

## Addapedia Editorial Analysis PDF 16 September 2024

### A human touch to India's mineral ecosystem

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#### What is the District Mineral Foundation (DMF)?

- The District Mineral Foundation (DMF) is a trust set up in India to work for the interest and benefit of persons and areas affected by mining-related operations.
- Created in 2015 through an amendment to the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act
- Licensees and leaseholders pay a certain amount of royalty to the DMF. The rates vary based on the type of mining lease.
- Each mining district in India has its own DMF, administered by the respective state government.
- Aimed at community-centric development in mining-affected districts
- The funds are used for education, healthcare, environmental preservation, water resource development, and infrastructure in mining-affected areas.
- It is based on the Principle that local communities are key stakeholders in natural resource-led development.

#### What are the key achievements of DMFs over the past decade?

- Accumulated a corpus of almost ₹1 lakh crore
- Sanctioned three lakh projects across 645 districts in 23 States
- Implemented developmental and welfare projects in mining-affected areas
- Complemented existing schemes of State and central governments

#### How do DMFs operate and what innovations have they introduced?

- District Collector heads the DMF, ensuring funds flow to areas of greatest need
- National DMF Portal digitizes administration for transparency and efficiency
- Some DMFs include elected representatives and non-elected gram sabha members in governing bodies
- Many are adopting three-year plans for targeted goal achievement

#### What are the challenges faced by DMFs?

- Many states have been **slow to spend** the collected funds, leading to large unspent balances.

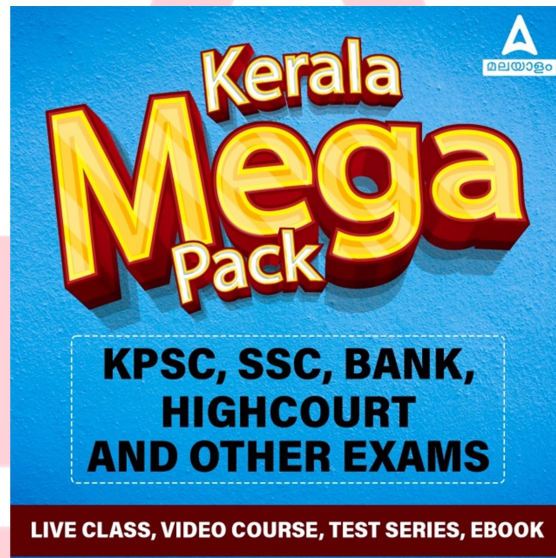


## What challenges does India face regarding its peacemaking role?

- Need for considerable expenditure of goodwill, time, and patience
- Multiple existing peace proposals from various countries and leaders
- Unstable conflict situation with signs of escalation
- Competing interests and demands from involved parties
- India's role, while potentially important, has limited potential for immediate resolution
- There is a possibility of overburdening India's efforts with unrealistic expectations
- It emphasizes the need for clarity about what a mediatory role entails

Can you answer the following question?

Evaluate India's potential role as a mediator in the Russia-Ukraine conflict, considering its diplomatic relations with both countries and its position in global politics.





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