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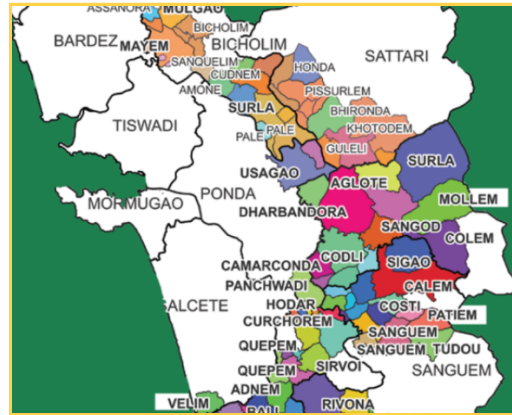
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Coalition Updates.

- The Forest Conservation Act (Amendment) Bill was passed in the Lok Sabha yesterday (26th July) amidst huge concerns and oppositions. It will declassify 197,159 sq. km of forests, which is 15% of India's forest cover and may exempt a large number of projects including extractive projects from the clearance process with no community consultation, violating the Forest Rights Act. The amendment is a major dilution to the existing FCA that was mandated to regulate the mining, hydropower and other such projects and will also weaken the Supreme Court's 1996 landmark Godavarman judgment. Many environmentalists, concerned citizens including [ex-civil servants](#) have contested the proposed amendments and have submitted letters to the concerned Ministry. Sandeep Minhas from Himalaya Niti Abhiyan, has expressed grave concern on the proposed amendment as it would exacerbate the current Himalayan crisis through deforestation and exemptions to strategic linear projects within 100 km of border areas.

- [Mining Affected Villages of Goa](#) (posted by the Goenchi Mati Movement): The District Mineral Foundations have finally identified the mining affected villages. This information is available in their Annual Reports 2021-22, which is part of the unstarred legislative assembly question 99 answered on 19th July, 2023. In North Goa, there are 29 villages and 2 municipal corporations, while in South Goa, there are 46 villages and 3 municipal corporations, adding up to 75 villages and 5 municipal corporations. According to Census 2011, there are 22,908 households and 97,694 individuals residing in these areas in North Goa, 31,582 households and 134,173 individuals in South Goa, adding up to 54,490 households and 231,867 individuals across Goa. This is approximately 16% of Goa's total population. The same LAQ also has a lot of other information on the DMFs, including their annual plans.



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 - [Swapping Expensive Coal Contracts For Renewable Energy Can Save Goa ₹264 Cr. Annually](#)
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- [New North Sea oil and gasfields will emit as much carbon as 14m cars, report says](#)
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