

## **Eco-tourism Programme of BCCL**

BCCL has taken necessary steps to remediate the degraded mined out lands and OB dumps in its mining area to reduce the impacts of the environmental pollution and transform the degraded mined out areas in ecologically restored forest like areas through the ecological restoration method.

Since 2011, BCCL has adopted ecological restoration for restoration, stabilization and establishment of biodiversity over the degraded mined out areas and OB dumps being generated due to the mining activities in JCF. Ecological restoration has helped in establishment of the natural forest comprising of the native species of grasses, bushes and trees of the region within a short period of 5-7 years. This method not only helps in formation of the natural forest but also helps in establishment of biodiversity of flora as well as fauna of the region and ecological food chains. This helps in development of the habitat for the wildlife of the region.

Since 2016-17, BCCL has been also promoting the Eco-mining tourism in its mines and ecological restoration sites /Eco-Parks with an aim to bridge the gap between the company and other stakeholders and creating a positive image of the company by showcasing the mining activities and ecological restoration sites /Eco-Parks. Ever year various schools, colleges and professional institutes have been visiting these eco-restoration sites and eco-parks to know about the mining and the suitable method to restore these degraded lands into natural vegetation of the region.

BCCL has continued its eco-mining tourism program and in view of prevailing Covid 19 protocol in 2020-21 virtual eco-mining tours of school children has been arranged by BCCL to its mines and eco-restoration/eco-parks. Under the Eco-mining tourism program students from DAV Moonidih; Dhanbad Public School, Dhanbad; Symbiosis Public School, Dhanbad & DAV, Koyla Nagar visited virtually the eco-restoration sites/eco-parks of BCCL.

Also, in the year 2021-22, under Eco-mining tourism program of BCCL students of PK Roy Memorial College, Dhanbad & Birsa Institute of Technology, Sindri visited eco restoration sites/eco parks at Parasnath Udhyan, Katras and Gokul Eco-cultural Park, Lodna, respectively in December 2021.

Further, in view of prevailing Covid 19 protocol, virtual eco-mining tours of students from Dhanbad Public School & DAV Koylanagar were arranged by BCCL to eco-restoration/eco-parks for enhancing their knowledge about mining and reclamation works being done in BCCL.





**Rajkamal Saraswati Vidya Mandir to Gokul Eco-Cultural Park, Lodna**



**DAV, Koyla Nagar to Gokul Eco-Park, Lodna**



**Symbiosis Public School, to Parasnath Udyam, Katras Area**



**PK Roy College to Gokul Eco-Park, Lodna**



**Dhanbad Public School to Eco-Park, Kusunda**



**DAV, Moonidih to Gokul Eco-Park, Lodna**



**Delhi Public School, Dhanbad to Vrindavan Eco-Park, Kusunda**



**GGPS, Dhanbad to Vrindavan Eco-Park, Kusunda**

