

Central African Republic wants Indian firms like Vedanta to mine gold, uranium

The Central African Republic is seeking Indian investors to mine its abundant natural resources. The African nation's Minister for Economy Lea Doumta said her country is "mighty impressed" with India's growth and development model and is keen to emulate it.

"We see India as a role

model and are keen to partner with its government and companies in our economic progress," she told *PTI*. "India needs natural resources to feed its vast expanding economy and we need their technical know-how. It's a win-win partnership for both." The country



also has deposits of lithium — the critical component used in batteries for electric vehicles (EVs). India is short on lithium and needs to import it for its fast-expanding EV fleet. Indian companies such as mining conglomerate Vedanta can come and look at resources

in the country, she said.

"We have all the resources but not enough technological and financial resources to mine them," she said.

"We want the Indian government and its companies to help us build infrastructure like roads as well as in sustainable exploitation of our mineral wealth," she said.

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