

# WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN.

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## Coalition Updates.

• "The Supreme Court has admitted a plea filed by the Goa Foundation challenging the 2023 amendments to the Forest Conservation Act (FCA). Four organisations including the Goa Foundation, represented by Adv Prashant Bhushan, had challenged the FCA amendments. The petitioners are challenging the recently enacted (2023) amendments to the Forest Conservation Act 1980 (FCA) as these violate the Fundamental Right to Life guaranteed to citizens under Article 21 of the Constitution. By restricting the applicability of the FCA solely to certain categories provided for in the amendments, the natural forests and vegetation not falling within those categories become freely available to be diverted for non-forest purposes, was the contention of petitioners." For detailed news, click here.

### Interesting Podcasts & Videos.

- <u>Critical Questions About Critical Minerals: Can we mine our way</u>
  <u>to a green transition away from fossil fuels, or will we destroy</u>
  <u>more natural environment?</u>
- <u>Pacific Civil Society Organizations unveil the Naiuli Declaration</u>
  <u>for a Fossil Fuel Treaty!</u>
- Oblivian: Make My Money Matter

#### India News.

- Jharkhand's "Just Transition" Remains On Paper As State Opens
  New Coal Mines, Fails to Shut Old Ones
- <u>Modi gov't illegally barred West Bengal from coal auction</u>,
  <u>benefiting a corporate</u>
- Rs 1 trillion at stake in mineral tax tussle between Centre and states
- Business houses oppose in SC tax on minerals by states
- <u>Chhattisgarh DMF scam: ED raids 13 places in Chhattisgarh</u>,
  <u>seizes Rs 27 lakh</u>
- KMERC funds elude mining-ravaged areas
- <u>Nagaland: Coal revenue declines; concerns raised over mining</u>
  <u>practices</u>
- <u>Coal mines being diversified: Centre</u>
- Ministry of Mines Launches Second Tranche of Auction of Critical and Strategic Minerals

- <u>Supreme Court rejects Sterlite Industries' plea to reopen</u>
  <u>Thoothukudi unit</u>
- Will implement steps to check illegal mining in Dehing Patkai,
  Gauhati High Court told
- Tamil Nadu: NLC plans small nuke reactors at its coal mines
- Odisha greenlights projects worth ₹4,066.71 crore, aiming for renewable energy expansion
- Gevra coal mine gets environmental nod for expansion

#### International News.

- PNG communities resist seabed mining: Interview with activist
  Jonathan Mesulam
- Western Australia working on critical minerals JVs with Indian mining majors
- <u>Cameroon suspended from the Extractive Industries</u>
  <u>Transparency Initiative</u>
- Myanmar delisted from EITI due to political instability
- SEC climate disclosures rule a welcome first step, but not yet sufficient
- Satellite to 'name and shame' worst oil and gas methane polluters
- John Kerry: US committed to tackling climate crisis despite fossil fuel growth
- <u>'On stolen land': Tribes fight clean-energy projects backed by Biden</u>
- Canada and Australia boost collaboration on critical minerals

- Indian companies eye critical minerals mining in Sri Lanka,
  Australia as Mines Ministry expands search beyond South
  America
- Russia says working with China for nuclear power plant on Moon
- Investor and banks financing Adani's 'green bond' fail first
  litmus test post-Hindenburg
- France should not sabotage Europe's law for human rights and the environment
- <u>Experts urge governance of planetary commons to manage</u>
  <u>climate change</u>
- The False Promise of Carbon Capture as a Climate Solution
- Harm In The Extractive Sector: The Case Of Energy Transition
  Minerals (ETMS)

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