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Dear friends of MIRA,

We are taking a break for a week on account of Diwali and will publish our next bulletin on 1st November. Wishing everyone a very Happy Diwali!

Coalition Updates.

- MIRA and Environics Trust along with its member organisations, had recently conducted a pilot study of 574 projects of the District Mineral Foundation Trust in 4 states- Rajasthan, Odisha, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand. Our survey report, **"GROUND-TRUTHING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DISTRICT MINERAL FOUNDATION TRUST (DMFT)"** was released on 17th October, during the MIRA Coalition meeting. We are pleased to share the report that is in 2 volumes and can be accessed here: [Vol 1 \(Main Report\)](#), [Vol 2 \(Survey Annexures & Photos\)](#)
- On 12th October, Rahul Basu, Advisory Member, MIRA & Research Director, Goa Foundation, shared his insights on 'Minerals as a Shared Inheritance' at the General Assembly of the Congress of

Nations and States (CNS), an international, independent, and permanent forum.

- Mazdoor Kisan Shakti Sangathan (MKSS) along with several civil society groups, organised State-wide Jawabdehi Andolan (Accountability movement) in the month of September, demanding for a Social Accountability Law in Rajasthan. Their consistent efforts has resulted in the announcement of 'THE RAJASTHAN GUARANTEED DELIVERY OF PUBLIC SERVICES AND ACCOUNTABILITY BILL, 2022' by the Government of Rajasthan. It is now in the public domain for comments/suggestions. The last date for submission is 9th November 2022. You can access the draft bill [here](#).
 - 'Accountability of Forest as Commons', as part of The Commons Dialogue series was held on 14th and 15th October, anchored by Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), SAFAR, FES and NLSIU at TISS Mumbai campus, reflecting on the challenges faced by the communities on the ground in exercising their shared ownership over forest land and opportunities to build accountability to address these challenges.
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Interesting Podcasts & Videos.

- [Human Impacts and Human Rights on the High Seas](#)
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India News.

- [India, US announce launch of new energy storage task force to support clean energy transition](#)

- [India offers 26 oil, gas blocks in mega offshore round](#)
 - [Revoke amendments permitting private companies to undertake beach sand mining](#)
 - [As government reconsiders ban, Adani forays into beach sand mining](#)
 - [Import of thermal coal in the country to be completely stopped by 2024-2025 - Pralhad Joshi](#)
 - [Our Coal, Our Right: Here is why these Chhattisgarh tribals stage a 'coal satyagraha' every October 2](#)
 - [DMF को लेकर सचिव के निर्देशों का अब भी पालन नहीं कर रहे हैं ये जिले, न्यास के खर्चों को DMF PORTAL में अपडेट करने से बच रहे...](#)
 - [Meghalaya district's fresh order bans rat hole coal mining](#)
 - [Meghalaya: Concerns raised over Garo Hills route for coal export](#)
 - [Secretary mining visits Parlanka Gypsum Mines, reviews mining works in Ramban](#)
 - [Rich in minerals, Indian syrups poor in childcare](#)
 - [India is clear about its policy regarding oil purchases, will buy oil from wherever it has to: Hardeep Singh Puri](#)
 - [India Cements sells Springway to JSW Cement](#)
 - [India: Five coal mining projects receive nod for environment clearance](#)
 - [The G7 and Indian Just Energy Transition Partnership Roadmap](#)
 - [Over a decade on, Ballari mine workers still await justice](#)
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International News.

- ['Reckless' coal firms plan climate-busting expansion, study finds](#)
- [Osinbajo wants African countries to explore seabed minerals](#)

- [Sulawesi islanders grieve land lost to nickel mine](#)
 - [Environmentally friendly technology allows for efficient separation of REEs, transition metals from waste](#)
 - [BHP's plan to keep coal mine open for 93 years 'delusional'](#)
 - [Bulgaria's stalled energy transition](#)
 - [Analysis: UK's gas imports would be 13% lower if it had not 'cut the green crap'](#)
 - [BBVA commits to reduce emissions from its oil and gas client portfolio by 30% by 2030](#)
 - [The carbon emissions of producing energy transition metals: Charted](#)
 - [Australia's big four banks face shareholder ire over funding fossil fuels](#)
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