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## Coalition Updates.

- A special tribute event was held virtually, on the 27th of March, to honour the life and contributions of our dearest Sreedhar Ramamurthi. It was organised by the Asian Peoples' Movement on Debt and Development (APMDD), the Environics Trust, and mines, minerals and People (mmP), National Hawker Federation (NHF), All India Womens' Hawker Federation (AIWHF), Himalaya Niti Abhiyan (HNA), Indian Social Action Forum (INSAF), Nadi Ghati Morcha (NGM) and River Basin Friends. Friends across the globe joined for the memorial and shared their stories and memories with Sreedhar. Here is a touching tribute [video](#) and an obituary, "[Sreedhar Ramamurthi: A geologist who campaigned for Mother Earth](#)".
- Concerned civil society groups across India have written a letter to the Honourable President of India, Smt. Draupadi Murmu, urging to take caution and join hands with other [countries](#) calling for a moratorium on deep-sea mining in the Indian and

international waters. Here is the [letter](#) that was submitted on the 27th of March.

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  - [Sicomines: How the EITI in DRC helped secure 4 billion in additional revenue](#)
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