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Happy Independence Day

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Field Notes.



रायगढ़ के तमनार विकासखंड के ग्राम गारे के कोसाबाडी में कोयला सत्याग्रह तमनार और मानव अधिकार समिति जन चेतना रायगढ़ महिलाओं द्वारा गारे के पेड़ों में राखी बांध कर रक्षा वंधन का त्योहार मनाया गया जिसमें सरईटोला गारे और अन्य आसपास के गांव वाले शामिल हुए जिसमें हरिहर पटेल गणेश शती चौहान अन्य सभी साथी शामिल हुए विगत 11 सालों से हर साल पेड़ों को राखी बांध कर पेड़ों को बचाने का ग्रामीणों द्वारा संकल्प लिया जाता है।

MIRA Updates.

Announcement of First Commons and Accountability Series Dialogue

MIRA has collaborated with Social Accountability Forum for Action and Research (SAFAR), The Foundation for Ecological Security (FES), National Law School of India University (NLSIU), and a number of organisations, campaigns, and networks to organise a series of discussions aimed at conceptualising a basic concept of accountability with regard to commons as well as identifying obstacles and potential paths for collective action.

The first dialogue is being held on September 2, 2022, and is being jointly organised by the Mazdoor Kisan Shakti Sangathan (MKSS), School for Democracy (SFD), and the Social Accountability Forum for Action and Research (SAFAR). It will take place in the Conference Room, National Law School of India University, (NLSIU), Bengaluru.

India News.

[Tapping know-how to verify minor mineral plunder](#)

India has grossly underestimated the difficulty of unlawful mining, which damages the atmosphere and causes income loss.

[Illegal mining unabated in Mandi, Kullu](#)

Illegal mining is continuing with impunity in Mandi and Kullu districts though the Mining Department and the police are maintaining a strict vigil. Illegal mining also poses a threat to the ecology of water bodies in both districts.

[Tribal Rights Compromised for Vedanta's Coal Mining Project in Odisha?](#)

Opposition party MLAs rocked the Odisha Assembly on July 28 against apparent violation of tribal rights in Vedanta's Jamkhani coal mining project.

[Rampant sand extraction in Chapora River has destroyed our agri land: Talarna farmers](#)

Rampant sand mining continues despite ban on the illegal activity in the State. After Ugvem, now farmers from Talarna in Pernem taluka have complained that the rampant sand extraction in Chapora River has destroyed their agricultural land.

[J&K e-portal to sell mining material](#)

With an aim to tighten the noose against the mafia, the Jammu and Kashmir administration will soon launch an e-portal to facilitate a smooth purchase of mining material.

[Why a Niti Aayog study on the economic costs of ‘judicial activism’ must be viewed with scepticism](#)

In June, the government think tank Niti Aayog released a report claiming that Rs 24,541.15 crore and 82,060 jobs had been lost due to five cases in which the Supreme Court and the National Green Tribunal temporarily halted or completely banned economic activities that violated environmental laws or had adverse environmental effects.

[Daily Court Digest: Major environment orders \(August 8, 2022\)](#)

Magnesite and dunite mines in a Tamil Nadu village do not have permission to operate, the environment ministry submitted in the National Green Tribunal (NGT).

[Entire Cuddalore district is declared a mine-affected area: Union Minister](#)

The entire Cuddalore district has been identified and declared as mine-affected area by the District Mineral Foundation Trust (DMFT), Cuddalore, Union Minister of Mines, Coal and Parliamentary Affairs Prahlad Joshi has informed the Rajya Sabha.

[Cabinet dilutes Modi’s Glasgow commitment of Net Zero emission by 2070 into a long term goal](#)

India’s commitment to achieving Net Zero emission status in 2070, as told by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during COP 26 in Glasgow last November, has turned into a “long term goal” in its NDC cleared by cabinet on Wednesday.

[Campaign against illegal mining: 164 people arrested in Rajasthan](#)

More than 160 people have been arrested and 339 FIRs lodged under an ongoing campaign against illegal mining in Rajasthan, officials said on Wednesday.

[NLCIL inks MoU with Assam Power Distribution to develop 1,000 MW solar projects](#)

Public sector power generator NLC India (NLCIL) has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Assam Power Distribution Company (APDCL) to develop solar power projects.

[Odisha: Big Ticket Project Of Adani Group To Get HLCA Nod Today](#)

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik will be chairing a high level clearance authority (HLCA) meeting on Wednesday evening, official sources said.

[NMDC hikes lump ore rate to Rs 4,100 per ton; fines at Rs 2,910](#)

State-owned NMDC on Thursday hiked prices of lump ore by Rs 200 a tonne and fines by Rs 100 per tonne with immediate effect.

[India Comes Up With A Law To Promote Use Of Green Hydrogen And Ethanol](#)

Lok Sabha on Monday passed a bill seeking to promote the use of non-fossil fuels, including ethanol, green hydrogen and biomass.

[Eyeing mining possibility of strategic minerals in India and abroad: NMDC Chairman, Sumit Deb](#)

NMDC, the country's largest iron ore producer, is now eyeing exploration and mining of strategic minerals - like lithium - both in India and overseas too while it is interested in tapping export markets for sale of low grade iron-ore.

[India to miss renewable energy goal, officials, experts say.](#)

India will miss its renewable energy target for the end of the year, with experts saying "multiple challenges" including a lack of financial help and taxes on imported components are stalling the clean energy industry.

[Coal Pricing in India: The high cost of low Prices](#)

Under the colliery control order of 1945 and the Essential Commodities Act, 1955, the price of coal in India was regulated by the government of India (GOI) until the 1990s.

[Meghnagar: Tribals oppose mining approval, claim site central to religious beliefs](#)

Mining approval given to a site located here at Hedawa village of Thandla tehsil of Jhabua district has been strongly opposed by the tribals and villagers as it is closely tied to the religious beliefs of the tribals and is home to Baba Devdungar.

[Adani to enter alumina and iron ore businesses in Odisha, invest Rs 57,575 crore](#)

The Adani Group on Thursday said it will be entering the alumina and iron ore business with an investment of Rs 57,575 crore in the state of Odisha.

International News.

[Mining projects may attract bank financing as Great Barrier Reef recovers](#)

Bank financing for mining projects such as Adani Australia and Tatas in Indonesia is expected to revive with almost two-thirds of the Great Barrier Reef in Australia making a sharp recovery and recording the highest amount of coral cover in nearly four decades.

[Pacific nations are extraordinarily rich in critical minerals. But mining them may take a terrible toll](#)

Plundering the Pacific for its rich natural resources has a long pedigree. Think of the European companies strip-mining Nauru for its phosphate and leaving behind a moonscape.

[How the US is hindering global climate financing](#)

India, one of the world's top emitters of greenhouse gases, faces a big problem: High population growth is driving industrialisation and urbanisation, creating more demand for fossil fuels, especially in the housing and transportation sectors.

[Myanmar's poisoned mountains](#)

China has long dominated the world's supply of heavy rare earths, minerals needed to build electric vehicles and wind turbines. Demand for these products is skyrocketing as we rush to meet climate goals, but there is a problem at the root of the supply chain.

[Accountable for Corruption, But Not For Human Rights Abuse: The Case of Glencore](#)

On May 24, 2022, Swiss-based commodities firm Glencore pleaded guilty to bribery, corruption, and market manipulation, paying \$1.1 billion in fines and forfeitures to the U.S. government to settle the charges.

[The Taliban's black gold: militants seize on coal to reboot economy](#)

Dozens of men and boys, covered head to toe in coal dust, stream in and out of the mine shafts bored deep into a mountain in northern Afghanistan.

[Billionaires fund a massive treasure hunt in Greenland. Here's why.](#)

A gigantic treasure hunt with helicopters and transmitters is being funded by some of the richest men in the world, including Jeff Bezos and Bill Gates, off the west coast of Greenland.

[Indonesian firm to construct coal port in Vietnam](#)

Indonesian firm PT Intra Asia Indonesia has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with its counterpart in Vietnam, in connection with its plan to construct a coal port in the southern part of the country with US\$1 billion.

['We borrow our lands from our children': Sami say they are paying for Sweden going green](#)

It's just after sunrise near Jokkmokk, a small town north of the Arctic Circle in Sweden, and Gun Aira, a reindeer herder, and her family are gathering the animals for the long trip to the mountains.

[Top Coal Firm in World Cashing in on Global Energy Crisis](#)

Glencore, the world's largest coal shipper, is cashing in on the global energy crisis to the tune of nearly \$9 billion in the first six months of 2022, and plans to pay out more than half – \$4.45 billion – to shareholders in dividends and buybacks.

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