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Coalition Updates.

- The India General Council meeting of the World Social Forum-India process was held on 6th and 7th of August in Patna. Discussions on organising various upcoming state social forum events, thematic events as well as the India Social Forum event (proposed in November) were held during the meet. The World Social Forum is scheduled in February 2023, to be held at Kathmandu, Nepal.
- The Indian Parliament, last week, passed two crucial mining related bills- [Mines and Minerals \(Development & Regulation\) Amendment Bill, 2023](#) and [Offshore Areas Mineral \(Development and Regulation\) Amendment Bill, 2023](#). Earlier this year, letters were sent on behalf of the coalition, to the Ministry of Mines, citing serious concerns.



- After the Chhattisgarh High Court order based on the PIL filed on the irregularities of the District Mineral Funds, the Enforcement Directorate has started its investigations. Initial investigation has revealed that work records including circulars, registers, etc related to the approval of DMF work worth Rs. 3 crores are missing.



Interesting Podcasts & Videos.

- [The Role of the Oil & Gas sector in a 'Just Transition'](#)
- [The issues with India's new forest law](#)
- [Hell in the Niger Delta](#)

India News.

- [Data Protection Bill does not protect us – it attacks our rights](#)
- [Neither the right to privacy nor the right to information](#)
- [FCA Amendment: No Forest For The Weary](#)
- [Govt says no plan formulated to phase out old coal-based power plants](#)
- [ONGC plans oil-to-chemical plants in pivot towards energy transition](#)
- [Oil India gets Maharatna status, ONGC Videsh becomes Navratna](#)
- [Details of Funds available and spent by Gujarat Under District Mineral Foundation](#)
- [Report finds several environmental and pollution issues affecting villagers in and around the two power stations in](#)

Chennai's Neyveli and Cuddalore

- Odisha: NHRC Seeks Report On Basic Amenities For People In Mine Affected Villages In Keonjhar
- Cops, officials face ire of tribals opposing mining in Odisha
- Assam: Illegal rat hole mine fire in Margherita continues to burn
- Illegal & Unscientific Stone Mining In Meghalaya Is Impacting Ecosystem, Causing Health Problems
- Promised rehabilitation eludes residents living near one of India's earliest coal mines
- Coal India intends to invest Rs 21,547 Cr in two thermal projects in Madhya Pradesh and Odisha
- Centre transfers Rs 704 cr to 6 states as payment for coal mine auction
- Haryana seeks cooperation from Rajasthan to curb menace of overloading of mining vehicles
- ED seizes estate shares of late Goa mining baron Anil Salgaocar
- New platform unites tech and activism to monitor sand mining in India
- Why lifesaving funds are not reaching Rajasthan's silicosis patients

International News.

- The Metals Company thwarted in its rush to mine the deep sea
- Why China and India disagree on green mineral supply chains
- Critical concerns about Manitoba's Minerals Strategy.
- Despite reforms, mining for EV metals in Congo exacts steep cost on workers

- [CommBank's climate policy update leaves ANZ, NAB and Westpac in the dust](#)
- [I'm an Environmentalist. Biden's Climate Plans Are a Mistake.](#)
- [Barrick open to Saudi wealth fund buying stake in Pakistan's Reko Diq project](#)
- [Ghana approves green minerals policy to develop lithium industry.](#)
- [Investor that took on Exxon targets deals in critical minerals](#)
- [Iraq, Kurdistan to work on drafting oil and gas bill amid halt via Turkey](#)
- [Five-year TotalEnergies contract sees EnerMech expand in Congo](#)
- [Will Ghana's gas gamble perpetuate a cycle of fossil-fuel related debt?](#)
- [MACUA WAMUA calls on the Portfolio Committee of Mineral Resources and Energy to take responsibility for the bloodbath in the Informal Mining Sector](#)
- [Barclays says loan to Shell is 'environmental financing' amid wider greenwashing fears](#)
- ['We became activists by necessity': The fight to close the UK's largest opencast mine](#)
- [Metals bosses enjoy front row seat at UN deep-sea mining negotiations](#)
- [Insurers rack up \\$50bn in losses from natural catastrophes this year](#)

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