

### West Zone: In 16 month 17 children died in illegal sand mine pits

In India unregulated extraction of sand, the minor minerals has been spelling major troubles not only for rivers eco-system, riparian communities but for general public also. Scores of innocent and precious human lives are being lost to sand mining related accidents and violence on annual basis across the country.

Through media reports, SANDRP has been trying to keep an account of most of these fatalities for past few years. This year we have prepared zone wise reports on human death toll occurring due to excessive, unlawful mining activities between December 2020 upto March 2022.

The summary reports along with detailed accounts for [North](#), East and North East zones have already been published. This is third part in the series for West Zone states including Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Goa. The previous such report covering the issue from January 2019 to November 2020, can be seen [here](#).

#### Madhya Pradesh

District	Month/Year	River	Details	Remark
Dewas	29 Jan. 2021	Kalisindh	इंदौर- बैतूल हाइवे पर मोखा पिपलिया गांव के पास निकली कालीसिंध नदी पर अंग्रेजों के जमाने की बिना रेलिंग की पुलिया में शुक्रवार (29 Jan. 2021) रात करीब 12 बजे रेत से भरा ट्रक अनियंत्रित होकर गिर गया। गिरते ही ट्रक में आग लगी, जिसकी चपेट में आने से चालक व क्लीनर झुलस गए। ट्रक नेमावर की तरफ से बालू रेत भरकर इंदौर की ओर जा रहा था, जैसे ही वह पुलिया के बीच में पहुंचा ताे ड्राइवर का संतुलन बिगड़ा और नदी में गिर गया, जिसमें आग लगने से अजय 30 पिता श्यामलाल सोलंकी निवासी बड़वानी व अरुण पिता रामसिंग निवासी बड़वानी झुलस गए। <a href="https://money.bhaskar.com/local/mp/indore/dewas/news/sand-laden-truck-uncontrolled-hacker-fell-into-kalisindh-river-driver-cleaner-scorched-due-to-fire-128178175.html">https://money.bhaskar.com/local/mp/indore/dewas/news/sand-laden-truck-uncontrolled-hacker-fell-into-kalisindh-river-driver-cleaner-scorched-due-to-fire-128178175.html</a> ; <a href="https://navbharattimes.indiatimes.com/state/madhya-pradesh/dewas/dewas-news-truck-catches-fire-after-falling-in-kalisindh-river-driver-and-cleaner-saved-by-villagers/articleshow/80598740.cms">https://navbharattimes.indiatimes.com/state/madhya-pradesh/dewas/dewas-news-truck-catches-fire-after-falling-in-kalisindh-river-driver-and-cleaner-saved-by-villagers/articleshow/80598740.cms</a> (30 Jan. 2021)	Driver, helper injured after sand truck fell of bridge
Gwalior	05 Feb. 2021	Chambal	<b><a href="#">Policeman injured in mafia attack</a></b> Inspector Sudhir Singh Kushwaha was injured when the driver of a tractor carrying illegally excavated sand tried to crush him near in Gwalior city on Friday (Feb. 5). Police had arrested six persons in connection with the incident, while Kushwaha was hospitalised. <a href="https://www.theindiaprint.com/national-news-english/amangal-in-chambal-sho-arrives-to-take-revenge-for-wounded-soldier-caught-in-sand-mafia-firing-">https://www.theindiaprint.com/national-news-english/amangal-in-chambal-sho-arrives-to-take-revenge-for-wounded-soldier-caught-in-sand-mafia-firing-</a>	3 incidents of violent attack on police and forest team.

			<p><a href="https://suspensecrime.com/mafia-bringing-sand-from-chambal-firing-on-police-beaten-ti-and-tried-to-crush-with-tractor/">saves-life-by-jumping-in-drain-24615</a> (06 Feb. 2021) <a href="https://suspensecrime.com/mafia-bringing-sand-from-chambal-firing-on-police-beaten-ti-and-tried-to-crush-with-tractor/">https://suspensecrime.com/mafia-bringing-sand-from-chambal-firing-on-police-beaten-ti-and-tried-to-crush-with-tractor/</a> (05 Feb. 2021)</p> <p>“The people involved in illegal mining have been giving a cut (commission) to legislators (of the BJP) and ministers. Obviously, these people don’t have any fear of law and they attack the police and administration (officials) every day. Such people cannot accept that they should be stopped despite giving money,” Digvijay Singh told reporters. The Rajya Sabha MP said the illegal mining can be stopped in a day if administration acts seriously. <a href="https://www.financialexpress.com/india-news/mining-mafias-paying-commission-to-bjp-have-no-fear-of-law-digvijaya-singh-on-mp-cop-attack/2189381/">https://www.financialexpress.com/india-news/mining-mafias-paying-commission-to-bjp-have-no-fear-of-law-digvijaya-singh-on-mp-cop-attack/2189381/</a> (06 Feb. 2021)</p> <p>During the past week, several incidents involving attack on government officials on duty were reported. A forest guard was killed by wood smugglers in Dewas—an incident that the deceased himself filmed. In Datia, a personnel of the state industrial security forces was shot at, while in Gwalior an attempt was made to run over a police inspector under a tractor by sand mafia. In Bhind, a person involved in illegal sand mining opened fire in front of the house of minister O.P.S. Bhadoria. <a href="https://www.theweek.in/news/india/2021/02/09/land-worth-rs-10000-crores-freed-from-mafia-in-mp-says-cm-chouhan.html">https://www.theweek.in/news/india/2021/02/09/land-worth-rs-10000-crores-freed-from-mafia-in-mp-says-cm-chouhan.html</a> (09 Feb. 2021)</p>	
Sheopur Gwalior Morena	05,06, 10 Feb. 2021  30 Jan. 2021	Parvati  Chambal	<p><b><u>Lady Official attacked by mining mafia</u></b> Bhawna Sengar, Assistant Mining Officer was assaulted by mining mafia on Wednesday (Feb. 10) while she had gone to seize a tractor trolley engaged in illegal quarrying from river Parvati in Sheopur. A local resident Jwari Kevat assaulted Sengar with an iron rod forcing the team to flee the spot. Later the police on the complaint of the officer booked Jwari and his son Narendra.</p> <p>A similar incident was reported last Sunday (Feb. 6) from Gwalior where mining mafia fired bullets on police team. On Jan 30, the locals had assaulted the forest officers in village Panadi and had fled with tractor trollies seized by the government officers.</p> <p>Besides, a SHO (TI) Sudhir Singh Kushwah was injured on Feb. 5 as mining mafia running away with the tractor trollies laden with illegally mined sand in village Jalalpur in Morena last week. The incident took place when the officer with his team had intercepted half a dozen tractor trollies laden with illegally mined sand from river Chambal.</p>	4 incidents of attack on mining, police, forest teams by mining mafias.

			<a href="https://www.news18.com/news/india/days-after-murderous-assault-on-police-forest-guard-and-mining-officer-attacked-in-mps-gwalior-3419564.html">https://www.news18.com/news/india/days-after-murderous-assault-on-police-forest-guard-and-mining-officer-attacked-in-mps-gwalior-3419564.html</a> (11 Feb. 2021)	
Rewa	14 Feb. 2021		Speeding sand truck hit bolero car and turtle turned killing driver, helper of car in Suhagi Pahad area, Rewa. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oN68ErSdgmK">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oN68ErSdgmK</a> (14 Feb. 2021)	Sand truck driver, helper killed in accident.
Tikamgarh	16 Feb. 2021		<b>बालू खनन के दौरान रेत का टीला गिरने से तीन मजदूरों की मौत</b> निवारी के ओरछा तहसील के घटवाहा गांव में एक बड़ी घटना घट गई, जहां पर अचानक खदान धंसने के कारण रेत का खनन कर रहे तीन मजदूरों की मौत हो गई। बताया जा रहा है कि तीनों मजदूर खदान में करीब एक घंटे तक फंसे रहे और जब उन्हें निकाला गया तो उनकी हालत गंभीर अवस्था में थी। इसके बाद उन्हें झांसी मेडिकल कॉलेज ले जाया गया, जहां डॉक्टरों ने उन्हें मृत घोषित कर दिया।  जानकारी के अनुसार, निवारी के ओरछा तहसील के घटवाहा गांव के तीन युवक हीरालाल (19), संजय (20) और पंकज (20) पास के ही एक ट्रैक्टर चालक के साथ मजदूरी करते थे। बीते मंगलवार (16 Feb. 2021) को वह करीब सुबह 4 बजे खदान से रेत निकाल रहे थे, तभी खदान अचानक धंस गई और तीनों उसी में दब गए। तीनों को सिर व सीने में गंभीर चोटें आईं। इसके बाद तीनों मजदूरों के शव उनके परिजन और गांव वाले गांव ले आए और मृतक के परिजन शासन से 25-25 लाख रुपए आर्थिक सहायता की मांग पर अड़ गए। <a href="https://www.livehindustan.com/madhya-pradesh/story-3-persons-died-at-sand-excavation-site-in-madhya-pradesh-niwari-3858363.html">https://www.livehindustan.com/madhya-pradesh/story-3-persons-died-at-sand-excavation-site-in-madhya-pradesh-niwari-3858363.html</a> (17 Feb. 2021)	3 miners die in sand mine collapse incident.
Tikamgarh Datia Gwalior Sheopur Annupur Morena	17 Feb. 2021	Kaithal, Betwa Sone Chambal Ken	<b>बेखौफ रेत माफिया के बढ़ते हमले और लाचार सरकार</b> दो दिन पहले (15 Feb. 2021) राज्य के अशोकनगर जिले के बहादुरपुर से लगे खिरिया गांव के घाट पर देखने को मिला, जहां कैथल नदी में अवैध उत्खनन करने वालों को एक गांव वाले सुखवीर कटारिया नामक ग्रामीण ने रोकने की कोशिश की तो रेत माफिया कुलदीप सिंह ने उसे बेदम पीटा. नतीजे में गुस्साए सुखवीर ने जहर खा लिया. यह मामला आज बुधवार को तब सुर्खियों में आया, जब तहसीलदार ने रेत निकालने के लिए नदी में रखी पनडुब्बी में आग लगा दी. वहीं दूसरी ओर ओरछा में घटवाहा गांव में बेतवा नदी किनारे बेलगाम रेत खुदाई की वजह से खदान धसकने से तीन मजदूरों की मौत हो गई.  अकेले ग्वालियर-चंबल के इलाके में रेत माफिया ने पिछले 15 दिन के भीतर 4 बार पुलिस और वन विभाग टीम पर हमला बोला. <b>दतिया में 2-3 फरवरी को रेत माफिया ने एक पुलिस जवान को गोली मार दी.</b> इस घटना के बाद	9 incidents of violent attacks by sand mafias  Beaten by sand mafia a villager commit

Panna		<p>ग्वालियर के पुरानी छावनी के जलालपुर इलाके में चंबल से रेत ला रहे माफिया ने पेट्रोलिंग कर रहे टीआई सुधीर सिंह पर हमला बोल दिया. पुलिस टीम पर फायरिंग शुरू कर दी. रेत चोरों ने घिर चुके टीआई को जमकर पीटा. टीआई ने नाले में कूदकर जैसे-तैसे जान बचाई.</p> <p>एक अन्य घटना में ग्वालियर में रेत माफिया ने पुलिस पर गोलियां चलाई और ट्रैक्टर, डंपर से कुचलने की कोशिश की. इसी महीने की 7 तारीख को रेत माफिया के गुर्गे दतिया के नजदीक ग्वालियर-झांसी हाईवे पर वन विभाग की टीम पर हमला कर रेत से भरा ट्रक और ट्राली छीनकर ले गए थे. इसमें एक वनआरक्षक घायल हुआ था.</p> <p>जनवरी के महीने में 24 तारीख को मुरैना में सबलगढ़ टीआई नरेन्द्र शर्मा पर हमला, 30 जनवरी को श्योपुर में वनरक्षकों पर हमला और कब्जे से रेत से भरी ट्रैक्टर-ट्राली छुड़ाना. वहीं, श्योपुर में ही रेत माफिया का हीरापुर वन चौकी पर हमला हुआ.</p> <p>इसी तरह अनूपपुर जिले में दो कर्मचारियों के साथ रेत माफिया को पकड़ने पहुंचे सहायक वनक्षेत्र अधिकारी को माफिया ने ही तीन घंटे तक बंधक बनाकर रखा और बोले कि अगली बार सामने आए, तो जान से मार देंगे.</p> <p>पन्ना जिले का अजयगढ़ हो या सिंगरौली पुलिस और वन विभाग की टीम पर रेत माफिया के हमले की कई घटनाएं पिछले दिनों सामने आ चुकी हैं. <a href="https://hindi.news18.com/news/madhya-pradesh/bhopal-shivraj-government-is-failed-to-ban-sand-mafia-in-madhya-pradesh-nodark-3471498.html">https://hindi.news18.com/news/madhya-pradesh/bhopal-shivraj-government-is-failed-to-ban-sand-mafia-in-madhya-pradesh-nodark-3471498.html</a> (17 Feb. 2021)</p> <p>This mentions of several incidents of violent attacks by sand mafias on forest, police and administration team injuring a policeman and a forest ranger.</p> <p>Beaten by sand mafia a villager commit suicide in Tikamgarh.</p> <p>4 attacks on forest &amp; police teams in Gwalior in 2 weeks.</p> <p>Police man shot at, injured in Datia.</p> <p>TI attacked in Morena.</p> <p>Forest gourds attacked, seized mining vehicle taken away, check post attacked in Sheopur.</p> <p>Forest official held hostage, threatened in Annupur.</p>	suicide in Tikamgarh
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			Similar incidents in Panna, Singrouli.	
Panna	06 March 2021		<p><a href="https://mpbreakingnews.in/madhya-pradesh/panna/truck-drivers-troubled-by-hooliganism-of-sand-mafia/">रेत माफिया की गुंडागर्दी से परेशान ट्रक ड्राइवर</a> पन्ना जिला मुख्यालय में खनिज मंत्री बृजेंद्र प्रताप सिंह के विधानसभा क्षेत्र में बालू माफिया रश्मीत मल्होत्रा द्वारा निरंकुश होकर खुलेआम गुंडागर्दी की जा रही है। बालू माफिया के गुर्गों द्वारा ट्रक चालकों के साथ आए दिन मारपीट एवं गुंडागर्दी किए जाने के मामले सामने आते हैं। मगर मंत्रियों तक ऊंची पकड़ होने के कारण ना तो बालू माफिया के ठेके को निरस्त किया जा रहा है और ना ही बालू माफिया के गुर्गों पर पुलिस द्वारा सख्ती के साथ कार्यवाही की जा रही है। जिसकी वजह से बालू माफिया के गुर्गे और बेलगाम हो गए हैं। ये आरोप लगाए हैं पन्ना जिले के अमरछी निवासी एहसान खान एवं ट्रक मालिक इरफान बक्स ने। इनका कहना है कि माफिया के गुंडों ने उनके साथ मारपीट की है। <a href="https://mpbreakingnews.in/madhya-pradesh/panna/truck-drivers-troubled-by-hooliganism-of-sand-mafia/">https://mpbreakingnews.in/madhya-pradesh/panna/truck-drivers-troubled-by-hooliganism-of-sand-mafia/</a> (06 March 2021)</p>	Truck drivers supplying sand attacked by sand mafia.
Datia	08 March 2021	Sindh	<p><a href="https://www.amarujala.com/amp/madhya-pradesh/gwalior/sand-mafia-set-fire-to-the-tent-in-datia-madhya-pradesh-trying-to-burn-the-sleeping-workers-alive">रेत माफिया ने लगाई तंबू में आग, सो रहे कर्मचारियों को जिंदा जलाने की कोशिश</a> दतिया जिले में रेत माफिया की नापाक हरकत का मामला सामने आया है। बताया जा रहा है कि रेत माफिया ने कंपनी के कर्मचारियों के तंबू में उस वक्त आग लगा दी, जब वे सो रहे थे। तपिश की वजह से कर्मचारियों की आंख खुल गई और उन्होंने भागकर अपनी जान बचाई। हालांकि, उनका सारा सामान जलकर खाक हो गया।</p> <p>जानकारी के मुताबिक, यह घटना गोराघाट क्षेत्र में कोटरा गांव के बाहर लगे नाके की है। मुरैना निवासी कंपनी के कर्मचारी दिनेश सिंह सिकरवार ने बताया कि बड़ौनकलां से रेत निकालने के लिए कोटरा गांव के बाहर उनका नाका लगा है। इसी नाके पर तंबू लगाया गया था, जिसमें रात के वक्त कंपनी के कर्मचारी आराम करते हैं।</p> <p>दिनेश ने बताया कि रविवार शाम कोटरा सरपंच तहसीलदार सिंह के भतीजे और एक अन्य व्यक्ति ने सिंध नदी से अवैध तरीके से रेत भर ली थी। कर्मचारियों ने उन्हें नाके पर रोका तो सरपंच का भतीजा बहस करने लगा। उस दौरान उसने रॉयल्टी की रसीद कटवा ली, लेकिन कर्मचारियों को जलाकर मार डालने की धमकी भी दी। <a href="https://www.amarujala.com/amp/madhya-pradesh/gwalior/sand-mafia-set-fire-to-the-tent-in-datia-madhya-pradesh-trying-to-burn-the-sleeping-workers-alive">https://www.amarujala.com/amp/madhya-pradesh/gwalior/sand-mafia-set-fire-to-the-tent-in-datia-madhya-pradesh-trying-to-burn-the-sleeping-workers-alive</a> (09 March 2021) <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rpp3PcDBnSo">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rpp3PcDBnSo</a> (08 March 2021)</p> <p>शहडोल। यहां का खनिज माफिया बेखौफ हो चुका है। दो दिन पहले मेडिकल कॉलेज का निर्माण करा रही ठेका कंपनी डीव्हीपीएल के पांच कर्मचारियों को खनिज माफियाओं ने जिंदा जलाने का असफल प्रयास किया। ये कर्मचारी सोन नदी के श्यामडीह के उस घाट पर तैनात हैं जहां से कॉलेज निर्माण के लिए कंपनी लीज</p>	Tent of mining contractor set on fire by sand mafia.

			पर रेत ले रही है। ये पांचों कर्मचारी झोपड़ी में अंदर थे उसी समय 16 दिसम्बर की आधी रात को आग लगा दी गई। इनकी जान बच गई, लेकिन शहडोल का मेडिकल कॉलेज निर्माण के दौरान ही विवादों में घिर गया है। रेत निकासी को लेकर एक सप्ताह पहले विवाद की स्थिति निर्मित हुई थी और इसी बात को लेकर आगजनी की घटना की गई। <a href="https://www.naidunia.com/madhya-pradesh/shahdol-hee-tnt-898435">https://www.naidunia.com/madhya-pradesh/shahdol-hee-tnt-898435</a> (19 Dec. 2016)	
Ujjain	18 March 2021		<b><a href="https://www.freepressjournal.in/indore/ujjain-truck-laden-with-illegal-sand-brushes-against-vehicle-of-traffic-dsp">Illegal sand truck brushes against vehicle of traffic DSP</a></b> Amid the tall claims of the government of following no tolerance policy towards mafia the Ujjain police literally had a brush with sand mafia on Thursday (March 18) evening. A truck laden with illegally mined sand overtook the traffic DSP's vehicle on MR-5, but due to driver's smartness a big accident was averted as both the vehicles were running at high speed. The DSP chased the truck and stopped the truck. Chimanganj police seized the truck and registered an FIR in the matter. <a href="https://www.freepressjournal.in/indore/ujjain-truck-laden-with-illegal-sand-brushes-against-vehicle-of-traffic-dsp">https://www.freepressjournal.in/indore/ujjain-truck-laden-with-illegal-sand-brushes-against-vehicle-of-traffic-dsp</a> (20 March 2021)	DSP traffic vehicle narrowly avoided collision with truck carrying illegally mined sand.
Datia	22 March 2021	Pahuj	<b><a href="https://www.naidunia.com/madhya-pradesh/datia-datia-news-crime-6766507">रेत खनन से बने गड्ढे के पानी में डूबा किशोर</a></b> भांडेर में मोठ पहुंच मार्ग सोमवार (March 22) को रपटा के पास शक्ति घाट के नजदीक एक गड्ढे में 13 वर्षीय किशोर अनुराग उर्फ अन्नू पुत्र राकेश वर्मा निवासी छिपेटी मोहल्ला भांडेर की पानी में डूबने से मौत हो गई। भांडेर में पहुंच नदी से रेत उत्खनन का कार्य होता है। सोमवार को जिस जगह यह हादसा हुआ वहां नदी किनारे रेत उत्खनन के चलते छोटे-बड़े कई गड्ढे हैं। पहले भी यहां इन गड्ढों के चलते कई जानें जा चुकी हैं। स्थानीय लोगों की मानें तो प्रशासन को इस बावत कई बार बताए जाने के बाद भी नदी के किनारों पर हो रहे रेत उत्खनन को रोका नहीं जा सका है। <a href="https://www.naidunia.com/madhya-pradesh/datia-datia-news-crime-6766507">https://www.naidunia.com/madhya-pradesh/datia-datia-news-crime-6766507</a> (22 March 2021)	Teenager drowned to death in sand mine pit.
Gwalior	20 May 2021		<b><a href="#">Mining contractors allege harassment by cops</a></b> Mining contractors who won tenders in Gwalior are finding it hard to operate following alleged interference of policemen from Datia district for extortion. Datia police had been harassing them by manhandling their employees and taking away their machines crossing their jurisdiction, says a complaint to the director general of police (DGP) Vivek Johri by MP Sales Corporation which had won a Rs 100 cr tender for sand mining in Gwalior.	Mining contractor allege harassment , man-handling, arrest of workers,

			<p>According to their complaint policemen from Goraghat police station in Datia went to the Belgada sand mine, which falls under Dabra tehsil of Gwalior district and thrashed the employees and damaged their vehicles. Complaint also said that they are demanding money for releasing their vehicles and have also detained three people without any reason. "One was released after taking money while no whereabouts of two others," the complaint alleges.</p> <p>Social activist Ashish Chaturvedi has also tweeted the issue saying that the police are at war over mining. "The legal contractor is being troubled for money. Due to Covid lockdown he is not able to work, so there is no point in pressuring him for money at this hour," he says. <a href="https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/bhopal/mining-contractors-in-gwalior-allege-harassment-by-cops/articleshow/82352273.cms">https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/bhopal/mining-contractors-in-gwalior-allege-harassment-by-cops/articleshow/82352273.cms</a> (02 May 2021)</p>	<p>damages and seizure of vehicles by corrupt police officials demanding bribe.</p>
Morena	22 May 2021	Chambal	<p><b><u>Forest department team attacked by sand mafia</u></b> A team of forest department in Morena had a miraculous escape on Saturday (May 22). A tractor- trolley laden with illegally excavated sand tried to run over the team. This is the third incident in last one month when the SDO Shradha Padhare was targeted by the mining mafia. In the past, mining had hit the vehicle of Padhare and also opened fire on her vehicle. <a href="https://www.freepressjournal.in/bhopal/morena-forest-department-team-attacked-by-sand-mafia-third-incident-in-last-1-month-when-government-team-was-targeted">https://www.freepressjournal.in/bhopal/morena-forest-department-team-attacked-by-sand-mafia-third-incident-in-last-1-month-when-government-team-was-targeted</a> (22 May 2021)</p>	<p>Attack on forest department team</p>
Morena	09 June 2021	Chambal	<p><b><u>Sand mafia attacked my team, police failed to act promptly: forest officer</u></b> Shradha Pandre said she called the police at least twice. "I informed the police after the seizure of tractor but police inspector of Devgarh police station refused to come. We decided to seize the tractor by ourselves just 1 km away from the police station near Lohikapura village. Over 100 people attacked us and stopped our vehicle by putting stones and thorny bushes on the road. I called the police once again, but they reached after 15 minutes," she said.</p> <p>She added special armed force guard Mukesh Sen sustained injuries in the attack. "We locked ourselves in the vehicle and rushed towards the police station." Pandre said despite videos and clear evidence against the attackers, police registered a case under the Indian Penal Code's Sections 147 (rioting), 336 (endangering life or personal safety of others), and 353 (assault or criminal force to deter public servant from discharge of his duty). "They are not</p>	<p>Lady forest SDO faced 9 lethal attacks by sand mafia in 2 months.</p> <p>1 of her staff's hand broken during one such attack.</p>

		<p>willing to register a case under Section 307 (attempt to murder) as they do not want to take tough action against the mafia,” she added.</p> <p>Pandre said the mafia has earlier eight times fired with country-made pistols, tried to mow down her, and attacked her with stones. She added the police just registered a case of assault. “The police said instead of spot action after receiving information related to illegal mining, I should have informed authorities and made plans accordingly. By doing this, I would only have given time to the mafia to get information on possible action and to run away from the spot. Villagers are sharing information with us as they have started trusting us. I do not want to do table work. I am a field officer, and it is my duty to stop illegal sand mining in the sanctuary area.”</p> <p>Activists supported Pandre and accused local administration and police of allegedly patronising the mafia. “Pandre is doing a good job. The mining mafia could be controlled with prompt raids not with action by making a plan. I am sure that someone from the police department would have informed the villagers of the movement of the forest team on Wednesday night,” said Satendra Singh, a local social activist. <a href="https://www.hindustantimes.com/cities/others/sand-mafia-attacked-my-team-police-failed-to-act-promptly-mp-forest-officer-101623403225558.html">https://www.hindustantimes.com/cities/others/sand-mafia-attacked-my-team-police-failed-to-act-promptly-mp-forest-officer-101623403225558.html</a> (11 June 2021)</p> <p><b>मुरैना में वन विभाग की SDO पर हमला</b> वन विभाग की एसडीओ श्रद्धा पांडरे पर बुधवार (June 9) रात ग्रामीणों ने हमला कर दिया। हमलावर अपने साथ बंदूक, लाठी, डंडा व फरसा लेकर आए थे। हमले के दौरान वन अमला गाड़ी से नहीं उतरा। अगर उतरता तो बड़ी घटना घट सकती थी। हमलावरों ने फायरिंग भी की तथा विभाग की पकड़ से अवैध रेत से भरा ट्रैक्टर-ट्रॉली छुड़ा ले गए। श्रद्धा पांडरे पर पिछले दो माह में यह 9वां हमला था। इससे पहले आठ बार उन पर खनन माफियाओं की ओर से हमला किया जा चुका है। इस बार के हमले में सौ से ज्यादा ग्रामीण शामिल थे। हमलावर रेत माफिया के आदमी बताए जाते हैं।</p> <p>हमलावरों ने एसडीओ पांडरे पर जब हमला किया तो उसी दौरान उनके साथ गाड़ी में बैठे एसएएफ का जवान सामने आ गया और उसके हाथ में चोट लग गई जिससे उसका हाथ फ्रैक्चर हो गया। रेत माफिया को बचाने आए अपने सामने लगभग एक सैकड़ा ग्रामीणों को देखकर वन अमले ने अपनी गाड़ियां वापस करने में ही भलाई समझी और वापस लौट गए। इस दौरान हमलावर फायरिंग करते हुए रेत से भरी ट्रैक्टर-ट्रॉली छुड़ा कर ले गए।</p>	<p>She alleged police deliberately failing to take timely action.</p> <p>1 informer murdered by sand mafia.</p>
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		<p>रेत से भरी ट्रैक्टर-ट्रॉली छुड़ाकर ले जाने के बाद भी जब ग्रामीणों का मन नहीं भरा तो वे वापस हमला करने फिर लौटे। इस पर वन अमले ने भी फायरिंग की जिससे वह लोग भाग गए।</p> <p>इस मामले में देवगढ़ थाना प्रभारी की भूमिका संदिग्ध बताई जा रही है। पहले तो एसडीओ के बुलाने पर वह नहीं आए, न ही पुलिस फोर्स को भेजा। इसके बाद जब हमला हो गया तो वह एसडीओ से बोले कि वह एसडीओपी से बात कर लें। एसडीओ ने मीडिया को बताया कि जब उन्होंने ग्रामीणों व माफिया के लोगों से पूछा कि पुलिस क्यों नहीं रोक रही है। इस पर उन्होंने बताया कि वह पुलिस को एन्ट्री फीस दे रहे हैं। एसडीओ ने बताया कि पुलिस उनका बिल्कुल सहयोग नहीं कर रही है।</p> <p>वन विभाग को डंप रेत की सूचना देने वाले एक व्यक्ति की भी पिछले दिनों हत्या की जा चुकी है। उसकी हत्या उसी रेत माफिया ने की थी जिसकी डंप रेत को एसडीओ पांढरे ने जब्त किया था। हत्या करने के बाद चिन्नौनी थाना पुलिस ने मारने वाले के पक्ष में कोई कार्यवाई नहीं की। मंगलवार (June 8) को भी रेत से भरे एक डंपर को जब्त किया गया था। इसी दौरान डंपर चालक ने एसडीओ की गाड़ी में टक्कर मारी और भाग गया। बाद में जब वन विभाग के अमले ने उसका पीछा किया तो वह डंपर छोड़कर भाग गया था।  <a href="https://www.bhaskar.com/local/mp/gwalior/morena/news/hundreds-of-villagers-brought-sticks-sticks-and-axes-fired-and-took-away-the-tractor-full-of-sand-the-attack-took-place-for-the-ninth-time-in-two-months-128578821.html">https://www.bhaskar.com/local/mp/gwalior/morena/news/hundreds-of-villagers-brought-sticks-sticks-and-axes-fired-and-took-away-the-tractor-full-of-sand-the-attack-took-place-for-the-ninth-time-in-two-months-128578821.html</a> (10 June 2021)</p> <p><b><u>Stone mafia targets Chambal patrol staff</u></b> Mining mafia members emptied a stone-laden tractor-trolley in the middle of a road, a few feet away from the patrolling vehicle of Chambal sanctuary staff who were chasing them. Illegally-mined stones rolled down dangerously from the hydraulic trolley and blocked the road and the patrolling party chasing the mafia had a miraculous escape.</p> <p>Mining activities are banned in Morena's Chambal sanctuary. But the mafia continues to mine sand and stone with impunity, police sources said. The forest department personnel and police had to open fire at the sand mafia in Morena in the wee hours of May 22. The mafia, smuggling sand, tried to run over the staff patrolling near the Chambal river. It is the third such incident in the recent past when the mining mafia tried to run over field staff of the forest department protecting the Chambal gharial sanctuary.  <a href="https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/bhopal/stone-mafia-targets-chambal-patrol-staff/articleshow/83349979.cms">https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/bhopal/stone-mafia-targets-chambal-patrol-staff/articleshow/83349979.cms</a> (09 June 2021)</p>	
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Morena	13 June 2021	Chambal	<p><b><u>Farmer killed in firing during anti-sand mining operation</u></b> A farmer was killed allegedly in a firing by a forest department team during an operation against illegal sand mining and transportation at a village in Morena district on Sunday (June 13), following which a case was registered against nine personnel of the department, officials said. The farmer was returning home, when he was killed after the forest team opened fire in a bid to stop a vehicle that was allegedly involved in illegal sand-mining, they said.</p> <p>“The incident, in which 55-year-old farmer Mahavir Tomar died, occurred in the morning at Amolpur village when the forest team was trying to catch those involved in illegal sand mining and its transportation,” Nagra Police Station in-charge Rampal Singh told reporters. Nine forest employees were booked after the villagers lodged a complaint following the death of the farmer, he said. After the incident, the forest team fled from the spot, leaving their vehicle behind. The villagers ransacked the vehicle and staged a road block demanding the arrest of those involved in the firing, Singh added. <a href="https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/nation/mp-farmer-killed-in-firing-during-anti-sand-mining-operation-9-forest-dept-staffers-booked-267879">https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/nation/mp-farmer-killed-in-firing-during-anti-sand-mining-operation-9-forest-dept-staffers-booked-267879</a> (13 June 2021)</p> <p>ग्रामीणों का आरोप है कि वन विभाग के स्टाफ की गोली से महावीर की मौत हुई है। उधर महावीर को गोली लगने के बाद गांव के लोग आक्रोशित हो गए और वन विभाग की टीम पर टूट पड़े इसके बाद टीम जान बचाने के लिए सरकारी गाड़ी छोड़कर भाग निकली। इसके बाद ग्रामीणों ने विभाग की गाड़ियों को क्षतिग्रस्त कर दिया साथ ही ही मुख्य सड़क पर जा रहे एक अन्य वाहन के भी शीशे तोड़ दिए। <a href="https://newsmailtoday.com/?p=21451">https://newsmailtoday.com/?p=21451</a> (13 June 2021)</p>	1 villager killed by forest department bullet during action on illegal mining. Agitated villagers attacked forest team, damaged vehicles.
Rewa	14 June 2021		<p>मऊगंज थाना क्षेत्र के रतनगवां बाजार में हुए सड़क हादसे में एक युवक की मौत हो गई, जिसमें Hiva truck ने बाइक सवार को कुचल दिया था, जिससे उसकी घटना स्थल पर ही मौत हो गई. 58 वर्षीय अभयराज पाण्डेय निवासी करहिया थाना लौर बाइक से मऊगंज के रतनगवां बाजार खरीददारी करने गये थे. मृतक अभय राज खरीददारी करने के बाद जैसे ही बाइक लेकर बाजार से निकले, तभी सामने से आ रहे तेज रफ्तार रेत भरे Hiva truck ने उन्हें टक्कर मार दी और उन्हें कुचलते हुए आगे निकल गया. इस दौरान बाइक सवार अभयराज की घटना स्थल पर ही दर्दनाक मौत हो गई. घटना के बाद आरोपी Hiva truck Driver ट्रक छोड़कर मौके से फरार हो गया. <a href="https://www.etvbharat.com/hindi/madhya-pradesh/state/rewa/hiva-truck-crushed-the-bike-rider-the-youth-died-on-the-spot-in-rewa/mp20210614155511622">https://www.etvbharat.com/hindi/madhya-pradesh/state/rewa/hiva-truck-crushed-the-bike-rider-the-youth-died-on-the-spot-in-rewa/mp20210614155511622</a> (14 June 2021)</p>	Biker crushed to death by sand loaded hiva truck.

Dewas	05 July 2021		<p>देवास जिले के ग्राम राघौगढ़ और अकबरपुर के बीच इंदौर से आ रही बोलेरो पर रेत से भरा डंपर पलट गया, बताया जा रहा है कि बोलेरो में सवार 8 लोगों में से दो साल की बच्ची समेत तीन लोगों की मौके पर मौत हो गई, जबकि 5 गंभीर घायल हो गए। जानकारी के मुताबिक इंदौर-बैतूल हाईवे पर सोमवार (July 5) देर रात दर्दनाक सड़क हादसा हुआ <a href="https://www.rajexpress.co/india/central-india/madhya-pradesh/dewas-accident-a-dumper-full-of-sand-overturned-on-bolero-3-died-in-the-accident">https://www.rajexpress.co/india/central-india/madhya-pradesh/dewas-accident-a-dumper-full-of-sand-overturned-on-bolero-3-died-in-the-accident</a> (06 July 2021) Dewas रेत से भरे Truck और Bolero की भिड़ंत, हादसे में बोलेरो सवार 3 लोगों की मौत <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=69Aszj9L2QI">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=69Aszj9L2QI</a> (05 July 2021)</p>	3 people including 2 year old infant died, 5 injured when sand truck toppled over a car.
Khargone	02 July 2021		<p><b><u>6 Journalists Reporting on Illegal Sand Mining Booked</u></b> Six journalists were booked in Khargone district on July 2 for alleged rioting and abusing on the complaint of District Mining Officer (DMO), according to the police. Reportedly, the journalists had gone to meet the DMO on the same evening seeking his comment on the issue of rampant illegal mining and storage of sand in the district. According to the police FIR, all six journalists have been booked for misbehaving, abusing DMO Sawan Chouhan and making casteist remarks against Chouhan who belongs to the scheduled caste. Chouhan's complaint lists that the argument with the journalists ensued after they were asked to wait outside his office.</p> <p>The charges levelled against the journalists include section 147 (Punishment for rioting), 294 (singing, reciting or uttering of any obscene song, ballad or words, in or near any public place), 353 (Assault or criminal force to deter public servant from discharge of his duty) and 506 (Punishment for criminal intimidation) of the IPC and sections of SC/ST Atrocities Act-1989. The accused journalists are reportedly associated with NDTV, ABP, News Nation, Nation Today (a web portal) and local dailies. "They misbehaved and abused me by my caste in my office which hurt my sentiments," DMO Chouhan told NewsClick over phone from Khargone. <a href="https://theleaflet.in/mp-6-journalists-reporting-on-illegal-sand-mining-booked-by-khargone-police-on-complaint-of-mining-officer/">https://theleaflet.in/mp-6-journalists-reporting-on-illegal-sand-mining-booked-by-khargone-police-on-complaint-of-mining-officer/</a> (06 July 2021)</p> <p>Journalists face wrath of authorities &amp; illegal sand mining mafia <a href="https://www.newslaundry.com/2021/09/28/firs-intimidation-and-death-reporting-on-sand-mining-remains-perilous-in-mp">https://www.newslaundry.com/2021/09/28/firs-intimidation-and-death-reporting-on-sand-mining-remains-perilous-in-mp</a> (28 Sept. 2021)</p>	FIR on 6 journalists for exposing illegal mining.

Morena	30 July 2021	Chambal	<p><b><u>Forest Team Attacked by Sand Mafia</u></b> In yet another example of the mining mafia having little fear of law and order in the Chambal region, a group of illegal sand miners fired upon the forest department team and fled with the tractors being used for the illegal quarrying of sand in Morena district on Friday (July 30). The forest staffers were reported safe after they ran for cover during the shooting.</p> <p>The forest team was out on patrol on the highway at around 9 am and spotted a tractor-trolley laden with illegally mined sand from the Chambal river at Jaura turn, Divisional Forest Officer Morena Amit Nigam said. Seeing the forest staff approaching, the tractor driver turned the vehicle towards Nivi village in a bid to escape.</p> <p>While the forest staffers managed to surround the vehicle, one of the assailant's opened fire from a country-made pistol. The shooting alerted his associates and around five more miscreants reached the site and opened fire at the forest team. The officials ran for cover and the tractor driver quickly emptied the trolley in a pit and fled the scene with the vehicle. No staffer was injured in the incident. <a href="https://www.news18.com/news/india/another-forest-dept-team-attacked-by-sand-mafia-in-mps-morena-4027901.html">https://www.news18.com/news/india/another-forest-dept-team-attacked-by-sand-mafia-in-mps-morena-4027901.html</a> (30 July 2021)</p>	Forest department team fired at by sand mafia.
Dindori	30 Sept. 2021	Narmada	<p><b><u>अवैध रेत खनन के लिए माफिया दे रहे हादसों को दावत</u></b> डिंडोरी (Dindori) जिले में रेत माफिया के हौंसले इस कदर बुलंद हैं कि रेत का अवैध उत्खनन कर ट्रॉली में रेत भरकर ट्रैक्टर ट्रॉली से रेत निकालने का काम करते हैं। इस बीच यहां ट्रैक्टर चालक जान जोखिम में डालकर उफनती हुई नर्मदा नदी के अंदर से रेत निकाल रहे हैं। लेकिन रेत निकालने के दौरान एक ट्रैक्टर ट्रॉली पलट गई और उसे उठाने की मशक्कत चल रही है। यह तो गनीमत रही कि कोई बड़ा हादसा नहीं हुआ।</p> <p>ऐसे में अगर नदी का जलस्तर बढ़ जाये तो अंदाजा लगाया जा सकता है की हादसा कितना भयावह होगा। ऊपरी इलाकों में बारिश होने के नर्मदा नदी का जलस्तर अचानक बढ़ जाता है, जिसके चलते पहले भी कई हादसे हो चुके हैं, लेकिन प्रशासन ने हादसों से कोई सबक नहीं लिया है। वहीं खनिज विभाग के जिम्मेदार अधिकारी भी जानते हैं कि नर्मदा नदी में बाढ़ के बाद भी रेत का उत्खनन चल रहा है, लेकिन उन्हें कार्यवाही के लिये शिकायत का इंतज़ार रहता है। कुछ वक्त पहले ऐसा ही एक मामला मुरैना के राजघाट से सामने आया था। जहां रेत निकालने के दौरान अचानक नदी का जल स्तर बढ़ जाता है और जैसे ही रेत से भरी ट्रैक्टर ट्रॉली को निकालने की कोशिश करते हैं वैसे ही ट्रैक्टर गहरे पानी के गड्ढे में फंस जाता और पलट जाता। जिसका वीडियो भी सोशल मीडिया पर</p>	

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Bhind	01 Oct. 2021		<b>डंपर और बस में भीषण टक्कर, 7 की मौत, 16 घायल</b> भिंड जिले में गोहद कस्बे के पास शुक्रवार (1 Oct. 2021) को ड्राइवर द्वारा डंपर ट्रक से एक यात्री बस को टक्कर मारने से 7 लोगों की मौत हो गई और 16 अन्य घायल हो गए। घटना के बारे में जानकारी देते हुए एक अधिकारी ने बताया कि सभी घायलों की हालत खतरे से बाहर है। गोहद के अनुविभागीय पुलिस अधिकारी (SDOP) नरेंद्र सोलंकी ने बताया कि दुर्घटना सुबह करीब 7 बजे हुई जब ग्वालियर से उत्तर प्रदेश के बरेली जा रही बस को विपरीत दिशा से आ रहे डंपर ट्रक ने टक्कर मार दी। पुलिस अधिकारी ने दुर्घटना के कारणों के बारे में बताया कि उत्तर प्रदेश के सुल्तानपुर निवासी डंपर ट्रक ड्राइवर पारस नाथ वर्मा (59) नशे में था और वाहन चला रहा था, उसकी गलती के कारण यह हादसा हुआ। <a href="https://www.indiatv.in/india/national-7-dead-13-injured-in-bus-dumper-collision-in-bhind-district-in-madhya-pradesh-816764">https://www.indiatv.in/india/national-7-dead-13-injured-in-bus-dumper-collision-in-bhind-district-in-madhya-pradesh-816764</a> (01 Oct. 2021) ; <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4kq6xeQjr1E">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4kq6xeQjr1E</a>	7 killed, 16 injured in bus-dumper collision. Video report mentions it to be gravel laden dumper.
Damoh	09 Oct. 2021		<b>मकान पर पलटा गिट्टी से भरा डंपर, चार की मौत</b> दमोह में मकान पर गिट्टी से भरा डंपर पलटने से चार लोगों की मौत हो गई। एक दूसरे हादसे में एक अन्य युवक की मौत मिलाकर दोनों हादसों में कुल 5 लोग मृत हुए हैं। बटियागढ़ ब्लॉक के आजनि टपरिया गांव में जिस मकान पर गिट्टी से भरा डंपर पलटा है उसमें तीन बच्चों सहित डंपर में बैठे एक युवक की मौत हुई है। डंपर का चालक मौके से भाग गया था। रात में ही पथरिया विधायक रामबाई परिहार जिला अस्पताल पहुंची थी और घायलों की जानकारी ली थी। उन्होंने जिला प्रशासन से इस मामले की शीघ्र ही जांच कर पीड़ित परिवार को मुआवजा देने की मांग की है। <a href="https://www.naidunia.com/madhya-pradesh/damoh-road-accident-in-damoh-four-killed-five-injured-in-two-road-accidents-in-damoh-7087104">https://www.naidunia.com/madhya-pradesh/damoh-road-accident-in-damoh-four-killed-five-injured-in-two-road-accidents-in-damoh-7087104</a> (09 Oct. 2021) <a href="https://www.aajtak.in/india/madhya-pradesh/story/mp-truck-filled-with-ballast-overtorns-on-house-in-damoh-tragic-death-of-4-people-ntc-1339051-2021-10-09">https://www.aajtak.in/india/madhya-pradesh/story/mp-truck-filled-with-ballast-overtorns-on-house-in-damoh-tragic-death-of-4-people-ntc-1339051-2021-10-09</a>	4 people (3 kids, 1 truck helper) killed after gravel filled truck toppled over a home.
Bhopal	25 Oct. 2021		<b>2 sand mafia members held for attacking RKTC staff</b> Two members of sand mafia have been arrested for attacking the officials of RKTC Sand Mine Company, the police said on Saturday (20 Feb. 2021). They said that several incidents of fights between the sand miners and officials of RKTC Company and illegal miners have come to light, official sources said. The police took action on the grounds of a complaint lodged by Sunil Vishwakarma on October 25 that he was working as in charge of the flying squad of RKTC Company. When he reached	Attack on mining team by sand mafia, 2 accused

			<p>the Idgah railway gate along with some employees of the company some goons stopped his vehicle and demanded Rs 25,000 from him. As he refused to give the money the goons led by Azhar broke the window panes of his vehicle and beat up the employees. After receiving the complaint, the police registered a case against Kailash Daima, Nitin Meshkar, Anwar, Dinesh, Azhar and others. Town inspector of Kotwali police station Santosh Singh Chouhan said that the main accused Azhar and Anwar involved in the incident of October 25 had been arrested. <a href="https://www.freepressjournal.in/bhopal/madhya-pradesh-two-sand-mafia-members-held-for-attacking-rkctc-staff">https://www.freepressjournal.in/bhopal/madhya-pradesh-two-sand-mafia-members-held-for-attacking-rkctc-staff</a> (21 Nov. 2021)</p>	later arrested.
Hoshanga -bad	18 Oct. 2021		<p><b>रेत चौकी पर हमला व कर्मचारियों से मारपीट करने वाले 8 लोगों पर FIR</b> होशंगाबाद जिले की ठेका कंपनी के कर्मचारियों एवं अवैध रेत उत्खनन को लेकर आये दिन विवाद हो रहे हैं। करीब 10 दिन पहले शुरू हुआ आरकेटीसी कंपनी के कर्मचारियों का विवाद अब बड़ा रूप ले रहा है। इसका एक वीडियो भी सोशल मीडिया पर वायरल हो रहा है। वायरल वीडियो के आधार पर खनिज चौकी पर अड़ीबाजी सहित मारपीट, करने वाले 8 लोगों का मामला दर्ज किया गया है। दरअसल दो दिन पहले आरकेटीसी कंपनी के कर्मचारियों ने अवैध परिवहन करती ट्रैक्टर ट्रॉली पकड़ी थी, जिसके बाद देर रात अवैध खनन माफिया के लोगों ने कर्बला रेत चौकी पर हमला कर गाड़ी में तोड़ फोड़ कर दी थी, कर्मचारियों से मारपीट कर साथ ही अड़ीबाजी भी की गई थी। वीडियो में करीब एक दर्जन लोग रेत चौकी पर हथियारों के साथ मारपीट कर रहे हैं। दूसरे दिन रेत ठेका कंपनी के कर्मचारियों द्वारा अवैध परिवहन करती ट्रैक्टर ट्रॉली को पकड़ कर उसे खनिज विभाग के हवाले कर थाने में मामला दर्ज कराया गया। <a href="https://mp.punjabkesari.in/madhya-pradesh/news/fir-against-8-people-who-attacked-sand-post-1481797">https://mp.punjabkesari.in/madhya-pradesh/news/fir-against-8-people-who-attacked-sand-post-1481797</a> (28 Oct. 2021)</p>	Sand mafia attack mining check post.
Dhar	11 Nove. 2021	Narmada	<p><b>रेत माफियाओं के हौसले बुलंद</b> नर्मदा के बीच स्थित टापू जिसे बेंट के नाम से जाना जाता है। इस स्थान के धार्मिक व पौराणिक महत्व के चलते लाखों लोगों की आस्था का केंद्र है, किंतु रेत माफियाओं की गिद्ध दृष्टि भी इस पर लगी हुई है, क्योंकि नर्मदा की बाढ़ में आई बालू रेत का अपार भंडार यहां जमा हुआ है। इसके चलते रेत माफिया बड़ी-बड़ी नावों के माध्यम से धार्मिक स्थल से रेत भरकर ला रहे हैं व दूसरे किनारे पर जमा कर ट्रैक्टर-ट्रॉलियों से भरकर ले जा रहे हैं। इसे लेकर कई बार शिकायतें स्थानीय से लेकर उच्च अधिकारियों से की जा चुकी है, किंतु अधिकारियों ने इस भी रोक लगाने की कोई कोशिश अब तक नहीं की। रेत माफियाओं ने ग्राम गुलाटी से नर्मदा तट तक जाने का रास्ता बना रखा है। जहां से रेत माफियाओं के ट्रैक्टर-ट्रॉली नर्मदा तट तक पहुंचते हैं व टापू से अवैध रूप से लाई गई बालू को भरकर सप्लाई किया जाता है। <a href="https://www.naidunia.com/madhya-pradesh/dhar-dhar-news-7125092">https://www.naidunia.com/madhya-pradesh/dhar-dhar-news-7125092</a> (11 Nov. 2021)</p>	Scared island being destroyed by sand mafia.

			<p>पूर्व में भी इस स्थान पर अवैध खनन रोकने के लिए बड़े स्तर पर आंदोलन हो चुका है। इसके बावजूद रेत माफिया देर रात में अंधेरे का फायदा उठाकर ट्रैक्टर-ट्राली टापू पर उतार देते हैं। पूर्व में भी अधिकारियों को इसकी सूचना दी जा चुकी है, किंतु अधिकारी इस ओर ध्यान नहीं दे रहे हैं। <a href="https://www.naidunia.com/madhya-pradesh/dhar-sand-mafia-starts-mining-from-the-island-as-soon-as-it-gets-a-chance-6972487">https://www.naidunia.com/madhya-pradesh/dhar-sand-mafia-starts-mining-from-the-island-as-soon-as-it-gets-a-chance-6972487</a> (15 July 2021)</p>	
Hoshangabad	15 Nov. 2021	Narmada	<p><b>अवैध खनन रोकने गई टीम पर हमला</b> होशंगाबाद जिले की होरियापीपर रेत खदान पर सोमवार (15 Nov. 2021) दोपहर करीब एक बजे जमकर झगड़ा हुआ। रेत कंपनी की फ्लाइंग स्कोट की टीम को अवैध रेत उत्खनन की सूचना मिली थी। जिसके बाद कंपनी के कर्मचारी अवैध रेत उत्खनन रोकने खदान पर पहुंचे। रेत उत्खनन रोकने पहुंचे कर्मचारियों पर पहले से ही घात लगाकर बैठे रेत माफिया के लोगों ने लाठी और डंडों से हमला कर दिया। हमले में कंपनी के पांच कर्मचारियों को गंभीर चोटें आई हैं। साथ ही तीन गाड़ियों में भी जमकर तोड़फोड़ की गई। घटना को अंजाम देने के बाद आरोपी मौके से फरार हो गए। घायलों को इलाज के लिए नर्मदा अपना अस्पताल में भर्ती कराया है।</p> <p>बीते कुछ माह से होरियापीपर रेत खदान काफी विवादों में है। विवाद के चलते कंपनी ने खदान को बंद कर दिया था। बावजूद इसके होरियापीपर और उसके आसपास रहने वाले राजनीतिक संरक्षण प्राप्त दबंग अवैध कारोबारी खदान से रेत का अवैध उत्खनन और परिवहन कर रहे हैं। राजनीतिक संरक्षण प्राप्त होने के चलते पुलिस के आला अधिकारी भी इन दबंगों पर शिकंजा कसने से डर रहे हैं। आलम यह है कि बीते सवा महीने में यह चौथा विवाद है, लेकिन इन पूरे विवादों में अपराधियों को पकड़ने में पुलिस के हाथ पूरी तरह से खाली हैं। पुलिस व खनिज विभाग इन अवैध कारोबारियों पर कोई अंकुश नहीं लगा पा रहा है।</p> <p>होरियापीपर रेत खदान पर पिछले एक माह से विवाद चल रहा है। कुछ अवैध कारोबारी खदान को चालू नहीं करने दे रहे। पिछले माह भी मुकद्दमों एवं स्थानीय मजदूरों के बीच विवाद और मारपीट के बाद से ही खदान बंद चल रही है। सोमवार को फिर मारपीट की घटना हो गई। पिछले महीने भी तीन बार कंपनी कर्मचारियों पर हमले हो चुके हैं। इटारसी, रसूलिया और डोंगरवाड़ा रायल्टी नाके पर मारपीट की जा चुकी है। इनके आरोपियों को पुलिस नहीं पकड़ पाई है। <a href="https://www.patrika.com/hoshangabad-news/attack-team-stop-illegal-mining-employees-assaulted-one-serious-7175198/">https://www.patrika.com/hoshangabad-news/attack-team-stop-illegal-mining-employees-assaulted-one-serious-7175198/</a> ; <a href="https://www.freepressjournal.in/bhopal/madhya-pradesh-illegal-miners-attack-flying-squad-of-rktc-group-7-injured">https://www.freepressjournal.in/bhopal/madhya-pradesh-illegal-miners-attack-flying-squad-of-rktc-group-7-injured</a> (16 Nov. 2021)</p>	Sand mafia frequently attacking mining team. 5 injured, several vehicle damaged.

		<p>कर्मचारियों ने बताया कि बड़े पैमाने पर ट्रैक्टर ट्रालियों से रेत चोरी जा रही है। सूचना मिलने पर हम गश्त के लिए गए थे। हमलावर धमका रहे थे कि हमें चोरी करने से रोका तो एक भी व्यक्ति यहां से जिंदा बचकर नहीं जाएगा। यह पहली घटना नहीं है, इससे पहले हाइवे पर रज्जन यादव और उसके साथियों ने कंपनी की कार को ट्रैक्टर ट्राली से रौंदने का प्रयास कर आधा दर्जन साथियों के साथ हमला किया था। इस घटना के बाद होशंगाबाद से लगी खदानों पर भी कंपनी कर्मचारियों पर हमला किया जा चुका है। जिले की रेत खदानों पर अब खून-खराबा हो रहा है। रेत माफिया और कंपनी के बीच लगातार टकराव बढ़ रहा है। <a href="https://www.naidunia.com/madhya-pradesh/itarsi-sand-mafia-attack-on-flying-squad-team-in-itarsi-area-of-madhya-pradesh-five-injured-7128070">https://www.naidunia.com/madhya-pradesh/itarsi-sand-mafia-attack-on-flying-squad-team-in-itarsi-area-of-madhya-pradesh-five-injured-7128070</a> (16 Nov. 2021)</p>
Neemuch	22 Nov. 2021	<p><b>बेखौफ रेत माफिया</b> नीमच में रविवार अलसुबह माइनिंग अधिकारी जांच कर रहे थे। इस दौरान वाहन को रोकने का प्रयास किया लेकिन ड्राइवर मैशी शोरूम चौराहे से निकलकर नीमच मंदसौर रोड पर तेजी से भागने का प्रयास करने लगा। इस दौरान पीछे के ताले का ढक्कन खोलकर रेत को सड़क पर गिरा दिया गया। इससे सामने वाला पीछा ना कर सके, मगर वाहन को पुलिस और माइनिंग अधिकारियों की मदद से पुलिस अधीक्षक कार्यालय विधायक निवास के सामने रोक लिया गया। ड्राइवर के गाड़ी का दरवाजा न खोलने पर पुलिस को सख्ती से पेश होना पड़ा। रेत, वाहन व ड्राइवर को पुलिस ने जब्ती में ले लिया।</p> <p>कई बार लोगों द्वारा खनिज विभाग को शिकायतें करने के बाद भी रेत का अवैध परिवहन थमने का नाम ही नहीं ले रहा है। रेत माफिया रेत राजस्थान की ओर से प्रदेश में चोर रास्तों से प्रवेश कर लाते हैं। साथ ही लकजरी गाडियों से पायलेटिंग कर माफिया नियमित स्थानों तक पहुंचाते हैं। अवैध रेत डंपर मालिक राजस्थान के कनेरा-मैलाना के रास्ते से होते हुए घाटे से मप्र के मेंढकी, उम्मेदपुरा, तारापुर होते हुए जावद पहुंचते हैं, जो अठाना दरवाजा से खोर दरवाजा, पेट्रोल पंप, बस स्टैंड व अठाना दरवाजा से बावल दरवाजा, रामपुरा, दरवाजा, गांधी चौराहे होते हुए थाने के सामने से होते हुए नीमच जाते हैं। जिले में रेत के परिवहन पर प्रतिबंध लगा हुआ है। रेत के अवैध परिवहन पर खानापूरि के लिए खनिज विभाग द्वारा समय-समय पर कार्रवाई भी की जाती है।</p> <p>जिले की सीमाएं राजस्थान के जिलों से लगी हुई है। मप्र से राजस्थान और राजस्थान से मप्र में प्रवेश करने के लिए वाहन चालकों को सीमा स्थित परिवहन विभाग की चेक पोस्ट बैरियर पर दस्तावेज और अन्य तरह की जांच से गुजरना पड़ता है। राज्य में प्रवेश के लिए कर भी चुकाना पड़ता है। यही कारण है कि भारी ओवरलोड वाहन चालक एक राज्य से दूसरे राज्य में प्रवेश के लिए ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों के चोर रास्तों का उपयोग करते हैं। इनका वाहन चालक दिन और रात धड़ल्ले से बेरोकटोक गुजर रहे हैं। रोजज दस से ज्यादा डंपर निकलते हैं। गांवों के रोड की क्षमता बहुत कम है। ऐसे में 20-30 टनों के वजनी डंपर निकल रहे हैं। इससे सड़क भी क्षतिग्रस्त हो रही है।</p>



			<a href="https://www.patrika.com/neemuch-news/fearless-sand-mafia-mining-officer-wanted-to-stop-illegal-dumper-so-7185710/">https://www.patrika.com/neemuch-news/fearless-sand-mafia-mining-officer-wanted-to-stop-illegal-dumper-so-7185710/</a> (22 Nov. 2021)	
Rewa	04 Jan. 2022		<b><u>Passenger bus collides with dumper, fire breaks out</u></b> A direct collision between a bus and a dumper near Shivpur Intersection near The Police Station Atraila and Panwar border of Rewa caught fire in the bus and dumper. The occupants of the bus were evacuated safely with the help of locals. The injured were sent to Jawa. The bus number MP17P1072 coming from Rewa to Bagriha near Panwar met with an accident at Atraila police station Rewa on Tuesday (04 Jan. 2022). The Mahakal Travels bus was on its way from Rewa to Bargarh. On the other hand, the sand-laden haiwa dumper was coming towards Chaukhandi when a direct collision between the truck and the dumper took place at 12.15 pm. The occupants of the bus were evacuated by locals who caught fire in the dumper and the bus. It is said that the incident took place in an attempt to save the motorcycle rider. <a href="https://english.newstracklive.com/news/passenger-bus-collides-with-dumper-fire-breaks-out-ta303-1202974-1.html">https://english.newstracklive.com/news/passenger-bus-collides-with-dumper-fire-breaks-out-ta303-1202974-1.html</a> (04 Jan. 2022)	Bus-sand dumper brunt after collision. Passenger rescued. Some got injuries.
Bhind	27 Jan. 2022		<b><u>रेत माफिया रौंद रहे सरसों की फसल, किसान ने प्रधानमंत्री से की शिकायत</u></b> भिंड जिले में रेत माफियाओं का आतंक इतना बढ़ गया है कि परेशान 85 साल के बुजुर्ग किसान को अपनी फसल बचाने के लिए प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी से मदद की गुहार लगानी पड़ रही है। जिले के ग्राम भारोली खुर्द निवासी अभिलाख सिंह की गोरम गांव में जमीन है। इस जमीन पर अभिलाख सिंह खेती करते हैं। खेती हल्का नंबर 63 में है और खेत का नंबर 1130 और 1131 है। अभिलाख सिंह का आरोप है कि इन दोनों ही खेतों के बीच से रेत माफियाओं ने जबरन अवैध रास्ता बना लिया है और रेत माफिया पनडुब्बियों और बड़ी मशीन के सहारे रेत का अवैध उत्खनन करने में जुटे हुए हैं। अभिलाख सिंह का आरोप है कि उनकी सरसों की फसल पर से रेत माफिया प्रतिदिन 40 से 50 बार रेत से भरे बड़े वाहन निकाल रहे हैं। इस वजह से अभिलाख सिंह की खेतों में खड़ी हुई सरसों की फसल नष्ट हो रही है।  अभिलाख सिंह ने इस बात की शिकायत कलेक्टर कार्यालय में आयोजित जनसुनवाई में की। इसके साथ-साथ एसपी ऑफिस पहुंचकर एसपी शैलेन्द्र सिंह से भी की है। कलेक्टर और एसपी ने बुजुर्ग किसान की फसल बचाने के लिए कोई ठोस कार्रवाई नहीं की। साथ ही रेत खनन कर रहे माफिया पर कोई कार्रवाई हुई। तो उन्होंने रेत माफिया के आतंक से अपनी फसल को बचाने के लिए सीधा प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी को ऑनलाइन शिकायत की है। 26 जनवरी को प्रधानमंत्री कार्यालय में की गई इस शिकायत में अभिलाख सिंह ने अपनी पूरी पीड़ा बयां की	Farmer suffering crop losses due to illegal mining.

		<p>है। यह पहला मामला नहीं है, जब रेत माफियाओं ने किसानों की फसल को नष्ट करते हुए अवैध रेत का उत्खनन और परिवहन किया जा रहा है। इससे पहले भी लगातार कई मामले आते रहे हैं, जब किसानों ने कई बार पुलिस और प्रशासन से मदद की गुहार भी लगाई। मगर किसानों को रेत माफियाओं के आतंक से कभी निजात नहीं मिल सकी। <a href="https://navbharattimes.indiatimes.com/state/madhya-pradesh/bhind/madhya-pradesh-farmer-abhilakh-singh-complained-to-prime-minister-narendra-modi-sand-mafia-trampled-mustard-crop-in-bhind/articleshow/89151019.cms">https://navbharattimes.indiatimes.com/state/madhya-pradesh/bhind/madhya-pradesh-farmer-abhilakh-singh-complained-to-prime-minister-narendra-modi-sand-mafia-trampled-mustard-crop-in-bhind/articleshow/89151019.cms</a> (27 Jan. 2022)</p>	
Indore	24 Feb. 2022	<p><b><u>Sand dumper crashes into boundary wall of house</u></b> A dumper (MP 09 HG 730) filled with sand crashed into the boundary wall of Vikas Patidar's residence in Kodaria, on Thursday (Feb. 24). Luckily, no one was injured even though all the members of the family were in the house at the time of the accident. Police, who have registered a case against the driver said the vehicle was at high speed and was being driven negligently. <a href="https://www.freepressjournal.in/indore/indore-dumper-laden-with-sand-crashes-into-boundary-wall-of-house">https://www.freepressjournal.in/indore/indore-dumper-laden-with-sand-crashes-into-boundary-wall-of-house</a> (25 Feb. 2022)</p>	Sand dumper crashing into house.
Bhind	27 Feb. 2022	<p><b><u>हाईटेंशन लाइन के पोल में रेत से भरे ट्रक ने मारी टक्कर</u></b> रौन से अचलपुरा को जोड़ने वाले मार्ग पर सड़क किनारे लगे 11 केवी हाईटेंशन लाइन के पोल में रेत से भरे ओवरलोड ट्रक ने टक्कर मार दी। इसके बाद ट्रक अनियंत्रित होकर पलट गया। इस हादसे में कोई जनहानि तो नहीं हुई, लेकिन बिजली का पोल टूटने की वजह से रौन क्षेत्र के आठ गांव में बिजली सप्लाई व्यवस्था ठप हो गई। अचलपुरा गांव के लोगों का कहना है कि इस मार्ग से दिनभर रेत से भरे डंपर, ट्रक और ट्रैक्टर-ट्रॉली निकलते हैं। इस वजह से यहां आए दिन हादसे होने की संभावना बनी रहती है। साथ ही भारी वाहनों के आवागमन की वजह से यह मार्ग भी जगह-जगह उखड़ गया है। इस मार्ग से भारी वाहनों के आवागमन को बंद करने को लेकर कई बार मांग की जा चुकी है। लेकिन इसके बाद भी कोई सुनवाई नहीं हो रही है। <a href="https://www.naidunia.com/madhya-pradesh/bhind-a-truck-filled-with-sand-hit-the-pole-of-the-hightension-line-power-stalled-in-8-villages-7327866">https://www.naidunia.com/madhya-pradesh/bhind-a-truck-filled-with-sand-hit-the-pole-of-the-hightension-line-power-stalled-in-8-villages-7327866</a> (27 Feb. 2022)</p>	Sand truck damaging power pole, disrupting power supply for 8 villages.
Shivpuri	28 Feb. 2022	<p><b><u>ट्रॉली पलटी तो स्टेयरिंग में गर्दन फंसी</u></b> शिवपुरी जिले के करेरा में इसके चलते एक हादसा हो गया। यहां एक ट्रैक्टर ट्रॉली मुरम खदान से भरकर आ रही थी तो पलट गई। इस हादसे में ड्राइवर ही उलझ गया और उसकी गर्दन स्टेयरिंग में फंस गई। हालांकि बाद में ट्रैक्टर के स्टेयरिंग को काटकर उसकी गर्दन को बंधनमुक्त करा दिया गया। अवैध उत्खनन की वजह से ग्रामीणजनों ने पुलिस को इसकी सूचना भी नहीं दी। बगेदरी में आज सुबह अवैध खनन करने गए माफिया युवक का ट्रैक्टर पलटने से उसकी गर्दन ट्रैक्टर की स्टेयरिंग में बुरी तरह फंस गई। लोग उसकी हालत देखकर अचंभित रह गए कि आखिर गर्दन स्टेयरिंग के भीतर कैसे गई। चालक उससे न तो</p>	Illegal miner's head stuck in steering after tractor toppled.

			<p>निकल पा रहा था और न ही उसी हालत में रखने की उसमें हिम्मत थी।  <a href="https://www.livehindustan.com/madhya-pradesh/story-the-driver-came-out-of-the-tractor-trolley-in-shivpuri-after-filling-the-puck-5922083.html">https://www.livehindustan.com/madhya-pradesh/story-the-driver-came-out-of-the-tractor-trolley-in-shivpuri-after-filling-the-puck-5922083.html</a> (28 feb. 2022)</p>	
Annuppur	18-19 March 2022	Sone	<p><b>सीतापुर रेत खदान में 2 दिन में 2 हादसे, 3 की मौत</b> पहला हादसा 18 मार्च को हुआ। 15 वर्षीय अंशुल कुजूर पिता दीपक कुजूर निवासी पुलिस लाइन के पास अनूपपुर सुबह करीब 11 बजे सोन नदी में नहाने गया था। यहां रेत उत्खनन के लिए खोदे गए गहरे गड्ढे में डूबने से उसकी मौत हो गई। शाम करीब 7 बजे उसका शव ढूंढा जा सका। दूसरी घटना 19 मार्च को शाम करीब 5 बजे हुई। 22 वर्षीय अभय द्विवेदी पिता रमेश चंद्र द्विवेदी तथा आलोक केवट पिता पुरेंद्र केवट अपने मित्रों के साथ सोन नदी गया था। पानी में छलांग लगाते ही दोनों गहराई में चले गए और डूबने से उनकी मौत हो गई। शुभ शुक्ला की शिकायत पर कोतवाली अनूपपुर में केजी डेवलपर्स एवं उनके अधिकारी, कर्मचारियों के विरुद्ध धारा 304 ए का मामला पंजीबद्ध किया गया है।</p> <p>जिला मुख्यालय में ही संचालित रेत खदान में रेत ठेकेदार की लापरवाही सामने आई जहां खदान में किसी भी तरह का सूचना पटल नहीं लगाया गया था। खदान का मुनारा भी टूटा हुआ था जिसके आगे रेत का उत्खनन किया गया। खदान में कोई भी कर्मचारी उपस्थित नहीं था जिससे लोगों को गहराई के संबंध में जानकारी दी जा सके। खदान में सुरक्षा के लिए रेत ठेकेदार के द्वारा किसी भी तरह का कोई भी कार्य नहीं कराया गया था। खनिज विभाग के नियमों के अनुसार नदी में पानी के जल स्तर से 3 मीटर तक की गहराई में रेत का उत्खनन किया जा सकता है किंतु इस मामले में रेत ठेकेदार के द्वारा लगभग 6 मीटर गहराई तक रेत का उत्खनन किया गया है। इसको लेकर जांच के निर्देश दिए गए हैं। वही स्वीकृत खदान से लगभग 15 मीटर अधिक में रेत का उत्खनन किए जाने की ग्रामीणों की शिकायत की जांच के निर्देश भी दिए गए हैं।  <a href="https://www.bhaskarhindi.com/city/news/two-accidents-in-2-days-three-killed-in-sitapur-sand-mine-351577">https://www.bhaskarhindi.com/city/news/two-accidents-in-2-days-three-killed-in-sitapur-sand-mine-351577</a> (21 March 2022)</p> <p>सोन नदी में शुक्रवार (18 March 2022) दोपहर नहाने गए एक किशोर की गहरे गड्ढे में डूबने से मौत हो गई। होमगार्ड विभाग के गोताखोरों के कड़ी मशक्कत के बाद शव को पानी से बाहर निकाला गया। जानकारी अनुसार शुक्रवार को अंसुल कुजूर 15 वर्ष अपने 4 दोस्तों के साथ होली खेलने घर से निकला फिर सीतापुर रेत खदान के पास स्थित सोन नदी में नहाने चले गए। मृतक अंशुल दोस्तों से कहा वह नदी में डुबकी लगा कर आता है, और रेत खनन के लिए खोदे गये गहरे गड्ढे में जैसे ही वह छलांग लगाया दुबारा बाहर नहीं निकल कर आया, उत्खनन के लिए खोदे गए गड्ढों डूबने से मौत की घटनाएं आए दिन होती हैं। अन्य जिलों में भी इस तरह की घटनाएं हो चुकी हैं।</p>	3 died in sand pits in 2 days.

			<a href="https://www.naidunia.com/madhya-pradesh/anuppur-anuppur-news-death-of-a-teenager-who-went-to-bathe-in-a-pit-dug-near-sand-mine-in-son-river-7391970">https://www.naidunia.com/madhya-pradesh/anuppur-anuppur-news-death-of-a-teenager-who-went-to-bathe-in-a-pit-dug-near-sand-mine-in-son-river-7391970</a>	
Sidhi	22 March 2022	Sone	<b>रेत खनन से बने गड्ढे के पानी में डूबा युवक, मौत</b> सीधी- जिले में अवैध खनन से खोदे गड्ढे में एक युवक की मौत हो गई है। हलांकि युवक की मौत के बाद पुलिस पूरे मामले में पर्दा डालने का प्रयास शुरू कर दिया। रेत ठेकेदार के इशारे पर जिस कर्मचारी ने सोन नदी का सीना छलनी कर के खाई नुमा गड्ढा बना दिया था उसी खाई नुमा गड्ढे में फिसल कर कर्मचारी की मौत होने का मामला सामने आया है। जानकारी के अनुसार मझौली थाना अंतर्गत टिकरी सहायता केंद्र की भूमिका रेत खदान में जेसीबी मशीन में ड्राइविंग तथा हेल्परी कर रहे राज किशोर पटेल पिता श्रीमान पटेल उम्र 19 वर्ष बीते रविवार को भूमिका रेत खदान में ही नहा रहा था जहां नहाते समय पैर फिसल गया और खुद के खोदे गए खाई नुमा में गड्ढे में गिर गया जहां कर्मचारी की मौत हो गई है। उल्लेखनीय है कि बीते वर्ष भी गोतरा रेत खदान में एक ग्रामीण के डूब जाने से मौत हो गई थी जिस पर प्रशासन के द्वारा रेत माफियाओं को बचाने के लिए पूरे केस पर लीपापोती कर दिया था <a href="https://vindhyanews.in/?p=28020">https://vindhyanews.in/?p=28020</a> (22 March 2022)	JCB helper died in sand mine pit.
Summary			<p>In Madhya Pradesh 22 people lost their lives while over 30 including 9 government officials suffered injuries on account of illegal sand mining activities since January 2021 so far. Over 15 staffs, workers of RKTC group were injured in more than 6 attacks by sand mafia. In Panna 2 truck drivers were injured by sand mafia.</p> <p>While 11 people died and 7 got injured in road accidents involving sand transporting vehicles, 5 persons of which 4 are young, teenagers died in sand mine pits and 3 mine workers in mine collapse incident. There were some road accidents by sand vehicles where no casualty took place and in some cases vehicles have not been specified.</p> <p>Additionally, an informer was reportedly murdered, a farmer in Morena was <a href="#">killed in police action</a> in June 2021 and a youth villager committed suicide after beaten up by sand mafia in Tikamgarh in February 2021.</p> <p>The media reports show that the state is facing a complete lawlessness situation vis a vis sand mining affairs. The mafias have been <a href="#">fearlessly attacking</a> government officials, mine contractors, <a href="#">private mining company staffs</a> and even truck drivers. In some cases, lease</p>	

		<p>holders have been caught in catch 22 situation. On one hand they are being <a href="#">terrorized</a> by mafias on the other being <a href="#">harassed</a> by corrupt police officials.</p> <p>The story of 85 year old Bhind farmer whose crops were damaged by Chambal sand mafia is <a href="#">upsetting</a>. After local administration choose to remain insensitive towards his pleas, he had to appeal to Prime Minister to save his crops. The plight of Narmada, Chambal, Ken, Betwa, Sindh, Sone, Parvati rivers have only worsened due to state sponsored unsustainable sand mining operations.</p> <p>Shardha Pandre, SDO, Forest Department, Morena alone <a href="#">survived 9 lethal attacks</a> in just two months. She headed several raids to bust illegal sand mining operations but was finally transferred. The incident of Khargone where <a href="#">6 reporters were booked</a> by administration for covering illegal sand mining further proves collapse of governance system in the state.</p>	
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## Rajasthan

District	Month/Year	River	Detail	Remark
Dausa	21 Dec. 2020		<p>दौसा जिले के ढिगारिया गांव में सोमवार (21 Dec. 2020) अवैध बजरी के दोहन के चलते बड़ा हादसा हो गया। यहां बजरी की अवैध खान ढह गई। इससे खान में दबने से 2 लोगों की दर्दनाक मौत हो गई। हादसा सुबह करीब आठ बजे के आसपास हुआ बताया जा रहा है। प्रारंभिक जांच में सामने आया है कि मृतकों में एक व्यक्ति इस खान मालिक है और दूसरा मजदूर है। खेत में स्थित इस खान में बिना अनुमति के अवैध रूप से बजरी का खनन किया जा रहा था। <a href="https://www.haribhoomi.com/local/rajasthan/illegal-mining-collapse-of-gravel-death-of-owner-and-laborer-rajasthan-359458">https://www.haribhoomi.com/local/rajasthan/illegal-mining-collapse-of-gravel-death-of-owner-and-laborer-rajasthan-359458</a> (21 Dec. 2020)</p>	2 died after sand mine caves in.
Sawai Madhopur	21 Jan. 2021		<p><a href="#">Senior govt officer attacked by sand mafia during raid, injured</a> A senior government officer from Sawai Madhopur district was attacked and injured along with some policemen during an operation against river sand mining mafia on Thursday (Jan. 21). The incident took place during a joint operation against river-sand mafia, carried out by the police and the revenue departments, under the leadership of Bonli SDM Badrinarayan Meena in Dholri village on Thursday (Jan. 21) morning, during which 15 tractors-trolley were seized.</p>	SDM, policemen attacked, beaten up by sand mafia.

		<p>The illegal mining was taking place at Morale canal near the village at around 5.30 am on Thursday (Jan. 21) morning when Meena, along with the police, chased the gravel trolleys, on the way from Peepalda to Dhorala village. "When the accused realised they were being raided, they started driving fast, resulting in overturning of a few vehicles. The accused also blocked the way of the raiding party by dumping the illegally-mined river sand in the middle of the road. Later, the SDM was stopped by the mafia and beaten up," said a police official, who didn't wish to be named. "The SDM has suffered injuries on his shoulder and an arm in the attack. The accused escaped with four-five tractor trolleys. However, the remaining vehicles were captured by the SDM-led team. <a href="https://www.hindustantimes.com/cities/jaipur-news/senior-rajasthan-government-officer-attacked-by-sand-mafia-during-raid-injured-101611294504245.html">https://www.hindustantimes.com/cities/jaipur-news/senior-rajasthan-government-officer-attacked-by-sand-mafia-during-raid-injured-101611294504245.html</a> (22 Jan. 2021)</p>	
Jhnjhunu	21 Feb. 2021	<p><b><u>डंपर की टक्कर से बाइक सवार की मौत</u></b> झुंझुनू जिले के मलसीसर में गुरुवार को एक डंपर की टक्कर से बाइक सवार की मौत हो गई। डंपर की टक्कर से बाइक बुरी तरह क्षतिग्रस्त हो गई। हादसा होते ही डंपर चालक गाड़ी लेकर मौके से भाग छूटा। पुलिस के अनुसार झुंझुनू-सादुलपुर सड़क मार्ग पर हेलेना कॉलेज के पास एक डंपर ने बाइक सवार को टक्कर मार दी। हादसे में बाइक सवार मलसीसर निवासी नाहर मल सैनी की मौत हो गई। हादसा होते ही डंपर चालक भाग छूटा। टक्कर से डंपर भी आगे से टूट गया। <a href="https://www.bhaskar.com/local/rajasthan/sikar/jhunjhunu/news/jhunjhunu-highway-accident-man-dies-to-due-collision-of-bike-truck-dumper-driver-escape-128218366.html">https://www.bhaskar.com/local/rajasthan/sikar/jhunjhunu/news/jhunjhunu-highway-accident-man-dies-to-due-collision-of-bike-truck-dumper-driver-escape-128218366.html</a> (21 Feb. 2021)</p>	1 killed by unidentified dumper.
Tonk	09 April 2021	<p><b><u>Women labourers cremated after cops' assurance to kin</u></b> Two women labourers, who were buried alive in a sand mine at Mundia Kala at Todaraisingh in Tonk after it collapsed on Friday (April 9), were cremated on Saturday (April 10). The family of the deceased had been demonstrating with the bodies at the block level office since Friday (April 9) evening, demanding Rs10 lakh compensation and a government job for the children. They agreed to cremate the bodies later in the day.</p> <p>The deceased women Badri Devi and Santra Devi were trapped after a side portion of the rock collapsed while they were working together. They were rescued by other labourers present in the area and rushed to the hospital in Todaraisingh. Badri was declared brought dead, while Santra was rushed to Kekri hospital, where she died after some hours. The family of the two women alleged that the mining being done was illegal and the contractor never</p>	2 women workers killed after collapse of sand mine

			<p>follows the safety precautions, which has led to the death of the two. The families, joined by the villagers, gathered at the block office, demanding police complaint against the contractor, Rs10 lakh compensation and a government job.</p> <p><a href="https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/jaipur/women-labourers-cremated-after-cops-assurance-to-kin/articleshow/82009711.cms">https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/jaipur/women-labourers-cremated-after-cops-assurance-to-kin/articleshow/82009711.cms</a> (11 April 2021)</p>	
Bundi	12 June 2021		<p><b><u>Sand mafia attacks govt squad</u></b> Pelting stones at SDM vehicle, around 15-20 people freed the two earthmovers and tractor which were seized during operation against illegal sand mining over the beds of Dugari dam under Nainwa police station of Bundi district on Saturday (12 June 2021) afternoon and fled. The government vehicles were damaged in the stonepelting, however, none of the government's squad sustained injury.</p> <p>The police, on the report by Tehsildar, lodged a case against 15 -20 people of the area, three of them identified, under sections of IPC for attempt to murder and interrupting government working and initiated investigation, though none of the accused was detained or arrested so far. On the complainant of illegal mining of sand over the beds of Dugari dam, SDM, Nainwa Sheoram and Tehasildar Amitesh had gone to the spot to check the illegal digging of sand on Saturday noon. Noticing the government vehicles, the villagers, engaged in mining the soil, fled with their tractor and two earth movers, however, the squad managed to stop of the vehicles. <a href="https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/jaipur/sand-mafia-attacks-govt-squad-in-bundi-frees-seized-vehicles/articleshow/83476382.cms">https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/jaipur/sand-mafia-attacks-govt-squad-in-bundi-frees-seized-vehicles/articleshow/83476382.cms</a> (13 June 2021)</p>	SDM team attacked, vehicle damaged during raid on illegal sand mining.
Jodhpur	13 April 2021	Luni	<p><b><u>1 injured in clash over sand mining</u></b> A person sustained injuries when two rival gangs engaged in sand mining clashed with each other in Khejadli area of Luni in Jodhpur on Tuesday ( April 13) evening. The injured allegedly sustained a bullet injury and is undergoing treatment at AIIMS.</p> <p>Though police have not yet confirmed the bullet injuries, eyewitnesses said the attackers fired shots during the clash injuring one person. Attackers also damaged the vehicles at the site and fled from the spot. No arrest has been made by police till late night. SHO (Luni) Parmeshwari said both the gangs belonged to two cousins, Raju Ram and Ashok Bishnoi, who have been staking claim on a piece of land for sand mining in Khejadli village.</p>	1 injured in clash over mining dispute between two groups

			<a href="https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/jaipur/one-injured-in-clash-over-sand-mining/articleshow/82056191.cms">https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/jaipur/one-injured-in-clash-over-sand-mining/articleshow/82056191.cms</a> (14 April 2021)	
Dholpur	24 June 2021	Chambal	<p><b>पुलिस और रेत माफिया फायरिंग, एमपी से राजस्थान ले जा रहे थे बालू</b> चंबल के इलाके में रेत माफिया बेखौफ हो गए हैं। पुलिस पर हमला करने से वे बाज नहीं आ रहे हैं। चंबल के रेत माफियाओं की राजस्थान की पुलिस के साथ मुठभेड़ हो गई है। रेत माफिया और पुलिस के बीच चंबल के बीहड़ों में फायरिंग भी हुई। हालांकि राजस्थान पुलिस ने साहस दिखाते हुए रेत से भरी दो ट्रैक्टर ट्रॉली और एक रेत माफिया को गिरफ्तार कर लिया है। मुरैना जिले से रेत माफिया चार ट्रैक्टर ट्रॉली में चंबल की अवैध रेत भरकर धौलपुर जा रहे थे। तभी रास्ते में उन्हें राजस्थान की धौलपुर पुलिस ने रोकने की कोशिश की। पुलिस को देखकर रेत माफियाओं ने ट्रैक्टर ट्रॉली भगाना शुरू कर दिया। पुलिस ने रेत माफियाओं का पीछा किया तो रेत माफियाओं ने पुलिस पर ही फायरिंग करना शुरू कर दिया। पुलिस ने फायरिंग होते देख जवाब में रेत माफियाओं पर भी फायरिंग शुरू कर दी।</p> <p>मुठभेड़ के दौरान एक ट्रैक्टर ट्रॉली पलट गई। इस मुठभेड़ के बीच में रेत माफिया तीन ट्रैक्टर ट्रॉली लेकर भागने लगे। पुलिस ने एक ट्रैक्टर ट्रॉली के पहिए में गोली मारी तो वह ट्रैक्टर ट्रॉली खड़ी रह गई लेकिन बाकी दो ट्रैक्टर ट्रॉली को रेत माफिया लेकर भाग गए। हालांकि पुलिस ने फायरिंग करने वाले एक रेत माफिया लालू गुर्जर को गिरफ्तार किया है। लालू गुर्जर मुरैना जिले के सराय छोला थाना इलाके के जैतपुर गांव का निवासी है। हाल के दिनों में रेत माफियाओं ने मुरैना, भिंड और ग्वालियर के इलाकों में कई घटनाओं को अंजाम दिया है। कुछ दिन पहले एक अफसर भी रेत माफियाओं ने हमला किया था। इसके बावजूद प्रशासन रेत माफियाओं पर कोई कार्रवाई नहीं कर पा रही है। <a href="https://navbharattimes.indiatimes.com/state/madhya-pradesh/morena/morena-firing-news-dholpur-police-and-morena-sand-mafia-firing-sand-was-being-taken-from-mp-to-rajasthan/articleshow/83745427.cms">https://navbharattimes.indiatimes.com/state/madhya-pradesh/morena/morena-firing-news-dholpur-police-and-morena-sand-mafia-firing-sand-was-being-taken-from-mp-to-rajasthan/articleshow/83745427.cms</a> (22 June 2021)</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KWl2Ee9pSsw">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KWl2Ee9pSsw</a> ;</p> <p><a href="https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1607788012751186">https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1607788012751186</a></p>	Gunfighting between Rajasthan police and Chambal sand mafias from Morena. 1 arrested.
Jhalawad	09 July 2021	Richhad	<p><b>अवैध खनन गड्ढे में डूबने से 2 बच्चों की मौत</b> शुक्रवार (July 9) को अवैध बजरी खनन के नदी में बने गड्ढे ने झालावाड़ जिले के सुनेल थाना क्षेत्र के पाउखेड़ी गांव के दो बच्चों की जान ले ली है। उनकी दर्दनाक मौत से दो परिवारों में कोहराम मचा है। सुनेल सर्किल के पुलिस उपाधीक्षक धन्नाराम चौधरी के मुताबिक घटना शुक्रवार की सुबह 8 से 10 बजे के बीच की हैं। पाउखेड़ी गांव के चार- पांच बच्चे बकरियां चराने के लिए निकले थे। गांव के पास चछलाई के माल में बकरियां चरा रहे थे। यहीं रीछड नदी बहती हैं। दो बालक सूरज (पिता श्यामलाल मेघवाल उम्र 13 वर्ष) और दिलखुश (पिता रोडूलाल मेघवाल उम्र 12 वर्ष निवासी पाउखेड़ी) नदी के गहरे गड्ढे में समा गये।</p>	2 teenagers killed after drowning in sand mine pit



		<p>ग्रामीणों ने आरोप लगाया कि पाउखेड़ी गांव के पास स्थित रिछड़ नदी में बजरी माफिया अवैध बजरी का खनन करते हैं। नदी से रेत निकालने के चक्कर में उन्होंने ने दिन-रात जेसीबी, एलएनटी, टेक्टरों बजरी का खनन करके नदी के अस्तित्व को छलनी कर दिया। रेत माफियाओं ने नदी में जगह-जगह बड़े-बड़े गहरे गड्ढे कर दिए। जो अब जान ले रहे हैं। थाना पुलिस को चाहिए और अवैध बजरी खनन पर रोक लगाएं। <a href="https://navbharattimes.indiatimes.com/state/rajasthan/kota/two-kids-drown-in-jhalawar/articleshow/84268586.cms">https://navbharattimes.indiatimes.com/state/rajasthan/kota/two-kids-drown-in-jhalawar/articleshow/84268586.cms</a> (09 July 2021)</p>	
Bhilwara	10 Aug. 2021	<p><b><u>7 labourers feared dead in mine collapse</u></b> 7 labourers, including three women, were feared dead when an illegal quartz mine in Bhilwara district, where they were working, caved in on Wednesday (Aug. 11). Two bodies were pulled out while five were buried deep under the rubble till late evening.</p> <p>The mishap took place at an illegal mining site for quartz stones near Lachhuda village under the Asind Police Station area in Bhilwara. Though the Mines Department had seized the quarry and its equipment about three months ago, the owners restarted the operations after their release from jail last week. The villagers staged a protest after the accident, alleging that the administration had failed to take timely action to stop illegal mining despite being informed about the resumption of activities at the mining site. <a href="https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/7-labourers-feared-dead-in-rajasthan-mine-collapse/article35867623.ece">https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/7-labourers-feared-dead-in-rajasthan-mine-collapse/article35867623.ece</a> (12 Aug. 2021)</p> <p>According to witnesses, mud from the nearby field collapsed into the illegal mine where the labourers were working in the afternoon. Initially, it was feared that about 50 workers were stuck in the collapsed mine, but later it was found that only seven were inside the mine. Police brought JCBs and excavators for the rescue operation and the dead bodies were found about 80 feet below the mud. Villagers said that all the workers who died were tribals. <a href="https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/ajmer/7-killed-including-3-women-as-mine-collapses-in-bhilwara-dist/articleshow/85255208.cms">https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/ajmer/7-killed-including-3-women-as-mine-collapses-in-bhilwara-dist/articleshow/85255208.cms</a> (12 Aug. 2021)</p> <p>Just for Rs 250, women of Kameri and nearby villages put their lives in danger by working in illegal mines in Asind block of Bhilwara. Villagers said that poverty is the major reason of villagers working on meek wages in dangerous places like mines.</p>	7 mine including 3 women workers trapped killed quartz stone mine collapse incident

			<p>“After the second unlock, there was no job in the village and youths were looking for some meek work to get some money and run their families,” said Kishan Bheel of Kameri village. He added that villagers had to go to 25 kms from the village to get job in Lachuda village where there are active operating mines.</p> <p>Sources said that such illegal mines were also informed to district administration in Gangapur, Rampuria, Surajpur, Gondali, Bemali and Lachuada villages as there is scarcity of water and the land is also not fertile. Therefore, such mines came out in this region. <a href="https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/ajmer/poverty-forced-village-youths-to-work-in-illegal-mines/articleshow/85285888.cms">https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/ajmer/poverty-forced-village-youths-to-work-in-illegal-mines/articleshow/85285888.cms</a> (13 Aug. 2021)</p>	
Dungarpur	14 Aug. 2021	Moran	<p><b><u>नदी में रेत निकालने से बने गड्ढे में डूबने से दो की मौत</u></b> बरबोदनिया में शनिवार (14 Aug. 2021) को नदी में डूबने से दो मासूम भाइयों की मौत हो गई। घटना के बाद बड़ी संख्या में लोग मौके पर एकत्रित हो गए। बच्चों के शव को निकाल कर पोस्टमार्टम के लिए सागवाड़ा अस्पताल पहुंचाया है। बरबोदनिया गांव निवासी कृष्णा (8) और सौम्य (6) पुत्र हितेश फलौत सुबह करीब 10:30 घर से निकले थे। काफी देर तक घर पर वापस नहीं पहुंचने पर परिजनों ने बालकों की गांव में तलाश की। जिनका कोई पता नहीं चला। बाद में दोनों बच्चों के शव नदी में रेत निकालने के बाद बने पानी से भरे गड्ढे में दिखे। <a href="https://www.bhaskar.com/local/rajasthan/banswara/dungarpur/news/two-brothers-died-due-to-drowning-in-a-pit-made-by-extracting-sand-in-the-river-in-burbodnia-128815377.html">https://www.bhaskar.com/local/rajasthan/banswara/dungarpur/news/two-brothers-died-due-to-drowning-in-a-pit-made-by-extracting-sand-in-the-river-in-burbodnia-128815377.html</a> (14 Aug. 2021)</p> <p>जिले में अवैध बजरी खनन धड़ल्ले से चल रहा है और इतना बड़ा हादसा इसी वजह से हुआ। मोरन नदी पेटे में अवैध बजरी खनन माफिया सक्रिय है, जहां दिन रात बजरी खनन हो रहा है। जेसीबी, ट्रैक्टर के जरिए बजरी खनन की सप्लाई की जा रही है। जिस कारण नदी पेटे में कई बड़े-बड़े गड्ढे बन गए हैं और उनमें पानी भर गया है। जिससे लोग कई बार गड्ढे की गहराई को समझ नहीं पाते और बड़ा हादसा हो जाता है, लेकिन जिले में अवैध बजरी खनन माफिया पर कोई अंकुश नहीं है। हालांकि पुलिस की ओर से अवैध बजरी खनन पर कभी कभी कार्रवाई की जाती है, लेकिन इसके बाद फिर से खनन माफिया सक्रिय हो जाते हैं। खनन विभाग की ओर से कार्रवाई नहीं होने की वजह से खनन माफिया के हौसले बुलंद हैं। <a href="https://www.etvbharat.com/hindi/rajasthan/state/dungarpur/two-brothers-drowned-in-a-pit-made-by-gravel-mining-mafia-in-dungarpur/rj20210814223743688">https://www.etvbharat.com/hindi/rajasthan/state/dungarpur/two-brothers-drowned-in-a-pit-made-by-gravel-mining-mafia-in-dungarpur/rj20210814223743688</a> (14 Aug. 2021)</p>	2 siblings die in sand mine pits in Moran river.

Ajmer	17 Aug. 2021	<p><b><u>4 burnt alive after two trucks collide near Ajmer</u></b> Four people were burnt alive when two trucks caught fire after a head-on collision on the Beawar-Jaipur bypass in Ajmer district on Tuesday (Aug. 17) at around 6am. The truck that was coming from Jaipur road was loaded with marble stones while the one coming from Beawar was carrying cement. The four bodies were sent to JLN Hospital in Ajmer for post-mortem. Police prima facie believe that the driver of one of the trucks fell asleep and lost control of the vehicle. <a href="https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/ajmer/four-burnt-alive-after-two-trucks-collide-near-ajmer/articleshow/85417883.cms">https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/ajmer/four-burnt-alive-after-two-trucks-collide-near-ajmer/articleshow/85417883.cms</a> (18 Aug. 2021)</p>	4 burnt alive in stone-cement trucks collision
Jaipur	10 Oct. 2021	<p><b><u>Elderly couple killed by truck transporting sand illegally</u></b> The menace of speeding trucks transporting illegal sand continues in the city with an elderly couple being the latest victims of rash driving late night on Sunday (Oct. 10). The couple, retired teacher Mahesh Chandra Mridul (66) and his wife Usha Mridul (62), were returning home after a visit to the doctor with their grandson when the dumper truck hit their car near Pandit T N Mishra Road junction near Mansarovar and then toppled over it. Both were killed on the spot while the police managed to rescue 9-year-old child Darsh from the wreckage.</p> <p>“A rashly driven dumper truck first hit their car and later fell on it. A team of senior police officers with cranes and other equipment rushed to the spot. We heard a child crying and our main objective was to save his life,” said a senior police officer. This is not a lone incident involving speeding trucks illegally transporting sand. Last year, a truck carrying sand mowed down a senior citizen in Kardhani locality of the city. <a href="https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/jaipur/elderly-couple-killedby-truck-transportingsand-illegally-in-city/articleshow/86952406.cms">https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/jaipur/elderly-couple-killedby-truck-transportingsand-illegally-in-city/articleshow/86952406.cms</a> (12 Oct. 2021)</p>	Elderly couple crushed to death by speeding sand truck.
Ajmer	13 Oct. 2021	<p><b><u>Cops attacked for crackdown</u></b> There was heavy protest and stone pelting by villagers of Bubani village on Tuesday (Oct. 13) when a team of police and mines department reached the spot to stop illegal mining. Police seized 11 tractors, two JCB machines and a dumper from the spot, while the illegal miners ran away.</p> <p>Villagers attacked the police team with stones and succeeded in taking away one JCB. Later, police detained six people for hindering police action against illegal mining. Acting on a tip-off, additional SP Sumit Maherda reached Bubani village near Ajmer with his team. Here, illegal mining of building stones on a large scale was witnessed. On the complaint of mines</p>	Police team attacked during raid on illegal mining

			department, police registered a case of illegal mining and seized tractors and JCB and detained more than a dozen villagers. <a href="https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/ajmer/illegal-mining-cops-attacked-for-crackdown-in-ajmer-district/articleshow/86987387.cms">https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/ajmer/illegal-mining-cops-attacked-for-crackdown-in-ajmer-district/articleshow/86987387.cms</a> (13 Oct. 2021)	
Barmer	10 Nov. 2021		<b><u>11 burnt to death in bus-truck collision in Barmer</u> Reports lack information if the truck was involved in transportation of minor minerals.</b> 11 people were burnt to death and 22 others were injured in the fire triggered by a collision between a bus and a truck on Balotra (Barmer)-Jodhpur highway on Wednesday (Nov. 10), Police said. The accident took place under Pachpadra police station of Barmer district at around 11 am when a truck crashed into a bus coming from the opposite direction with at least 28 passengers from Jodhpur. Both the vehicles caught fire after the accident, killing 10 people on the spot, said Deepak Bhargav, Barmer's SP. <a href="https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/11-burnt-to-death-in-bus-truck-collision-in-rajasthan-s-barmer-22-injured-101636533319513.html">https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/11-burnt-to-death-in-bus-truck-collision-in-rajasthan-s-barmer-22-injured-101636533319513.html</a> (10 Nov. 2021)	12 killed including truck driver, 25 injured in bus-truck collision
Jaipur	02 Dec. 2021		Two gas tankers and a truck collided near Kaludi in Balotara police station area in Barmer district on Thursday (Dec. 2). Driver of one of the gas tankers died on the spot while two persons were injured. After the accident, gas started leaking from the tanker. Traffic had to be diverted for around 12 hours. The situation started returning to normal by Friday (Dec. 3) late evening.  According to ASI Chutraram, on the mega highway, a truck was going from Balotara to Sindhari, and two gas tankers were going from Gudamalani to Balotara on Thursday (Dec. 2) late night. While overtaking, the two gas tankers and the truck carrying sand collided. One of the gas tankers overturned and gas started leaking from it. The accident was so severe that the driver's body was cut into two pieces. The police kept the body at the mortuary and two other injured were admitted to Balotara hospital. <a href="https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/jaipur/two-gas-tankers-truck-collide-in-barmer-dist-1-dead/articleshow/88080528.cms">https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/jaipur/two-gas-tankers-truck-collide-in-barmer-dist-1-dead/articleshow/88080528.cms</a> (04 Dec. 2021)	Driver of sand truck killed, 2 other injured after collision of 2 gas tankers and sand truck.
Udaipur	Jan. 2022	Chandra-bhaga	<b><u>किशोरी पर ढहा रेत का टीला, मौत</u></b> अमेट नगर के समीप अधरशीला के पास चंद्रभागा नदी पेटे में बुधवार सुबह बकरियां चराते समय रेत के नीचे दबने से किशोरी की मौत हो गई। जानकारी के अनुसार आसन निवासी	Young girl buried to death under

		<p>संगीता (16) पुत्री रामलाल चंद्रभागा नदी पेटे में बकरियां चरा रही थी। बकरियां चराते-चराते संगीता नदी पेटे में 12 फीट गहरे गड्ढे में चली गई। अचानक रेत का टीला ढह जाने से किशोरी नीचे दब गई।</p> <p>संगीता के चिल्लाने की आवाज सुनकर लोग मौके पर पहुंचे। अत्यधिक मात्रा में रेत होने से उसे बचाया नहीं जा सका। सूचना मिलने पर पुलिस मौके पर पहुंची और जेसीबी मशीन से रेत हटवाई। मृतका कक्षा आठ में पढ़ती थी। कोरोना संक्रमण के चलते अवकाश होने पर बकरियां चराने के लिए जाती थी। मृतका के दो बहन व एक भाई है। चंद्रभागा नदी पेटे में लगातार अवैध बजरी दोहन से जगह-जगह गहरे गड्ढे बन गए। रेत माफिया रात के अंधेरे में अवैध तरीके से ट्रैक्टर में बजरी भरकर ले जाते है। <a href="https://www.bhaskar.com/local/rajasthan/udaipur/amet/news/a-sand-dune-collapsed-on-a-teenager-grazing-goats-in-chandrabhaga-river-pete-died-129318568.html">https://www.bhaskar.com/local/rajasthan/udaipur/amet/news/a-sand-dune-collapsed-on-a-teenager-grazing-goats-in-chandrabhaga-river-pete-died-129318568.html</a> (Jan. 2022)</p>	sand mound.
Bundi	09 Jan. 2022	<p><b>डंपर ने मासूम को कुचला</b> बूंदी जिले के हिंडोली थाना क्षेत्र अंतर्गत उमरगांव में अवैध रूप से संचालित खनन कार्य में परिवहन कर रहे पत्थर से भरे डंपर ने एक 4 वर्षीय मासूम को कुचल दिया, जिसकी मौके पर ही मौत हो गई. गुस्साएं ग्रामीणों ने अवैध रूप से चलाए जा रहे अवैध खनन पर कार्रवाई करने की मांग को लेकर आक्रोशित हो गए. परिजनों और ग्रामीणों का आरोप है कि पुलिस प्रशासन की मिलीभगत के चलते यहां अवैध खनन कार्य हो रहा है, जिसकी कई बार ग्रामीणों ने शिकायत भी की है लेकिन आज तक कोई कार्रवाई नहीं हुई, यहां पहले में भी कई बार हादसे हुए हैं. <a href="https://zeenews.india.com/hindi/india/rajasthan/kota/traumatic-accident-in-bundi-dumper-engaged-in-illegal-mining-work-crushed-innocent/1066467">https://zeenews.india.com/hindi/india/rajasthan/kota/traumatic-accident-in-bundi-dumper-engaged-in-illegal-mining-work-crushed-innocent/1066467</a> (09 Jan. 2022)</p>	A kid killed by stone laden dumper.
Tonk	03 Feb. 2022	<p><b>खनन माफियाओं ने वन कर्मियों पर किया जानलेवा हमला, रेंजर समेत चार घायल</b> निवाई थाना क्षेत्र में गुरुवार (Feb. 03) को खनन माफियाओं ने वन विभाग टीम पर लोहे के सरिये, लाठियों आदि से हमला कर दिया। इससे निवाई वन रेंजर समेत चार कर्मचारी घायल हो गए। इन्हें इलाज के लिए निवाई के अस्पताल में भर्ती कराया है। यह हमला खनन माफियाओं द्वारा चेजा पत्थर का अवैध खनन कर वन भूमि पर ही कर रखे स्टॉक को सीज करने पर किया गया। <a href="https://hindi.news18.com/videos/news18-rajasthan/breaking-news-breaking-news/tonk-news-mining-mafia-attacked-forest-workers-four-injured-including-ranger-3990076.html">https://hindi.news18.com/videos/news18-rajasthan/breaking-news-breaking-news/tonk-news-mining-mafia-attacked-forest-workers-four-injured-including-ranger-3990076.html</a> (04 Feb. 2022)</p>	Forest team attacked by stone mafia.
Bharatpur	06 Feb. 2022	<p><b>पुलिस पर रेत माफियाओं ने किया हमला</b> पुलिस की एक टीम ने भरतपुर जिले में एक जांच चौकी पर रेत से लदी 20 ट्रैक्टर ट्रॉलियों को रोका। इसके बाद बालू माफिया के सदस्यों ने पुलिसकर्मियों पर हमला कर दिया और इस दौरान माफियाओं ने पुलिस पर गोलियां चलाईं। जवाब में पुलिस ने भी हमलावरों पर गोलियां चलाईं। इस</p>	Sand mafia attacked police team.

		<p>मामले में भरतपुर के पुलिस अधीक्षक श्याम सिंह ने जानकारी दी कि रेत माफिया सदस्यों ने न केवल पुलिसकर्मियों पर हमला किया, बल्कि उनके द्वारा चलाए जा रहे ट्रैक्टरों के पहियों के नीचे उन्हें कुचलने की भी कोशिश की, जिसके बाद पुलिस ने हमलावरों पर गोलियां चलाई और आंसू गैस के गोले दागे। <a href="https://www.amarujala.com/jaipur/rajasthan-police-cops-attacked-by-sand-mafia">https://www.amarujala.com/jaipur/rajasthan-police-cops-attacked-by-sand-mafia</a> (07 Feb. 2022) <a href="https://www.aajtak.in/india/rajasthan/story/sand-mafia-attacked-police-team-in-bharatpur-rajasthan-lcl-1406375-2022-02-06">https://www.aajtak.in/india/rajasthan/story/sand-mafia-attacked-police-team-in-bharatpur-rajasthan-lcl-1406375-2022-02-06</a> ; <a href="https://firstindia.co.in/news/rajasthan/raj-cops-attacked-by-sand-mafiosi">https://firstindia.co.in/news/rajasthan/raj-cops-attacked-by-sand-mafiosi</a></p>	
Kota	15 March 2022	<p>रेत से भरा ट्रक नहर किनारे पलटा, ड्राइवर ने कूद कर जान बचाई <a href="https://www.bhaskar.com/local/rajasthan/kota/news/rajasthan-kota-in-borkheda-area-a-truck-full-of-sand-overturned-in-the-canal-the-driver-saved-his-life-by-jumping-129513599.html">https://www.bhaskar.com/local/rajasthan/kota/news/rajasthan-kota-in-borkheda-area-a-truck-full-of-sand-overturned-in-the-canal-the-driver-saved-his-life-by-jumping-129513599.html</a> (15 March 2022); <a href="https://bit.ly/3wPA01y">https://bit.ly/3wPA01y</a></p>	Sand truck fell into canal.
Summary		<p>Despite a Supreme Court imposed prohibition, at least 25 people have died and 12 have suffered injuries in illegal sand and stone mining related incidents in Rajasthan from January 2021 to February 2022.</p> <p>Most of the deaths 12 including 5 women have taken place in 4 mine collapse incidents during this period. The <a href="#">caving in of quartz stone mine</a> in Bhilwara in August 2021 alone killed 7 labours including 3 women. All deceased belonged to tribals community. Because of poverty and lack of jobs they had no choice but to do the risky work in mines for their survival. After the death of 2 women in illegal sand mine collapse incident in Tonk in April 2021, villagers <a href="#">protested</a> at block office demanding compensation to aggrieved families. They also blamed contractor for inadequate safety measures at mine site.</p> <p>The road accidents involving sand transporting vehicles have killed 9 people while 4 kids in two spate incidents have died after falling into sand mining pits in the state. The first incident took place in July 2021 in Jhalwad in which <a href="#">2 kids get drowned into sand pit</a> dug in Ricchad riverbed. Then in August 2021, <a href="#">2 minor siblings died</a> in Moran river mining pits in Dungarpur. In both cases, villagers alleged unabated illegal mining with heavy machines creating deep pits resulting in the casualties.</p> <p>There have been about 6 incidents of violent attacks by sand mafia on government officials including administration, police, mine and forest team injuring 2 SDMs, 4 forest staffs apart</p>	24/12

			from damaging official vehicles. One person got injured in an infighting incident between rival sand smuggler groups. The Chambal river flowing through notified sanctuary along Dholpur (Rajasthan) and Morena (MP) has particularly become hotbed for illegal mining by interstate sand mafias.	
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## Gujarat

District	Month/Year	River	Detail	Remark
Vadodara	08 Jan. 2021		<a href="#"><u>Girl killed by sand dumper in Vadodara</u></a> As per details the 20 year old girl who lives in Navayard was passing by Karelibaug Vuda Circle on her bicycle on Jan. 8. During that time a rashly driven sand-filled dumper knocked her. She died on the spot as her cycle was crushed by the dumper. People rushed to spot and before they could vent their anger, the dumper driver left his dumper and fled from the spot. <a href="https://connectgujarat.com/girl-killed-after-knocked-down-by-rashly-driven-dumper-in-vadodara/">https://connectgujarat.com/girl-killed-after-knocked-down-by-rashly-driven-dumper-in-vadodara/</a> (08 Jan. 2021)	20 year old girl knocked down by sand truck.
Surat	18 Jan. 2021		<a href="#"><u>15 migrants killed by sand dumper</u></a> One more fatal accident involving sand transportation took place in Surat district killing 15 people including kids on same day. 14 deceased are reported belonging to Banswara district of Rajasthan. The deadly accident happened in around mid-night hours on Jan. 18 and 19 night near Kosamba village on Kim Madvi NH 48 about 50 km away from Surat. The migrants including women and children had come to Kosamba to build a house and were living in hamlet outside the village along the road.  As per Police Nama news they were all sleeping when past mid night a <a href="#"><u>sand truck</u></a> ran over 22 people killing 12 on the spot and injuring 8 others of which 3 succumbed to their injuries later in the hospital. Among the dead 8 are women, 6 men and a minor girl. The Hindu reported that the truck first <a href="#"><u>collided</u></a> with a sugarcane-loaded tractor after which the driver lost control of the vehicle, thus running over the migrant labourers sleeping on the pavement.  The TV9 video report in Gujarati stated that the <a href="#"><u>illegal sand mining</u></a> was happening in the area and the truck could be involved in supplying sand illegally. There is not much details on this	15 migrant workers (8 women, 6 men, 1 infant) from Rajasthan killed, 5 injured after ran over by sand truck.

		<p>aspect in media reports. It needs to be raised to demand investigation into the source of sand, owner of the truck and violation of rules.</p> <p>Several labourer rights groups also blamed <a href="#">lapses</a> in government policies responsible for the tragic accident. They highlighted that despite Supreme Court's 2010 direction, there is sheer deficit of housing for the working poor and they are unable to afford high rentals hence compelled to stay in makeshifts by the roads and in open areas exposing them to such life threatening risks as per The Scroll report covering the joint statement. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TM2nMzvM8u8">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TM2nMzvM8u8</a> (19 Jan. 2021)</p> <p>HC takes cognisance of Surat accident, issues notices to five state authorities <a href="https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/ahmedabad/hc-takes-cognisance-of-surat-accident-issues-notices-to-five-state-authorities-7165932/">https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/ahmedabad/hc-takes-cognisance-of-surat-accident-issues-notices-to-five-state-authorities-7165932/</a> (29 Jan. 2021)</p> <p>Almost one year ago, a school bus carrying 24 students had narrow escape when it was hit by a sand truck coming from opposite direction at the time of blast in a LPG truck in Surat. <a href="https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/surat/blasts-rock-suratolpad-road-after-truck-carrying-lpg-cylinders-catches-fire/articleshow/73168798.cms">https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/surat/blasts-rock-suratolpad-road-after-truck-carrying-lpg-cylinders-catches-fire/articleshow/73168798.cms</a> (09 Jan. 2020)</p>	
Banas-kantha	25 Jan. 2021	<p><b><a href="#">Sand truck runs over sleeping labourers, kills two</a></b> A dumper truck ran over a group of labourers sleeping on a pavement, killing two of them and injuring one person on Mansarovar Road in Palanpur town of Banaskantha on Monday (Jan. 25) early morning. According to police, the incident took place the driver of a truck carrying sand was reversing the vehicle. The driver accidentally ran over four labourers sleeping on the pavement. One of the labourers Magan Beghdiya (23) died on the spot, while Raman Beghdiya succumbed to injuries in a private hospital. Police said that the condition of one labourer was critical, while the fourth person sustained minor injuries. The deceased are residents of Danta taluka of Banaskantha. <a href="https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/rajkot/truck-runs-over-sleeping-labourers-kills-two/articleshow/80454038.cms">https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/rajkot/truck-runs-over-sleeping-labourers-kills-two/articleshow/80454038.cms</a> (26 Jan. 2021)</p>	2 labourers killed, 2 injured by sand laden truck.
Kutch	06 April 2021	<p><b><a href="#">3 teenagers drown in village pond in Bhachau</a></b> 3 teenagers drowned in a pond in Shikarpur village of Bhachau taluka in Kutch district on Tuesday (April 6) afternoon. The deceased were identified as Prakash Gohel (13), Mukesh Miyatra (13) and Kamlesh Vaghela (15), all</p>	3 teenagers drowned to death in



			<p>residents of Shikarpur village. According to police, the three friends decided to take a dip in the village pond to get relief from the sweltering heat.</p> <p>However, while bathing the teenagers drowned as the depth of the pond had increased due to sand mining, said police, adding that investigation was on to find out how the trio drowned. Bodies of the teenagers were sent for postmortem and a case of accidental death was registered at Samakhiyali police station. <a href="https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/rajkot/three-teenagers-drown-in-village-pond-in-bhachau/articleshow/81937491.cms">https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/rajkot/three-teenagers-drown-in-village-pond-in-bhachau/articleshow/81937491.cms</a> (07 April 2021)</p>	sand mine pit.
Morbi	17 April 2021		<p><b><u>Covid patient, 2 others killed in accident</u></b> Three, including a Covid-19 patient, died while one person was injured when the ambulance they were travelling in met with an accident in Halvad taluka of Morbi district on Saturday (April 17) afternoon. The Covid-infected patient, named Ali Mohammed Rehmatullah (78), was being taken to Ahmedabad for treatment from Morbi in an ambulance. The emergency vehicle rammed into a dumper truck near Sundargarh village in Halvad taluka. The driver of the sand-filled dumper truck turned his vehicle on to the highway from lay-by without noticing the approaching ambulance due to which the collision took place. <a href="https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/rajkot/ncov-patient-2-others-killed-in-accident/articleshow/82121484.cms">https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/rajkot/ncov-patient-2-others-killed-in-accident/articleshow/82121484.cms</a> (18 April 2021)</p>	3 killed, 1 injured after ambulance collided with sand laden truck.
Dahod	28 Nov. 2021		<p>A sand-laden truck and a car met with an accident on the Indore-Ahmedabad National Highway passing through Dahod taluka on Sunday (28 Nov. 2021) morning injuring 3 persons travelling in car. <a href="https://www.divyabhaskar.co.in/local/gujarat/dahod/news/3-people-injured-in-car-collision-with-sand-truck-on-indore-highway-near-dahod-129161284.html">https://www.divyabhaskar.co.in/local/gujarat/dahod/news/3-people-injured-in-car-collision-with-sand-truck-on-indore-highway-near-dahod-129161284.html</a> (28 Nov. 2021)</p>	3 injured after sand truck hit a car.
Botad	25 Nov. 2021		<p><b><u>Dalit man seeking sand mining lease attacked in Botad</u></b> A 26-year-old man in Botad district alleged of being attacked by two men for seeking lease of sand mining on Saturday (25 Dec. 2021) afternoon. Dipak Makwana, resident of Meghaninagar in Ranpur, who is also the district president of Rashtriya Dalit Adhikar Manch of independent MLA and Dalit leader Jignesh Mevani, on Sunday (26 Dec. 2021) filed a complaint with Ranpur police in this regard.</p> <p>In his FIR, Makwana said that he was sitting at a hotel with a friend discussing business when the two accused — Lala Boliya and Rama Boliya — rushed to him and began hurling caste-based slurs on him. Thereafter, he stated the duo also attacked him with iron rods and beat</p>	Dalit man attacked for seeking sand mine lease.

		<p>him on his legs leaving him severely injured. Makwana added that the duo later tried to stab and kill him too. But he saved himself and as a result suffered severe injuries on his right-hand thumb. He was also slashed on the right shoulder.</p> <p>“While beating me, Lala also threatened me saying that he had murdered a person and can kill another person. They were uttering caste-based abuses on me objecting to why I had sought the lease for sand mining,” Makwana told the police. The accused allegedly said that a person belonging to Scheduled Caste (SC) community cannot seek a sand mining lease. According to Makwana’s FIR, the accused too had sought lease for sand mining. Makwana alleged that the duo snatched away his gold chain worth Rs 1.6 lakh stating that a Dalit cannot wear gold ornaments. <a href="https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/ahmedabad/dalit-man-seeking-sand-mining-lease-attacked-in-botad/articleshow/88510888.cms">https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/ahmedabad/dalit-man-seeking-sand-mining-lease-attacked-in-botad/articleshow/88510888.cms</a> (27 Dec. 2021)</p>	
Summary		<p>The available media reports reveal that at least 24 people have lost their lives and 12 suffered injuries due to sand mining excavation and transportation related incident in Gujarat between January 2021 and November 2021. Out of total deaths, 21 have been caused by road accidents involving sand mining trucks while 3 kids <a href="#">died after drowning</a> in pits created by sand mining in a pond in Kutch.</p> <p>The collision between trucks in Surat in January 2021 alone <a href="#">killed 15 migrant workers</a> including 8 women and 1 infant all migrant workers from Rajasthan. Same month, 4 more labours were run over by a sand truck in Banaskantha district killing 2 of them. Both the incident highlights the plight of migrant labour force who are forced to spend lives on road pavements. Despite a Supreme Court ruling, government has done nothing to provide housing facilities to these vulnerable people.</p> <p>In November 2021, a <a href="#">dalit man from Batod was attacked</a> by upper caste for seeking sand mine lease which shows sand businesses being run and controlled by influential people while weaker sections of society are either forced to suffer exploitation or adverse impacts from unlawful extraction of this common natural resource.</p>	24/12

**Maharashtra**

District	Month/ Year	River	Detail	Remark
Pune	18 Jan. 2021	Ghor	<p><a href="#">Smuggler shot dead</a> In Pune an in-fighting among sand smuggler led to exchange of bullets in which one was killed and one was injured. The deceased Swapnil Ranasingh (25) resident of Takli Haji village (on the bank of Ghor river) in Shirur taluka was a noted criminal with several cases filed against him. He was declared <i>tadipaar</i> and returned there few days back.</p> <p>The gang was involved in sand smuggling. As per police, <a href="#">sand disputes</a> and old financial transactions led to the incident on January 18 afternoon. The injured Pappu Gawade was admitted to a hospital in Shirur, the police said. The police on January 20 <a href="#">arrested</a> the two suspects Vijay alias Koytya Govind Shedge (25) and Akash alias Bablu Khandu Mashere (23) hailing from Aamdabad village in Shirur taluka. <a href="https://parnerupdate.com/?p=3540">https://parnerupdate.com/?p=3540</a> (19 Jan. 2021)</p>	Sand smullgler shot dead by rivals.
	06 Feb. 2021		<p><a href="#">Highest attacks on RTI activists</a> <i>This also includes activists exposing illegal sand mining.</i> Since the Right to Information Act came into existence in 2005, at least 16 activists have lost their lives. In another 36 instances, RTI activists were assaulted and 41 others were either harassed or threatened with dire consequence. But not a single case, despite pressing evidence, has led to a conviction. Worse, the state and its police have blamed the activists in few cases for being attacked or killed. A recent report, published by Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative (CHRI), an independent, NGO, documents these attacks on RTI activists in Maharashtra in great detail.</p> <p>The research has recommended that the Whistle blowers Protection (WBP) Act, which parliament enacted in February 2014, should be brought to force, along with state-level mechanisms to ensure activists' safety. The courts, the report recommends, should ensure a mechanism to conduct a fast track trial in cases of attack on RTI activists. The report adds that across the country, at least 86 murders of RTI activists have occurred. There have been at least 170 cases of physical assault (in some cases multiple attacks on the same individual) and 183 cases of threats or harassment reported by the media, linked to the RTI activism, it says. <a href="https://thewire.in/rights/maharashtra-dubious-distinction-highest-attacks-rti-activists-chri-report">https://thewire.in/rights/maharashtra-dubious-distinction-highest-attacks-rti-activists-chri-report</a> (06 Feb. 2021)</p>	16 RTI activists killed, 36 faced attacks and 41 threatened in the state in past 16 years.

Mumbai	10 March 2021	<p><b><u>Man tries to immolate self</u></b> A man allegedly tried to set himself ablaze outside minister Balasaheb Thorat's residence in Mumbai on Wednesday (March 10), the police said. They added the man is a resident of the Ahmednagar district, who upset over the pending refund of the license fee paid for stalled sand extraction.</p> <p>Police said the man obtained the licence in 2018 for sand mining and transportation after paying ₹8.72 lakh fee. He started the excavation before it was stopped because of opposition by the locals. Due to the frequent protests of the villagers, the man suffered losses. He tried to convince the villagers but in vain. The man took up the matter with authorities and sought a refund. <a href="https://www.hindustantimes.com/cities/mumbai-news/man-tries-to-immolate-self-outside-maharashtra-minister-s-residence-101615458334262.html">https://www.hindustantimes.com/cities/mumbai-news/man-tries-to-immolate-self-outside-maharashtra-minister-s-residence-101615458334262.html</a> (11 March 2021)</p>	Sand contractor try to commit suicide over pending refund.
Nanded	15 March 2021	<p><b><u>Sand mafia attacks woman police constable</u></b> A woman police constable was beaten up by sand mafia on March 15 at Wai Bazar in Nanded. While stopping a tractor transporting illegally without royalty, the tractor driver was asked for a receipt for the royalty by the female police patrol. A case has been registered against sand mafias in Sindkhed police under various sections including obstruction of government work. The sand mafia in the area has been hit hard by the filing of the crime.</p> <p>Nowhere in the Nanded district has there been an auction of sand dunes by the revenue administration. Illegal sand extraction is on a large scale. It is said that this illegal sand extraction is being carried out with the blessings of big officials in the revenue department. <a href="https://maharashtratimes.com/maharashtra/aurangabad/sand-mafia-attacks-on-women-police-patil-case-registered/articleshow/81521075.cms">https://maharashtratimes.com/maharashtra/aurangabad/sand-mafia-attacks-on-women-police-patil-case-registered/articleshow/81521075.cms</a> (16 March 2021)</p>	Woman police constable attacked.
Nandubar	05 June 2021	<p><b><u>BJP corporator beats women talathis</u></b> BJP councilor Gaurav Chaudhary from Nandurbar has allegedly beaten up women talathis in a sand inspection team appointed by a tehsildar. Corporator Gaurav Chaudhary assaulted Nisha Pavara, a woman talathi in the squad. The incident has caused a stir in the area. Police have registered a case against the officer.</p> <p>Gaurav Chaudhary's vehicle transporting sand from Gujarat to Maharashtra did not have zero ownership acknowledgment. So the inspection team stopped a truck transporting sand for two hours. The truck driver then tried to hijack the truck. At this time, Nisha Pawar and two other female talathi employees chased the tehsildar's vehicle and stopped the truck.</p>	Women talathis assaulted by corporator over illegal sand mining

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Nagpur	26 Aug. 2021		<p><b><a href="#">Sand truck crushes woman to death in Ajni</a></b> A young woman met a tragic end after a truck carrying illegally mined sand crushed her under its wheel here on Thursday (Aug. 26) afternoon. The incident reported under Ajni Police jurisdiction. According to sources, a women was trying through Suyog Nagar Ring Road when a recklessly driven truck knocked her from behind. The impact was so severe that the women fell on the concrete road and the truck crushed her to death. <a href="https://www.nagpurtoday.in/video-truck-carrying-sand-crushes-women-to-death-in-ajni/08261650">https://www.nagpurtoday.in/video-truck-carrying-sand-crushes-women-to-death-in-ajni/08261650</a> (26 Aug. 2021)</p>	Woman mowed down by truck carrying illegally mined sand.
Pune	24 Dec. 2021		<p>In Pune a car was crushed under sand truck, on casualty reported. <a href="https://www.lokmat.com/pune/terrible-accident-pune-nagar-road-sand-truck-overtuned-car-a727/">https://www.lokmat.com/pune/terrible-accident-pune-nagar-road-sand-truck-overtuned-car-a727/</a> (24 Dec. 2021)</p>	
Pune	26 Dec. 2021		<p><b><a href="#">10 booked for assaulting govt officer</a></b> The Hadapsar police on Saturday ( 25 Dec. 2021) evening detained two men for assaulting a Talati (revenue official), Rajesh Dnyandev Diwate (30) of Manjari, on the Pune – Solapur road and stealing a truck containing illegally mined sand between 7.50am and 8.40am on Friday (24 Dec. 2021). The suspects also pushed and threatened the Haveli tehsildar’s official driver, Raju Kamble.</p> <p>According to the police, Haveli tehsildar Trupti Kolte and her team seized two trucks carrying illegally mined sand early on Friday (24 Dec. 2021) morning. Following this, Diwate and other revenue officials started shifting these trucks to Haveli office, located on the Shivaji road. Two speeding SUVs overtook the team and brought Diwate’s vehicle to a halt. The suspects claimed that Diwate’s and Kolte’s vehicles had brushed against one of their vehicles. The police said the men started abusing Diwate and Kolte’s driver. One of them attacked Diwate with a wooden stick and pushed the driver of Kolte.</p>	Tehsildar team attacked by sand mafia.

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Mumbai	16 Jan. 2022		<b><u>Truck overturns on autorickshaw, 1 injured</u></b> One person was injured after a truck loaded with sand overturned on an autorickshaw near Jogeshwari Vikhroli Link Road in Mumbai on Saturday (15 Jan. 2022) evening. Police Inspector of MIDC area Anagha Ashok Satavase told ANI, "An accident occurred near Jogeshwari Vikhroli Link Road in Durga Nagar in Mumbai. A truck that was full of sand overturned on an autorickshaw. The people present at the spot rescued the autorickshaw driver with the help of JCB and crane machine." "In this incident, several bikes along with the autorickshaw have been badly damaged. The autorickshaw driver was rushed to a nearby hospital and doctors said that his condition is critical at the moment," he said. <a href="https://www.tv9marathi.com/maharashtra/pune/pune-accident-a-truck-transporting-sand-collided-with-msedcl-transformer-pole-667951.html">https://www.tv9marathi.com/maharashtra/pune/pune-accident-a-truck-transporting-sand-collided-with-msedcl-transformer-pole-667951.html</a> (16 Jan. 2022)	1 injured after sand truck overturned on auto.
Beed	06 Feb. 2022	Sind-phana	<b><u>4 kids drown in pit formed due to illegal sand lifting</u></b> Four children drowned in a deep pit caused by illegal sand mining in the Gevrai tehsil of Beed district on Sunday (Feb. 06) evening. The children had been to the banks of the Sindphana river, a minor tributary of the Godavari that passed through the Shahjahanpur Chakla village, and drowned in a pit there. The deceased have been identified as 11-year-old Akash Sonawne, 12-year-old Amol Kolekar, and two 13-year-olds Bablu Wakte and Ganesh Inkar. The police said the bodies were fished out late at night and then an offence was registered.  The four deaths have evoked sharp reactions from different sections of society. Local residents, meanwhile, accuse the revenue and police officials of being hand-in-gloves with the sand miners. They said illegal sand mining had led to the formation of deep pits along the river banks, and many accidents were taking place at such spots. The villagers have claimed that due to the pits on the sandy stretches, water flow has been increasing in particular areas, posing a threat to the lives of women going to the river banks for washing clothes and utensils. <a href="https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/aurangabad/beed-4-kids-drown-in-pit-formed-due-to-illegal-sand-lifting/articleshow/89416818.cms">https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/aurangabad/beed-4-kids-drown-in-pit-formed-due-to-illegal-sand-lifting/articleshow/89416818.cms</a> ; <a href="https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/pune/four-children-drown-in-maharashtras-sindphana-river-7761176/">https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/pune/four-children-drown-in-maharashtras-sindphana-river-7761176/</a> (08 Feb. 2022)	4 kids drowned to death in illegal sand mine pits.

Beed	21 Feb. 2022		<p><b><u>Sand mafia raids Tehsildar's house</u></b> The dispute between Tehsildar and Sand Mafia has reached its climax in Beed. There is a shocking case of kicking at the gate of a tehsildar's house in abusive language. All this has been captured on CCTV outside the tehsildar's house. Due to this aggressive sanctity of the sand mafia, Khade and his family are terrified. Sachin Khade, Tehsildar of Gevrai in Beed, has taken a stand against sand mafias. Khade's crackdown on illegal sand miners has sparked a major dispute between the sand mafia and tehsildars. This is the kind of debate that has happened today. Meanwhile, two days ago, the sand mafia had lodged three different complaints against Khade. Accordingly, charges have been filed against Sachin Khade. <a href="https://www.tv9marathi.com/maharashtra/beed/sand-mafia-attacks-tehsildars-house-in-beed-643495.html">https://www.tv9marathi.com/maharashtra/beed/sand-mafia-attacks-tehsildars-house-in-beed-643495.html</a> (21 Feb. 2022)</p>	Tehsildar threatened by sand mafia.
Nagpur	28 Feb. 2022	Irai	<p><b><u>Labourer dies during illegal sand mining</u></b> Labourer Maroti Gedam died on the spot after heaps of sand and soil fell on him during an illegal excavation in a tunnel on the banks of River Irai near Jamanjatti Durgah at the outskirts of the city on Monday (Feb. 28) evening. Fellow labourers took Gedam's body to the government medical college and hospital without informing the police. After the family of the deceased reached the hospital, cops were requested to intervene in the matter.</p> <p>PSI of city police station Sudhakar Ambhore said a case of accidental death has been registered. Investigation into the case is under way, he added. The owner of the sand transport tractor is learnt to have paid Rs 3 lakh as compensation to the kin of deceased. Despite no auctioning of the sand ghat, sand is being illegally excavated and smuggled on a large scale, said sources. With excessive excavation leaving the river bank empty, the sand mafia has started going underground to get sand, added sources. <a href="https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/nagpur/labourer-dies-during-illegal-sand-mining/articleshow/89932130.cms">https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/nagpur/labourer-dies-during-illegal-sand-mining/articleshow/89932130.cms</a> (02 March 2022)</p>	Labour died after caving in of tunnel due to illegal sand mining
Buldhana	15 March 2022	Purna	<p><b><u>Sand mafia attacked tehsildar's car</u></b> Illegal sand transporters attacked the revenue team and damaged the vehicle of the tehsildar on Monday (14 March 2022) evening. Various criminal cases have been registered against 4 persons in this incident. Illegal sand transportation from Purna river bank is rampant in Shegaon taluka of Buldana district. On Tuesday (15 March 2022) evening, an illegal sand transport control squad of the revenue department was on its way to Kathora when an Innova vehicle overtook the vehicle of the tehsildar and tried to snatch the government identity card from the neck.</p>	Tehsildar car damaged by sand mafia.

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Buldhana	15 March 2022	Purna	<b><u>11 year old boy drowned in river in Buldhana</u></b> While the incident of attack by sand mafia on the vehicles of tehsildars in the district is fresh, an 11-year-old boy drowned in a pit made by pumping sand in the river Purna yesterday (15 March 2022). Relatives and villagers have alleged that the boy died after drowning in a ditch caused by heavy sand dredging. <a href="https://pipanews.com/sand-mining-in-buldhana-chimukalya-victim-due-to-sand-mafia-11-year-old-boy-drowns-in-river-bed-11-year-old-boy-drowned-in-river-in-buldhana/">https://pipanews.com/sand-mining-in-buldhana-chimukalya-victim-due-to-sand-mafia-11-year-old-boy-drowns-in-river-bed-11-year-old-boy-drowned-in-river-in-buldhana/</a> (16 March 2022)	Young boy drowned in sand mining pit.
Jalna	21 March 2022		<b><u>Sand Mafia Attacks Police</u></b> An incident has come to light of illegal sand mafia attacking police on Rajur-Fulambri highway near Dongargaon in Badnapur taluka. Badnapur Tehsildar has filed a case against Santosh Danve, a sand mafia involved in illegal sand transportation. After that, the truck was stopped by the police who went to seize the sand highway truck.  While the police were blocking the highway truck in Dongargaon Shivara, the truck driver informed the sand mafia. Ramode, an assistant police inspector, fired shots in air to rescue the two women and four to five men who came out of the Maruti Swift car as they suddenly attacked the police and found themselves in the clutches of the sand mafia. Four people were taken into custody. Assistant Inspector Ramode was critically injured in the attack. <a href="https://www.etvbharat.com/marathi/maharashtra/state/jalna/attack-on-jalana-police-by-sand-mafia/mh20220321085324348">https://www.etvbharat.com/marathi/maharashtra/state/jalna/attack-on-jalana-police-by-sand-mafia/mh20220321085324348</a> (21 March 2022)	Police team attacked by sand mafia.
Pune	22 March 2022		Sand truck rammed into transformer in Pune. <a href="https://www.tv9marathi.com/maharashtra/pune/pune-accident-a-truck-transporting-sand-collided-with-msedcl-transformer-pole-667951.html">https://www.tv9marathi.com/maharashtra/pune/pune-accident-a-truck-transporting-sand-collided-with-msedcl-transformer-pole-667951.html</a> (22 March 2022)	
Summary			Between January 2021 and March 2022, at least 8 people were killed on account of illegal sand mining and transportation activities in Maharashtra. Most of the deaths 5 mainly of young and teenage children have occurred in 2 incidents of drowning in sand mine pits. Apart from this, 3 people have died in road accident (1), mine collapse (1) and 1 in gang war between sand smugglers in the state in this period.	08/09



			<p>The first drowning incident took place on February 06, 2021 in which <a href="#">4 children were drowned</a> in a deep pit caused by illegal sand mining created in Sindphana river, a minor tributary of the Godavari in Gevrai tehsil of Beed district. The second incident happened on March 15, 2022 in Buldhana district where a 11 year child died after falling into pit formed by excessive dredging in Purna river.</p> <p>The state has also seen at least 6 incidents of attacks on government officials by sand mafia. Also a mine contractor from Ahmednagar in March 2021 <a href="#">tried to commit suicide</a> after efforts to seek refund for a sand mine contract (which did not materialise due to local opposition) failed.</p>	
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## Goa

District	Month/Year	River	Detail	Remark
South Goa	27 Dec. 2020		<p><a href="#">Truck accident at Priol stalls traffic for hrs</a> Traffic on the Mardol-Priol road came to a standstill for over four hours after a sand-laden truck overturned at Apevhal on Sunday (27 Dec. 2020). The road was cleared later by lifting the truck with the help of a heavy duty crane at 9.30am. Truck driver Benny Desa, 54, a resident of Margao, was injured and is undergoing treatment at the Goa Medical College and Hospital. Locals said several sand-laden trucks travel in the early hours to avoid being intercepted. "If the business is legalised, there would no hurry or any attempt to avoid policemen," Ramesh Naik, a villager said. Ponda PI Mohan Gaude said the driver has been booked for rash and negligent driving, theft of sand and also under Mines and Minerals (Regulations and Development) Act. He was not arrested as he is under treatment. <a href="https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/goa/truck-accident-at-priol-stalls-traffic-for-hrs/articleshow/79982759.cms">https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/goa/truck-accident-at-priol-stalls-traffic-for-hrs/articleshow/79982759.cms</a> (28 Dec. 2020)</p> <p>Following the accident wherein a sand-laden truck overturned at Apewal-Priol, the locals have expressed fear that such accidents could prove fatal in future. According to locals, despite the ban on sand mining, illegal sand extraction and transportation continues in Priol. During transportation, the drivers hurry up and this results in accidents, which could even prove fatal.</p>	Sand truck driver injured in accident.

			<a href="https://www.heraldgoa.in/Goa/Illegal-sand-extraction-transportation-continues-in-Priol-169139">https://www.heraldgoa.in/Goa/Illegal-sand-extraction-transportation-continues-in-Priol-169139</a> (28 Dec. 2020)	
South Goa	19 Feb. 2021		<p><b><u>Behind Fatorda attack, a tale of illegal sand &amp; drug racket</u></b> The assault on notorious criminal Anwar Shaikh two days ago has brought into sharp focus the underbelly of illegal sand mining and the drug trade in South Goa. Several of the accused in the case are known to be involved in either or both of these clandestine activities. Two known criminals suspected to be the main accused in the crime — Vale D’Costa of Tilamol and Imran Bepari of St Cruz — are still at large, police sources said.</p> <p>As reported by TOI earlier, police investigation has revealed that the attack on Shaikh was borne out of inter-gang rivalry over issues concerning illegal sand extraction as well as the narcotic trade. Sources familiar with the illegal sand mining trade are of the view that the failure of police and the directorate of mines and geology in cracking down on the illegal sand extraction and transportation has only emboldened the sand mafia with criminals now venturing into the trade.</p> <p>-With the closure of iron ore mining activities, several youths from the mining belt ventured into illegal sand extraction and transportation activities. It is common knowledge that law enforcing authorities turn a blind eye to these illegal activities. And when a raid does take place, the culprits are tipped off well in advance enabling them to retreat in time to evade police action. “The illegal sand trade has now arrived at a dangerous cusp,” said a source. “While earlier there would be occasional turf wars between groups owing to business rivalry, with the entry of criminals in the trade now, extortion for ‘protection money’ has taken the trade to a dangerous proportion.” <a href="https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/goa/behind-fatorda-attack-a-tale-of-illegal-sand-mining-drug-racket/articleshow/81099747.cms">https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/goa/behind-fatorda-attack-a-tale-of-illegal-sand-mining-drug-racket/articleshow/81099747.cms</a> (19 Feb. 2021)</p>	Infighting in sand smugglar gangs
North Goa	03 March 2021		<p><b><u>Groups clash over sand transportation in Bhoma</u></b> Tension rent the air at Bhoma as two groups clashed over sand transportation from Kudal, Maharashtra on Wednesday (03 March 2021). A group of four locals allegedly restrained a sand-laden truck from Maharashtra which arrived at Bhoma.</p>	Infighting between rival groups.

		<p>A local from another group brandished his sword to threaten them for stopping his sand-laden truck from Kudal. The incident, which took place at 6 pm, caused fear among the commuters as traffic was blocked along the Highway for some time.</p> <p>According to Ponda Police, four local sand extractors from Savoiverem stopped the sand-laden truck from Kudal which was on its way to Bhoma. Following this, the truck driver Milind Dole from Kudal contacted one Jalesh Naik, a resident of Panjim, who had ordered the sand from Kudal. It is learnt that after receiving the call from driver, Jalesh Naik arrived at the spot and brandished a sword. This led to both groups clashing with each other. <a href="https://www.heraldgoa.in/Goa/Groups-clash-over-sand-transportation-in-Bhoma/171809">https://www.heraldgoa.in/Goa/Groups-clash-over-sand-transportation-in-Bhoma/171809</a> (04 March 2021)</p>	
South Goa	24 March 2022	<p><b><u>Attacked for exposing sand mining: Activist</u></b> At Guirdolim village, an anti-sand mining activist and local panch member Franky Rodrigues has come under attack from whom he calls as those allegedly involved in the illegal sand extraction in the villages of Guirdolim, Chandor, Macazana, Curtorim and neighbouring villages. In fact, Franky fears for his life after the attack on him in his village on Monday (24 March 2022), leaving his hand fractured. He told the media at his residence that those involved in sand mining are now after him for having exposed the illegal activity in the river passing through Chandor and Guirdolim villages.</p> <p>“The Maina-Curtorim police has registered an FIR, but those involved in the attack are intimidating the witnesses,” he said, fearing that the mafia may even give a supari to anti-socials to silence him. “I had been raising my voice against the illegal sand mining since the last two years as the mining carried out by suction pumps and machinery has left the protective bandhs devastated. The depth of the river at some places have gone down to five metres from two metres. The protective bandhs have given way. There’s destruction of the tree cover with the trees dotting the river banks falling down along the stretch,” he said. Franky said people engaged in the illegal sand mining have been only emboldened just because there’s no action initiated by the concerned departments. <a href="https://www.thegoan.net/goa-news/attacked-for-exposing-sand-mining-in-guirdolim-chandor-villages-activist/81905.html">https://www.thegoan.net/goa-news/attacked-for-exposing-sand-mining-in-guirdolim-chandor-villages-activist/81905.html</a> (25 March 2022)</p>	Activist thrashed for exposing destructive sand mining activities.
Summary		Despite a ban on mineral mining in Goa by Supreme Court and cases challenging sand mining leases are ongoing in National Green Tribunal, the <a href="#">sand smugglers are quite active</a> in the	

		<p>state. From December 2020 till March 2022, there have been 3 incidents of sand mining violence and accidents.</p> <p>In first case, a <a href="#">driver got injured</a> after the sand laden truck over turned at Apevhal in South Goa in December 2020. The accident also caused traffic jam on Mardol-Priol road for hours. Locals claim that <a href="#">despite ban</a> several sand-laden trucks travel in the early hours to avoid being intercepted. The also expressed fear that such accidents could prove fatal in future.</p> <p>In second incident, two groups in Bhoma <a href="#">clashed</a> over sand transportation from Kudal, Maharashtra in March 2021. In third incident, an activist was <a href="#">attacked</a> in March 2022 by sand mafia for exposing illegal mining in the river flowing through Chandor and Guirdolim villages. His hand was fractured in the attack and he fears threat to his life.</p>	
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**Summary table of death toll, injuries due to sand mining violence & accidents in West Zone from Dec. 2020 to March 2022.**

State	Death by drowning in sand pits	Deaths/Injuries in Mine collapse/accidents	Deaths/Injuries in Road accidents	Deaths/Injuries of Citizens/Villagers in attacks	Deaths/Injuries of Reporters/Activists in attacks	Deaths/Injuries of Govt. officials in attacks	Death/Injuries in Gang-war/Encounter/Infighting	Total Deaths/Injuries
<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>	05	03/00	11/07	02/00	NA (FIR on 6 reporters)	00/09 (15 RKTC staff, 2 drivers)	01/00	<b>22/33</b>
<b>Rajasthan</b>	04	11*/00	09/02	NA	NA	00/09	00/01	<b>24/12</b>
<b>Gujarat</b>	03	NA	21/11	00/01	NA	NA	NA	<b>24/12</b>
<b>Maharashtra</b>	05	01/00	01/01	NA	NA	00/06	01/02	<b>08/09</b>
<b>Goa</b>	NA	NA	NA	00/00	00/01	NA	NA	<b>00/01</b>
<b>Total</b>	17	15/00	42/21	02/01	00/01	00/41	02/03	<b>78/67</b>

*\*NA:- Not Available. \*In Madhya Pradesh over 15 staffs, workers of RKTC group were injured in attack by sand mafia. Of total 24 deaths in Rajasthan 7 were due to illegal stone mining.*

## Summary

In West Zone at least 71 people have been killed and 67 got injured in sand mining related violence and accidents between December 2020 and March 2022. Nearly half of the death toll 42 is attributed to road accidents involving sand transporting vehicles which has also left 21 people injured including some with grievous injuries. About 17 deaths mostly children have occurred due to drowning in sand pits while mine collapse and accidents at mine sites have taken lives of 15 people.

In this period 2 people were killed and 2 others suffered injuries in sand mafia attacks while encounter and infighting took the lives of 2 people and left 03 injured. Nearly 42 government officials including police, forest and mine have either suffered injuries or faced lethal attacks by sand mafia in this zone. More than half of the attacks and injuries 26 has occurred just in one state of Madhya Pradesh. Nearly half of the deaths in road accidents 21 have taken place in state of Gujarat followed by 11 in Madhya Pradesh and 9 in Rajasthan.

Of total 15 deaths in mine collapse incidents 11 occurred in Rajasthan and 3 in Madhya Pradesh. In terms of drowning deaths in sand pits, 5 each have taken place in Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh followed by 4 in Rajasthan and 3 in Gujarat.

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*Note:- The figures compiled here are indicative based on various media reports we have come across for the reporting period so far. There could be several more sand mining violence and death incidents going unreported, being reported as routine accidents without revealing critical information or have remained uncovered by us. The actual death toll and injuries by unabated riverbed mining activities in West Indian states could be higher than numbers mentioned here.*