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Coalition Updates.

• Mine Labour Protection Campaign (MLPC) participated in the OECD Forum on Responsible Mineral Supply Chains, recently held in Paris. Rana Sengupta, Chief Executive Officer of MLPC, in one the panels, emphasized on how leveraging digital technology can enhance transparency, operational efficiency, regulatory compliance, and environmental protection in the mining sector, particularly with the minor minerals. He shared how irresponsible trade practices have led to adverse effects, notably a rise in cases of silicosis among Artisanal and Small-Scale Miners (ASM). He further added that a digital mineral permit system needs to established to ensure absolute transparency in the supply chain for minor minerals. It will not only facilitate comprehensive tracking of minerals at every stage of value addition, but also foster unprecedented transparency and accountability among all participants in the supply chain. The e-Rawana system, an electronic permit

mechanism, digitizes the issuance of transit permits by generating unique electronic permits for each consignment.

These permits meticulously document the type and quantity of minerals being transported, the destination, and vehicle details, thereby seamlessly integrating all elements of the process.

Interesting Podcasts & Videos.

- Dr Marit Kitaw on Africa's Transition Minerals
- An activist's battle to stop illegal mining in India's Aravalli mountains
- <u>Deep-Sea Mining</u>, <u>Olympics & Red Lobster Update</u>: <u>Last Week</u>
 <u>Tonight with John Oliver</u>

India News.

- Answer to India's critical minerals requirement lie in India's extended neighbourhood
- India stepping up critical mineral acquisition plans with dozen
 African countries
- Pralhad Joshi: From mining coal to building green energy and food security
- Kishan Reddy is the new Minister of Coal and Mines. What could be his top priorities?
- India looks at Russia to secure rare mineral mining tech,
 partnership
- <u>Despite curbs</u>, illegal mining goes on in Aravalli belt; govt seeks
 <u>report</u>
- JSW Energy Kicks Off 1GWh Battery Storage Project in Rajasthan

- NML offers skill training to youths of mining areas
- <u>Coal Ministry Conducts Workshop On Environmental And Forest</u>
 <u>Clearances For Coal Mining</u>
- No White Gold Rush: Why Interest in Kashmir's Lithium Reserves
 is Lukewarm
- Mines & Geology department in Andhra Pradesh levies ₹75 crore
 penalty on YSRCP leader's mining firm
- Goa: Govt Proposes Setting Up Laboratory Equipped With Advanced Instruments For Mineral Analysis

International News.

- Beneficial ownership registries curb money laundering, but
 Ontario and Alberta remain vulnerable
- Explainer: what is lithium 'fingerprinting'?
- A renewable energy transition that doesn't harm nature? It's not just possible, it's essential
- Reclaiming Sovereignty Through Salt and in Spite of Extraction:
 A Journey to Ayllu Yaribay
- Venezuela signs gold deal with Turkey in region hit by illegal mines
- Nigeria Cracks Down on Illegal Lithium Mining
- Critical Metals to acquire controlling stake in world's biggest
 rare earth project
- The Metals Company, SGS make world's first cobalt sulphate from seafloor nodules
- At Bonn, talks hit climate finance roadblock ahead of Baku summit

- <u>UK climate aid reaches record £1.8bn in 2023 after loosening</u>
 <u>rules</u>
- South Korea, Kazakhstan sign minerals deals as Seoul moves to diversify supply chain

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