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#### **Coalition Updates.**

• Mine Labour Protection Campaign, on 2nd of October, organised a meeting wherein around 500 silicosis affected persons,

gathered in Jodhpur, Rajasthan, to raise concerns on poor implementation of the Rajasthan Pneumoconiosis Policy (this year marks the 4th anniversary of the policy). A memorandum was



submitted to the District Collector, highlighting the low notification rates that has been depriving the affected persons from receiving compensation and other benefits.

 Norway has planned to open up 281,000 square kilometers of its ocean - an area larger than the size of the UK - to deep seabed mining in the sensitive Arctic. Coordinated actions by CSOs were carried out globally on 2nd of October, urging the Norwegian government to stop Deep Sea Mining. An <u>open letter</u> was sent to the Prime Minister of Norway. Here is the <u>press release</u>.

# Interesting Podcasts & Videos.

- UNEP Calls For A Halt To Sand Mining In Beaches, As It Is Causes
  <u>Coastal Erosion</u>
- The other greenhouse gas we should talk about: Methane
- <u>What if renewable energy can be a menace? Unless humans</u> <u>make some structural adjustments</u>

### India News.

- Jharkhand emerges as the latest hub of lithium reserves in India
- Solar dominates as India adds nearly 1 million renewable jobs in 2022: Report
- Experts raise concerns as no more social impact assessment for
  Odisha projects
- India's critical role in developing resilient global mineral supply
  <u>chains</u>
- Union Environment Ministry defers decision on Vedanta's Goa
  <u>mining proposal</u>
- India must tap mineral resources in oceans: NIO chief
- <u>Rajasthan plans to auction gold mines</u>
- Coal stock comfortable, commercial mines to produce 145 mt in
  FY24: Coal Secy
- Dhanbad residents launch foot march against rising pollution in the coal town

- Odisha: Dongria Kondh Tribals Take on Corporate Goliaths to
  Save Forests
- ONGC may invest \$20 bn to set up 2 petchem plants
- Govt invites France's TotalEnergies to bid for oil exploration
  <u>rights</u>
- <u>Modi's G20 Push For Green Credit Scheme Wants Private</u>
  <u>Plantations To Replace Forests, Rejected By His Own Experts</u>
- <u>Tenders for seven offshore wind energy blocks in Tamil Nadu</u>
  <u>soon</u>
- <u>With no primary data on impacts, government approves an oil</u> <u>extraction technique 500 m outside forests</u>

## International News.

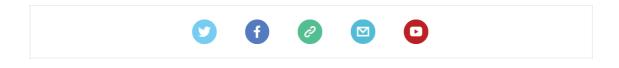
- The push to mine Earth's final frontier
- The tax justice and climate crisis crossroads in resource-rich Africa
- <u>Activists Worried About Uganda's China-Backed Oil Pipeline</u>
- <u>Discharge of mining waste into rivers affects 50 times more</u> people than tailings dam disasters
- Is Pakistan finally selling off its stake in Balochistan mines to Saudi Arabia?
- The human cost of a green energy transition without safeguards
- Liberia launches a new digital beneficial ownership register
- USAID extends partnership with EITI to advance anti-corruption work and strengthen domestic resource mobilisation
- The cost of toxic coal mining in Thar in Pakistan
- ADB's coal shutdown scheme to launch first project in Indonesia 'soon', envoy says

- Pakistan's largest coal miner set to boost output by over 50% in
  2024
- Europe takes climate fight global as carbon border tax goes live
- Why are banks still financing fossil fuels?
- Peak crude demand is fueling anger and argument in the world
  <u>of oil</u>

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