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Coalition Updates.



The World Social Forum was held from 15th- 19th of February at Kathmandu, Nepal. The event saw a massive participation of over 50,000 people representing more than 1400 organizations from six continents and 98 nations. The diversity of participants ranged from workers, farmers, peasants, trade unions, women and LGBTQIA organizations, indigenous groups to civil society organizations and social movements from all over the world. There were solidarity marches with a soaring cry of "Another World Is Possible". Various thematic panels, selforganized activities, cultural programmes and activities were organised which aimed at providing networking opportunities and collaborative actions as well as fostering discussions and formulating strategies for a more equitable and sustainable future.

Participants deliberated on a



wide range of pressing issues including economic inequality, social justice, climate justice, citizen engagement, right to information, labour, migration, caste-based discrimination, gender equality, peace and sustainable development among others. The event came to a conclusion with 60 declarations from organizations worldwide pledging to collaborate towards the realization of another, fairer and more just world, said the Nepal Organising Committee.

Interesting Podcasts & Videos.

- <u>Colonizing the New Frontier: Norway's decision to advance</u> <u>seabed mining in the Arctic</u>
- Land and Natural Resources Management Impact on Gender
- <u>Can Solar Power and Battery Tech Save The World From Climate</u>
 <u>Change</u>

India News.

- In Lush, Ancient Chhattisgarh Forest, Thousands Of Trees Cut To Mine Coal For Rajasthan, Threatening Adivasi Homes, Water, Livelihoods
- <u>Centre notifies conversion factors and average sale price</u> <u>calculation for critical minerals</u>
- CAG: Irregularities in sand mining led to loss of ₹172cr
- <u>Despite prescient warnings by BJP leader RK Singh and Rajeev</u> <u>Chandrasekhar, Union gov't went ahead with flawed coal</u> <u>auctions</u>
- Draft guidelines for private agencies to be discussed on offshore mining
- Beach sand mining cases | Madras High Court to commence final hearing from March 11
- <u>Mine bidders to face penalties for delays; Centre proposes</u>
 <u>timelines</u>
- <u>Rajasthan government confirms discovery of 840 million mt of</u> <u>iron ore reserves</u>
- <u>Govt announces new centre for energy transition in</u>
 <u>collaboration with TERI</u>
- Gautam Adani secures ore for world's largest single-location
 copper smelter in Gujarat
- Adani JV Just Exported Lethal Drones to Israel, Same Model
 Being Used in Genocide-Tainted Gaza War
- Beyond Borders: Navigating Legal Developments In The Space
 <u>Mining Frontier</u>
- <u>The Environment in Meghalaya: Many custodians; none</u> <u>accountable</u>
- Expansion of Coal Mines Approved Amid Oil Drilling in Northeast

- Anil Agarwal's Vedanta Resources completes repayments to
 bondholders
- <u>Illegal sand mining in broad daylight concerns Gajapati villages</u> <u>in Odisha</u>
- The Centre's big push for residential rooftop solar plans
- <u>How much of Aravalis is hit by mining? Govt starts ground-</u> <u>truthing for revival</u>
- India Leverages US Partnership for Secure Critical Mineral Supply
 Chains
- Left out of coal workforce, risky illegal mining is the only option before them
- <u>Cement factory deposits Rs 14.73 Cr with the state under DMFT,</u> <u>affected panchayat disbursed 3.61 Cr in Himachal Pradesh</u>
- <u>Rajasthan: ED searches in 'illegal' mining-linked money</u>
 <u>laundering case</u>
- TMC leader slams govt for coal 'manipulations' in Meghalaya

International News.

- China off track on all key climate commitments as coal power approvals continue
- Investors worldwide call for responsible mining practices in nickel industries
- We're Taking London Metal Exchange to Court
- <u>Deep sea mining: The controversial practice causing a growing</u> <u>rift drifting towards New Zealand</u>
- Global insurer rules out doing with business with deep sea mining companies
- <u>UK creates deep-sea mining think-tank</u>

- <u>Convention on migratory species urges countries not to engage</u> in or support deep-sea mining in absence of science
- <u>NSW Government Introduces Bill To Prohibit Offshore Mining:</u>
 <u>PEP11 To Be Restricted To Commonwealth Waters If Licence Is</u>
 <u>Extended, Again</u>
- <u>NNPC hides under PIA to frustrate disclosure, accountability in</u>
 <u>Nigeria</u>
- <u>New study shows the economic and health cost of Indonesia's</u>
 <u>drive for nickel processing</u>
- Over 100 International Organizations Denounce Belo Sun's
 Efforts to Criminalize Brazilian Land Defenders
- <u>Rio Tinto wrangles investors over water contamination claims</u>
- How Regional Frameworks can be Leveraged to Facilitate the
 Implementation of Beneficial Ownership Reforms at Regional
 and Country Levels
- Following the money behind Amazon oil development
- How big a hypocrite is Norway on energy matters?
- Why the world's mining companies are so stingy

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