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Coalition Updates.

- Mithla is elated at the mushroom harvest in her hut, which helps in meeting nutritional requirements of her family as well as securing a modest income.

Mithla, a tribal woman of Majha village in Panna district of Madhya Pradesh, works as a mine worker in a stone quarry earning a meagre wage of Rs.150 per day as compared to men who earn Rs.250 for the same work. She also guards agricultural fields at



night which earns her wheat to sustain the family's food needs. She was widowed at a young age as her husband (a mine worker) died of suspected silicosis (was being treated for tuberculosis) and currently lives with her ailing and disabled father. She has 3 children to look after. She narrates how women and girls face exploitation and harassment, and, she,

therefore has no option but to take her 15-year-old daughter along to work as a labourer at the quarry. She fears that her family might have to face the same health consequences as her husband did.

Sameena Yousuf, who leads Prithvi Trust, has been mobilising and supporting around 20 women from mining affected communities, in 5 villages with alternate livelihoods like mushroom cultivation. She says, “all these women are struggling to make a living as their husbands have either been diagnosed with silicosis (hence unable to work) or have died due to the illnesses caused by mining. They are overburdened with multiple responsibilities.”

- The Ministry of Mines, Government of India has called for public consultation on two important amendments: (1) [Proposal for amendment of MMDR Act, 1957, for bringing reforms in mineral sector. Additional proposal regarding exploration license for deep-seated minerals and critical minerals.](#) Last date for submission: 22nd February, 2023 (2) [Amendment of the Offshore Areas Mineral \(Development and Regulation\) Act, 2002](#) Last date for submission: 11th March, 2023
- The GRI’s draft mining sector standard is available for public comment. Here is the [exposure draft](#) . Last date for submission of comments is April 30, 2023. Regional events in local languages will take place for India, Indonesia, China, Latin America and South Africa. To find out more about the regional events, send an email to mining@globalreporting.org.

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