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Coalition Updates.

- The Government of Himachal Pradesh recently notified the
 <u>Himachal Pradesh Mineral Policy 2024</u>, replacing the earlier
 Mineral Policy 2013. The revised policy brings in several changes including increasing the depth of the pit to extract minerals
 from riverbeds or streambeds to allowing machines to mine minerals. The objectives of the new policy as mentioned are:
 - a. To explore mineral wealth of the State and to carry out its exploitation by adopting scientific and mechanical techniques with adequate safeguards to protect environment and ecology.
 - b. To increase the employment opportunities in the mining sector, by granting sustainably adequate mineral concessions in the State.
 - c. To take effective measures to curb illegal mining and leakages of revenue.
 - d. To prepare an integrated On-line portal for regulating the mining activities in a fair transparent manner.

- e. To promote value addition through promotion of processing units and mineral based industries in the State.
- f. To simplify the procedures and rules to make regulatory environment conducive to ease of doing business.
- g. To adhere to the orders/directions issued by the Hon'ble Apex Court, Hon'ble High Court, Hon'ble National Green Tribunal and other guidelines issued by the Ministry of Environment and Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC) Government of India, for exploitation of minor minerals. Concerns have been raised by environmentalists as the vulnerable Himalayan state has been witnessing frequent disasters such as landslides, cloud bursts, flash floods and excessive rains.

Interesting Podcasts & Videos.

- Are Batteries the New Oil?
- The Mining Conundrum for Critical Minerals
- What do electoral bonds disclose about environmental violators?

India News.

- <u>Electoral Bonds Data Reveals Major Investments By Mining, Steel</u>
 Firms
- Mining Giant Vedanta Bought Electoral Bonds Worth Rs 400.65
 Crore
- Why coal communities are more worried about land than jobs
- Mines Ministry plans to handhold private players for acquisition of critical mineral blocks overseas

- India in undersea race to mine world's battery metal
- India's energy transition must prioritise social justice
- State Governments Issue NITs for Grant of Exploration Licences
 (EL) in Critical Mineral Reserves
- "It's Not The End Of World": Andhra Pradesh High Court Stays
 Mining Activities Near Protected Buddhist Worship Site
- India's Coal Gasification Plans: More Glitter Than Gold?
- India's Total Energy Subsidies Reached A 9-Year High In 2023,
 Fossil Fuel Biggest Beneficiary: Report
- Gujarat to begin evaluating potential of lithium in Rann of Kutch
- New book sees red over mining damage in Goa
- <u>Dump handling policy for iron ore approved says Goa CM to help</u>
 <u>in auction export</u>
- <u>Chhattisgarh: 17 villages of Hasdeo Aranya get Community</u>
 <u>Forest Management rights</u>
- Govt set to finalise norms for greenwashing, seeks feedback
- PM Modi, Bhutanese counterpart agree to expand energy partnership

International News.

- <u>"Stop deep sea mining, not protests", Greenpeace demands</u>
 <u>regulator</u>
- DEEP DIVE: Deep-sea mining is not needed, wanted or worth the
 risk
- Sands of Competition: The Race for Sea Sand Mining in Indonesia
- Communities worry anew as PNG revives seabed mining plans
- <u>Coal</u>, <u>oil</u>, <u>gas resources should remain in the ground to reach</u>
 <u>Paris Agreement goals study</u>

- Meteoric Resources initiates potential \$250m US funding at Brazil rare earth project
- The supermajors' plans could kill 11.5 million people
- Clermont locals pushed for this Queensland mine. Now Adani is fighting for the right not to employ them
- Australia's MinRes to develop lithium processing hub in Goldfields region
- Shell vs. the Climate: Expanding Oil and Gas, Fueling the Climate Crisis
- Some 32 000 people could die if SA doesn't switch to greener power sooner
- Glencore sets 25% emissions cut goal by 2030 in new climate plan
- How much does the US depend on Russian uranium?

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