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Coalition Updates.

Our ground-truthing <u>report</u> on the District Mineral Foundation
 Trust (DMFT), that was released last year had pointed out huge irregularities in its implementation. The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG), in its audit reports in some of the

states, also has been highlighting similar concerns. Last week, a PIL on misuse and poor implementation of DMF, was filed in the Chhattisgarh High Court.

The Court has ordered the

हाईकोर्ट : प्रदेशभर में 10 हजार करोड़ का गोलमाल जिला खनिज न्यास की राशि में गड़बड़ी; केंद्र, राज्य व सीबीआई से जवाब तलब



जवाब तत्तव किया है। निवासी सामाजिक कारकर्ता सेवां क कारकर्ता की भी एक सप्ताह में कुमार राठौर ने अधिवत्ता संजय कुमार अग्रवाल के माध्यम से इस मुद्दे पर जनहित याचिका दायर की । इसमें बताया गया कि, खनिज न्यास के हालों में कुल मिलाकर दस एजार कार्यों में नियमों का उक्षंपन किया हो के आसपस की राशि के म्या हैं। डीएएएफ रूस 2015 के म्या की जाकश्री प्रामी औ

(2) की अवस्तरना की गई है। न्यास में लग्ने समय से दीड़िप्स नहीं कराया जा रहा है। आइटिट जनरल से अडिट से कराया गया। खनिज न्यास से ही रही अब की राशि का सही उपयोग नहीं किया जा रहा है। इसका करी कोई दिना की नहीं कराया जा रहा है। इसका करी कोई दिना की नहीं रहा नहीं की से सी की उन्हें की सी की रही हो जी की राई है। जी की राई है। जी की राई है। जी की राई है। जी की राई हो जी की राई है। जी की राई है। जी की राई हो जी की राई है। जी सी की राई हो जी की राई है। इसका सी की राई हो जी सी राई है। जी सी की राई हो जी सी राई है। जी सी राई हो जी सी राई है। जी सी राई हो जी सी राई है। जी सी राई है।

Central government, the State government and the CBI to respond within three weeks to the DMF related scams (approx. Rs.10,000 crores in the State and Rs.1200 crores in Korba district) in Chhattisgarh.

The draconian Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Bill, 2023
 is likely to be tabled in the Indian Parliament this week. The bill

- is hugely problematic in several ways. It is a massive threat to the Right to Information Act, which empowers citizens to demand transparency and hold the government accountable. To know more about it, watch these 2 videos: <u>Video 1</u> and <u>Video 2</u>.
- Publish What You Pay (PWYP) is deeply concerned by the arrest
 of Gubad Ibadoghlu, a prominent economist and a member of
 PWYP Azerbaijan coalition. On behalf of the global PWYP
 network, the PWYP Global Council has issued a
 statement demanding Gubad's immediate release.

Interesting Podcasts & Videos.

- A fight to save orans | ओरण बचाने की लड़ाई | Jaisalmer, Rajasthan
- Tax evasion costing African countries billions
- Opening Extractives: Programme impact and activities

India News.

- Parliament Passes Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2023
- <u>'Everyone is aghast.' India's move to weaken forest protections</u>
 <u>outrages conservationists</u>
- Rajya Sabha okays contentious biological diversity bill
- More than a coal miner: Rebranded Coal India to embrace new identity
- Details of Coal Blocks Auctioned Under Commercial Coal Mine
 Auctioning
- NITI Aayog proposes incentives for processing and refining of minerals in lithium-ion batteries

- NTPC to hive off coal mining business into arm in Rs 7,795-crore
 deal
- <u>India's Solar Energy Corp proposes joint venture with Reliance</u>
- Adani's Grip on India's Economy Fuels Rebound After Hindenburg
- India joins rush to renewables, but its rural solar systems fall off
 grid
- Hasdeo Aranya's Tara coal block withdrawn from commercial mining auction process
- Essar Oil & Gas plans to consolidate its position in Ranigunj CBM
 block
- <u>SC paves way for auctioning of 50,000 mines in Rajasthan</u>
- Odisha Received Rs 23,120 Crore Under DMF, Says Union Minister
 Pralhad Joshi
- South Eastern Coalfields to invest Rs 169 cr on plantation in <u>Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh</u>
- Over 4,300 illegal mining challans issued in 2023 till now, Rs
 2.71 crore fine realised: HP Police
- <u>Karnataka CM directs single-window system for mining lease</u>
 <u>companies</u>
- State Enforcement Bureau set up to curb illegal mining in Haryana
- Behind the violence, strip-mining hills and forests for minerals:
 Manipur
- Assam: Panic Among Residents of Duliajan Following a Gas Leak

International News.

• International talks end without go-ahead for deep-sea mining

- <u>Deep-sea mining meetings conclude after stalemate on key</u>
 <u>agenda items</u>
- <u>Seabed watchdog accuses miner of ignoring procedures after</u>
 <u>spill</u>
- <u>Deep-sea mining not essential for the energy transition, say</u>
 <u>activists as extraction talks stall</u>
- In the Race to Mine the Seabed, China Takes a Hard Line
- Zululand community members blockade roads, telling India's
 Jindal Steel & Power to 'voetsek'
- China's steel sector invests USD 100 bn in coal-based steel
 plants, despite low profitability, overcapacity and carbon
 commitments
- World battles to loosen China's grip on vital rare earths for clean energy transition
- New North Sea oil and gas licences will send 'wrecking ball' through climate commitments
- Britain agrees deals on clean energy, critical minerals with
 Zambia
- Ecuador court halts referendums on mining, oil projects
- Fossil fuel phaseout can no longer be delayed
- Saudi Arabia, UAE likely to invest \$46b in Pakistan's mineral,
 mining sector: Musadiq
- Over 20m tonnes of copper demand could be destroyed through
 2030
- Rio Tinto inks earn-in deal for lithium project in Rwanda
- Minnesota Supreme Court rules against disputed mine, says
 state pollution officials hid EPA warnings

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