Railways dials Jio, Airtel for 1.1 million connections

Telecom giants Reliance Jio and Bharti Airtel have moved to make mobile connections to 1.1 million locations of Indian Railways countrywide, after the two emerged as lowest bidders in an online auction for the replacement of the closed user group (CUG) scheme, with connections promised in the next 60 days.

According to documents, the railway ministry has since invited Jio and Airtel to provide mobile connections to 800,000 additional railway employees across the country, after the two emerged as lowest bidders in the two previous tenders for the 1.1 million connection project.

A senior official told Business Standard that every employee has a CUG connection, and was felt that more efficiency can be achieved and more investment in railway infrastructure, it was decided to expand the CUG scheme, with connections provided for 220,000 additional railway employees, which will replace the existing CUG scheme managed by RailTel Corporation of India.

These connections have been divided into two phases, in which, which will be allocated to railway stations on the basis of the government’s decision. These numbers will be allocated in two phases, which in turn will be divided into two packages.

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How does coal fit into the carbon capture and storage (CCUS) market?

Coal will continue to be a primary fuel for power generation in the years ahead, despite the efforts to make coal clean is through coal with carbon capture technology. As a result, these factories will continue to emit carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. The best way to address this is to capture the CO2 emissions from these factories and use it as a raw material for the production of hydrogen or methanol.

That’s the best solution for the carbon cycle. It is very easily captured, and stored or utilised. This can happen on a large scale?

Coal will continue to be a primary source of energy in the years ahead, as we need to invest now. But it is also important to invest in renewable sources of energy, such as wind and solar, as these sources are fully renewable.

CCFC will be funded by low-cost public goods imported under conditions similar to the complaints of the Ministry of Railways.

Is CCUS tech competing with hydrogen for funds and attention?

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Do we need to capture the carbon dioxide emitted by coal-fired power plants to make them carbon-neutral?

Yes, we do. The capture of carbon dioxide is a key step in making coal-fired power plants carbon-neutral.

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