

Odisha DMF Facts

- Odisha has India's highest DMF fund accrual at ₹30,126.1 crore, accounting around 30% of the total collection.
- Out of India's top 21 DMF fund-collecting districts, six are from Odisha: Kendujhar, Sundargarh, Angul, Jajpur, Sambalpur, and Jharsuguda.
- Odisha has allocated and utilized a higher percentage of its DMF accrual compared to the all-India averages of 70% allocation and 40% utilization, demonstrating a stronger commitment to fund deployment and efficiency.
- In Odisha, the majority of DMF funds have been collected from non-coal minerals.
- Out of the ₹26,915 crore allocated, the largest share goes to Physical Infrastructure (24%), followed by Education (21%) and Drinking Water (16.9%). Overall, 69.7% is directed towards high-priority sectors, aligning with PMKKKY guidelines.
- ₹477.5 crore from the DMF fund has been allocated to Skill Development and Livelihood initiatives in Odisha.
- The latest PMKKKY guidelines have not yet been incorporated into Odisha's DMF framework leading to problems such as misallocation of funds and gaps in administrative oversight.
- DMF bodies in Odisha lack direct representation from mining-affected communities, being dominated by bureaucrats and elected officials.
- Odisha leads in public disclosure and accountability, with top DMF districts having dedicated websites, published annual and financial audit reports, and an online grievance redressal system.