

## **Khanan Prahari App**

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**About Khanan Prahari App:**

- It allows citizens to report incidents of illegal coal mining through **geo-tagged photographs and textual information**.
  - The corresponding web portal called as Coal Mine Surveillance & Management System (CMSMS) has been developed in association with the Bhaskaracharya Institute of Space Application & Geoinformatics, Gandhinagar, and CMPDI, Ranchi.
  - **Objective:** To encourage public participation through **reporting about illegal coal mining**.
  - The government aims to take transparent action against illegal mining, using space technology, as an e-Governance initiative.
  - **Key features of the app include:**
    - **Reporting Incidents:** Users can easily report incidents of illegal mining by taking photographs and providing comments on the incident. The app allows for the geotagging of photographs by enabling the GPS location feature.
    - **Confidentiality:** The user's identity is kept confidential, ensuring privacy and security.
    - **Complaint Tracking:** Complainants receive a complaint number, which they can use to **easily track the status of their reported complaints** on the Khanan Prahari mobile app.
  - This is available for download on Google's Play Store for Android-based mobile phones and the Apple Store for iOS-supported iPhones.
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## Q1) What is Rathole mining?

Rathole mining refers to a highly dangerous method of mining coal in India, particularly in the state of Meghalaya. This method involves digging narrow tunnels or "ratholes" into the side of hills and mountains to extract coal.

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