Coal Mining and a tool for reporting any illegal coal mining incident through geo-tagged photographs as well as textual information by any citizen from the place of incidence.
- The reported incidents will be analysed & suitable action will be taken by concerned authorities. The action taken can be viewed on the CMSMS website.
- CMSMS has been developed to curb illegal mining and take transparent action as an e-Governance initiative of the government on the use of Space Technology.
- The objective of development and launching of this CMSMS application was to detect citizens' participation against illegal mining by receipt of citizen's complaints through mobile app KhananPrahari and to monitor and take action on any kind of illegal coal mining activity being carried out within the leasehold boundaries of any Coal Mining Project in the Coalfield Areas.
- There are two ways in which illegal coal mining is reported/ identified through CMSMS: Through periodic scanning of Satellite imagery (In house) Through mobile app "Khanan Prahari" (Public)
- Any person/ group/ organisation with a smart phone can report the incident through the mobile app "Khanan Prahari".