

WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN.

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Coalition Updates.

Mineral Inheritors Rights Association (MIRA), last week, submitted its concerns, comments & suggestions to the Ministry of Mines on the proposed amendment of the Offshore Areas Mineral (Development and Regulation) Act, 2002. The amendment had proposed changes to tap "vast mineral resources in the offshore areas". It would have serious repercussions to the Indian coastline as it is unique & home to diverse coastal ecology and importantly, marked by the presence of communities earning their livelihoods from the sea viz. fishing communities. It is also disturbing that in the name of ease of doing business, the Exploration License can be transferred to any other entity easily. Furthermore, some of the clauses in the amendment are tricky on the area of allocation to a single entity, and would definitely have implications to several communities, the ocean biodiversity and livelihoods.

Interesting Podcasts & Videos.

- <u>'The trees were all gone': Indonesia's nickel mines reveal the</u>

 dark side of our electric future
- Decoding the UN High Seas Treaty | In Focus podcast
- Uncovering the Permian Climate Bomb

India News.

- <u>State govt should park mining e-auction revenue in permanent</u> <u>fund for future generations: Goa Foundation</u>
- Northeast India's largest coal mine went to a company that violated bidding rules
- India's IOC seeks 8 LNG cargoes for Dhamra terminal
- India's Deep Ocean Mission Won't Result In Any Over Exploitation
 Of Marine Resources By Corporate Houses: Govt
- ED attaches assets worth Rs 5.21 cr in Bangalore mining case:
 Official
- Haryana pollution control board issues closure order against
 Sonepat mining firm
- <u>'Visual Journey Of Jaduguda- Site of India's 1st Uranium Mine,</u>
 <u>Through My Lens'</u>
- Odisha spent Rs 261.76 crore to build Birsa Munda Hockey
 Stadium (Rs.136.82 crore was from District Mineral Foundation
 Fund): Sports Min
- 10 CISF companies enough to check illegal coal mining in Meghalaya, says HC
- <u>CAG finds huge revenue loss for non-imposition of fines on</u>
 mining companies in Uttarakhand

- New thermal power plants mandated to use renewable sources
 to generate part of their energy
- 2023: Riverbed Mining Deaths & Violence in WEST INDIA
- <u>Punjab Government notifies mines for sale of sand exclusively</u>
 to public
- India suits up for deepest dive yet

International News.

- Philippine miners not keen on Indonesia nickel alliance plan
- A Rush to Mine the Deep Sea Is Underway. It Must Be Stopped.
- Lockheed Martin sells deep-sea mining firm to Norway's Loke
- Block of 6 Pacific countries commit to spearhead global fossil
 fuel phase-out effort
- <u>Scraping the barrel: The consequences of the impending launch</u>
 <u>of deep-sea mining</u>
- Plans to provide sea sand for construction at subsidized prices in Sri Lanka
- The EU will not become a green industry front-runner through deregulation, NGOs say
- ING toughens oil and gas policy to include trade finance,
 midstream
- China to step up deep sea mining efforts
- Some trading companies are debunking the myth that public disclosure harms competitiveness, amidst persistent opacity in the extractive sector
- <u>Leader of International Seabed Mining Agency Admonished by</u>
 <u>Diplomats</u>



• Unsafe Pakistani mines continue to claim workers' lives

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