

## Sand Mining Deaths & Violence in West India between April 2022 and February 2023

### A tabular report by SANDRP

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District	Date	Rivers	Details	Remark
Jaipur	11 April 2022		<p><b><u>Man mowed down for opposing sand transport</u></b> A 35-year-old man was run over by a tractor on Monday (April 11) night after he had allegedly objected to tractors transporting sand through his locality near Sarna Doongar under Kardhani police station area. The victim was identified as Suresh Choudhary. His brother also sustained injuries in the incident, leading to locals protesting outside the police station for several hours before senior officials pacified them by assuring an impartial probe. As per the complaint, the family has blamed the sand mafia for Suresh's death and assault on his brother Kanha Ram.</p> <p>The family also alleged that the same tractor driver had quarrelled with Suresh about 15 days ago. The accused had allegedly also issued a threat to Suresh recently. The FIR states that the tractor's driver and owner have a criminal background and they ply sand-laden trucks and tractors illegally. ACP (Jhotwara) Pramod Swami said that police are also investigating the tractor, transportation of sand and whether it was legally plying or not. <a href="https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/jaipur/man-opposes-sand-transport-through-his-locality-mowed-down-by-tractor/articleshow/90809129.cms">https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/jaipur/man-opposes-sand-transport-through-his-locality-mowed-down-by-tractor/articleshow/90809129.cms</a> (13 April 2022)</p>	Person mowed down, other injured for opposing tractors transporting sand through his locality.
Dholpur	02 June 2022	Chambal	<p><b><u>ट्रक से टकराया अवैध रेता का ट्रैक्टर, बजरी तस्कर की मौत</u></b> धौलपुर. पचगांव के समीप नेशनल हाइवे 123 पर गुरुवार (02 June 2022) सुबह तेज गति से जा रहा अवैध रेता से भरा ट्रैक्टर ट्रक से जा टकराया। हादसे में ट्रैक्टर चला रहे दौनारी सैपंडू निवासी पवन पुत्र चेताराम कुशवाहा की मौत हो गई। वहीं, ट्रैक्टर सवार जाटोली निवासी हरिकांत पुत्र सोबरन घायल हो गया। हादसे के दौरान ट्रैक्टर पर एक अन्य युवक जाटोली निवासी विनोद पुत्र कमल सिंह लोधा मौके से भाग गया। पुलिस ने कंटेनर ट्रक को जब्त कर चालक के खिलाफ मामला दर्ज कर लिया है। वहीं, अवैध रेता से भरी ट्रैक्टर-टॉली को भी जब्त कर लिया है।</p> <p>पुलिस के तमाम प्रयासों के बावजूद जिले में रेता का अवैध परिवहन रुकने का नाम नहीं ले रहा है। छोटे चोर रास्तों के साथ हाइवे पर भी रेता माफिया के दनदनाते वाहन दौड़ रहे हैं। रेता के अवैध परिवहन पर लगाम कसने को बनी एसआईटी नाकारा साबित हो रही है। वन विभाग, खनन विभाग और प्रशासन की भूमिका रेता के अवैध खनन को रोकने में नगण्य साबित हो रही है। रेता माफिया के वाहनों के कारण जिलेभर में आए दिन दुर्घटनाएं हो रही हैं। इनमें लोगों की जान तक जा रही है। रेता से भरे अवैध वाहन तेज गति में सड़कों पर दौड़ते हैं। इनमें</p>	Driver killed, 1 injured after collision between illegal sand carrying tractor and truck.

			<p>लगा कानफाड़ म्यूजिक सिस्टम आसपास के वाहन चालकों को विचलित कर देता है।  <a href="https://www.patrika.com/dholpur-news/illegal-sand-tractor-collided-with-truck-gravel-smuggler-dies-watch-7569766/">https://www.patrika.com/dholpur-news/illegal-sand-tractor-collided-with-truck-gravel-smuggler-dies-watch-7569766/</a> ;  <a href="https://zeenews.india.com/hindi/india/rajasthan/dholpur/tractor-trolley-and-truck-collide-one-dead-in-dholpur/1205910">https://zeenews.india.com/hindi/india/rajasthan/dholpur/tractor-trolley-and-truck-collide-one-dead-in-dholpur/1205910</a> (02 June 2022)</p>	
Barmer	02 July 2022	Luni	<p><b>Ex-sarpanch attacked for complaint against illegal mining</b> Five people were arrested for attack on a former sarpanch of Samdadi town in Barmer on Saturday (02 July 2022) night. The man was attacked allegedly because he had complained against illegal river sand mining in the Luni river area in Balotra subdivision. The attack indicates that the mafia that run illegal river sand mining in the area have got bolder in recent months. The entire market remained closed on Sunday (03 July 2022) in protest against the incident as local residents sat on a dharna at Gaur Circle. The villagers alleged that the royalty personnel were perpetrating such attacks due to the support they get from the police and district administration. As the former sarpanch, Babulal Parihar, was returning home in his car at about 11 PM on Saturday, some royalty personnel in two Bolero cars chased him. When Parihar did not stop his car, the Bolero behind him hit his car at the main market, causing damage to his car. After the incident, a huge crowd gathered on the spot, and a team from Samdadi police arrived. Police took five people in custody by chasing them.  <a href="https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/jaipur/rajasthan-ex-sarpanch-attacked-for-complaint-against-illegal-mining-five-held/articleshow/92640529.cms">https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/jaipur/rajasthan-ex-sarpanch-attacked-for-complaint-against-illegal-mining-five-held/articleshow/92640529.cms</a> (04 July 2022)</p>	<p>Illegal miners attack ex sarpanch for complaint. Local people kept market close, set on protest against the attack.</p>
Sikar	02 July 2022		<p><b>खुदाई के दौरा गिरा पहाड़, कई मजदूर दबे, 2 शव बरामद</b> सीकर जिले के पाटन थाना इलाके के रेला गांव में शनिवार (July 02) देर रात खदानों में ब्लास्ट के दौरान पहाड़ गिरने से उसके नीचे कई मजदूर दब गए. प्रशासन ने जेसीबी और क्रेन मंगाकर दबे हुए मजदूरों को निकालने के लिए काम शुरू किया तो दो लोगों के शव बाहर निकाले गए. मृतकों में से एक ही पहचान दलपतपुरा निवासी सुभाष गर्ग के रूप में हुई है, जबकि दूसरा शव पूरी तरह क्षत-विक्षत हो गया है, जिसकी वजह से फिलहाल उसकी पहचान नहीं हो पाई है. बाकी मजदूरों को बचाने के लिए अभियान लगातार जारी है. <a href="https://www.abplive.com/states/rajasthan/rajasthan-the-mountain-fell-during-the-excavation-of-the-mine-in-sikar-many-laborers-buried-2-bodies-recovered-ann-2159900">https://www.abplive.com/states/rajasthan/rajasthan-the-mountain-fell-during-the-excavation-of-the-mine-in-sikar-many-laborers-buried-2-bodies-recovered-ann-2159900</a> (03 July 2022)</p>	<p>2 workers killed in stone mine collapse incident.</p>
Kota	30 July 2022		<p><b>Cop attacked by 'sand mafia' with iron rods; undergoes surgery</b> A 30-year-old Police constable sustained critical injuries after he was beaten up with iron rods and sticks allegedly by the sand mafia, officials said on Monday (01 Aug. 2022). Ramachandra Rao, posted as the in-charge of a police outpost under Chechat police station, underwent a surgery and he</p>	<p>Police constable critically injured by</p>

		<p>is out of danger, they said. Five people have been booked for attempt to murder and other offences, and one of them has been arrested, they said.</p> <p>Rao was arriving at the police station for night patrolling on Saturday (30 July 2022) when he saw a tractor trolley loaded with 'bajri' (mined sand gravel) near Hathuna village. He stopped the vehicle and asked for documents. He also called up the police station for assistance on the spot. Before the police could arrive, the tractor driver's men reached there and they attacked Rao. He sustained critical injuries and a fracture in his arm, SHO Bannalal said. Rao is a native of Sikar district and is posted at the outpost in Ghatoli village of Kota district, the SHO said. <a href="https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/jaipur/cop-attacked-by-sand-mafia-with-iron-rods-in-rajasthans-kota-undergoes-surgery/articleshow/93279157.cms">https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/jaipur/cop-attacked-by-sand-mafia-with-iron-rods-in-rajasthans-kota-undergoes-surgery/articleshow/93279157.cms</a> ; <a href="https://www.abplive.com/states/rajasthan/rajasthan-news-mining-mafia-beat-up-police-constable-badly-in-jhalawar-ann-2181663">https://www.abplive.com/states/rajasthan/rajasthan-news-mining-mafia-beat-up-police-constable-badly-in-jhalawar-ann-2181663</a> (01 Aug. 2022) This is the second incident of attacking police in the Kota district in the last 15 days. In mid-July, a police officer was beaten up by a group of men engaged in transporting illegally mined sand gravel in Itawa town of Kota. It is to mention here that a joint campaign of the concerned departments, including Mines, Police and District Administration, are up in arms against illegal mining activities across the state and as per the government report, more than 300 cases have been registered in the last seven days. In addition to this, more than 277 vehicles and machinery have been seized. <a href="https://www.freepressjournal.in/india/rajasthan-police-constable-thrashed-by-mining-mafia-in-kota-for-stopping-tractor">https://www.freepressjournal.in/india/rajasthan-police-constable-thrashed-by-mining-mafia-in-kota-for-stopping-tractor</a> (01 Aug. 2022)</p> <p>कोटा जिले के चेचट थाना क्षेत्र के हाथोना गांव मे देर रात अवैध खनन पर कार्यवाही करने गए. पुलिस के जवानों पर भूमाफियाओं ने हमला कर दिया, जिसमें एक जवान रामचंद्र गंभीर रूप से घायल हो गया, जिसे रात्रि में ही चेचट सीएचसी से 108 की मदद झालावाड़ रैफर कर दिया गया. <a href="https://zeenews.india.com/hindi/india/rajasthan/kota/land-mafia-attacked-the-police-who-went-to-take-action-on-illegal-sand-mining/1282094">https://zeenews.india.com/hindi/india/rajasthan/kota/land-mafia-attacked-the-police-who-went-to-take-action-on-illegal-sand-mining/1282094</a> (31 July 2022)</p>	<p>illegal sand miners. Report mentions second such attack in July 2022 on police team.</p>
Bharatpur	07 Aug. 2022	<p><b><u>BJP MP claims attack by mining mafia</u></b> Ranjeeta Koli has claimed that the mining mafia tried to mow her down by a truck and left her vehicle damaged in Bharatpur district. Following the incident on Sunday (07 Aug. 2022) night, the MP sat on a dharna near Dhillawati police chowki along with her supporters demanding action against illegal mining. "Illegal mining and mining mafia are so dominant in Bharatpur Lok Sabha constituency that when I reached Kaman on getting information, I found more than 100 vehicles related to illegal mining on the spot. When I tried to stop them, there was a deadly attack on me," she claimed on Twitter. Speaking with reporters in Bharatpur, she said, "I was attacked for the fourth time by the illegal mining mafia. I had come to take stock of the situation after being informed that illegal</p>	<p>BJP MP claim illegal miners pelted stone on her vehicle and tried to mow her down.</p>

			<p>mining was going on in the area. The mafia vandalised my vehicle. Fortunately, we escaped the vehicle on time". Koli was attacked earlier also when unidentified people opened fire at her vehicle following which her security was beefed up. <a href="https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/jaipur/rajasthan-bjp-mp-attack-by-mining-mafia-bharatpur-8077915/">https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/jaipur/rajasthan-bjp-mp-attack-by-mining-mafia-bharatpur-8077915/</a> (08 Aug. 2022) सांसद रंजीता कोली ने कहा कि अवैध खनन को रोकना और जनता की सेवा करना भी मेरा लक्ष्य है. हम रात को आए तब 150 टुक यहां खड़े थे, हमने गाड़ी लगाई तो वे भागने लगे. अगर वे अवैध नहीं थे तो भागने की जरूरत क्या थी? उन्हें रोकने की कोशिश की तो मेरी गाड़ी को तोड़ दिया, मुझे मारने की कोशिश की गई. <a href="https://www.newsnationtv.com/india/news/bjp-mp-ranjeeta-koli-attacked-by-khanan-mafia-in-rajasthan-while-she-was-trying-to-stop-over-150-loaded-dumpers-299466.html">https://www.newsnationtv.com/india/news/bjp-mp-ranjeeta-koli-attacked-by-khanan-mafia-in-rajasthan-while-she-was-trying-to-stop-over-150-loaded-dumpers-299466.html</a> (08 Aug. 2022)</p>	
Dholpur	11 Sept. 2022	Chambal	<p><b><u>Mining mafia attacks forest dept team; freed confiscated trolley</u></b> About a dozen people, likely to be mining mafia, pelted stones and rocks at the District Forest Officer and other employees of the National Chambal Sanctuary, who went to take action against the mining mafia, local media reported. The DFO narrowly escaped the attack. Two employees were also injured. The DFO's car was damaged in the attack. During this, the mining mafia escaped after freeing the captured tractor-trolley. The matter is of the Kesar Bagh area of Dholpur. DFO Anil Kumar Yadav said that on Sunday (11 Sept. 2022), information was received from the informer that the mining mafia is illegally digging stones in the stone quarry area in Kesar Bagh. On getting this information, along with the forest department team, they reached the spot, where the mining mafia was loading stones in 10 to 15 tractor-trolleys. On seeing the forest department team, everyone started running away from the spot. During this commotion, the team of the Forest Department confiscated a tractor-trolley. The forest department team was taking the tractor-trolley to their post, when about a dozen mining mafia came to the spot and attacked the team with stones. The forest department team escaped from the spot and saved their lives. <a href="https://www.timesnownews.com/mirror-now/crime/mining-mafia-attacks-forest-department-team-in-rajasthan-freed-confiscated-trolley-article-94146415">https://www.timesnownews.com/mirror-now/crime/mining-mafia-attacks-forest-department-team-in-rajasthan-freed-confiscated-trolley-article-94146415</a> (12 Sept. 2022)</p>	DFO narrowly escaped, vehicle damaged, 2 staff injured in attack by illegal stone miners who ran away with seized tractor-trolley.
Pali	12 Sept. 2022		<p>पाली जिले के सुमेरपुर-शिवगंज के बीच दोपहर तीन बहनों ने नदी में एक स्थान पर भरे पानी में स्नान किया. इस दौरान 7 साल की काजल गहरे पानी में जाने से डूब गई। करीब 2 घंटे की मशक्कत के बाद 5 गोताखोरों ने उसके शव को बाहर निकाला। बताया जा रहा है कि यहां पानी 10 से 15 फीट गहरा है। शिवगंज स्थित कपूर कॉलोनी निवासी रमेश कुमार जोगी की 12 वर्षीय बेटी रवीना, 7 वर्षीय काजल और 11 वर्षीय बहन पूजा अपनी चचेरी बहन के साथ कूड़ा उठाने के लिए निकली थी. सोमवार (12 Sept. 2022) को सुमेरपुर-शिवगंज के बीच</p>	7 year old died due to drowning in deep sand mine pit.

			<p>बहने वाली नदी के किनारे बने नीलकंठ महादेव मंदिर के पास नदी में पानी का तालाब है। बजरी खनन के कारण यहां बड़े-बड़े गड्ढे हो गए हैं। <a href="https://jantaserishta.com/local/rajasthan/7-year-old-innocent-died-due-to-drowning-while-bathing-in-river-body-found-after-2-hours-1561413">https://jantaserishta.com/local/rajasthan/7-year-old-innocent-died-due-to-drowning-while-bathing-in-river-body-found-after-2-hours-1561413</a> (13 Sept. 2022)</p>	
Dholpur	05 Jan. 2023		<p>धौलपुर के सदर थाना क्षेत्र के रजईपुरा गांव में चांदपुर पहाड़ पर गुरुवार (05 Jan. 2023) सुबह अवैध खनन रोकने गई एसआईटी टीम पर हमला करने वाले 10 आरोपियों को पुलिस ने हिरासत में लिया है। कार्रवाई के दौरान पुलिस ने 3 ट्रैक्टर-ट्रॉली के साथ एक गाड़ी को भी बरामद किया है। एसपी धर्मेन्द्र सिंह ने बताया कि सुबह मुखबिर की सूचना पर सदर थाना क्षेत्र के वरीपुरा गांव के पास चांदपुर पहाड़ पर वन विभाग, खनिज विभाग, परिवहन विभाग और पुलिस टीम संयुक्त कार्रवाई करने गई थी। एसआईटी की टीम जैसे ही चांदपुर पहाड़ पर खनन माफियाओं के पास पहुंची, तो माफियाओं ने पथराव करते हुए हमला कर दिया। खनन माफियाओं के साथ स्थानीय ग्रामीणों ने भी हमला किया। एसपी ने बताया कि जिला मुख्यालय से अतिरिक्त पुलिस बल भेजकर कार्रवाई को अंजाम दिया गया, लेकिन खनन माफियाओं को स्थानीय ग्रामीण छुड़ाकर ले गए थे। <a href="https://www.bhaskar.com/local/rajasthan/dholpur/news/the-team-that-went-to-stop-illegal-mining-was-attacked-a-case-was-registered-under-the-wildlife-act-130766966.html">https://www.bhaskar.com/local/rajasthan/dholpur/news/the-team-that-went-to-stop-illegal-mining-was-attacked-a-case-was-registered-under-the-wildlife-act-130766966.html</a> (05 Jan. 2023)</p>	Joint team of forest, mining, police and transport attacked by illegal stone miners and villagers.
Alwar	21 Jan. 2023		<p>रामगढ़ में आये दिन अवैध खनन से भरे वाहन नियमों को ताक पर रख ओवरलोड खनन सामग्री से भरे वाहन सड़कों पर दौड़ रहे हैं। जिसकी वजह से ललावंडी गांव के समीप मेगा हाईवे पर ओवरलोड डंपर ने बाइक चालक को कुचला दिया। घटना शनिवार (21 Jan. 2023) की है जहां शाम को एक ओवरलोड डंपर ने बाइक सवार को कुचल दिया जिससे उसकी मौत हो गयी। दूसरी तरफ इस अवैध खनन से सरकार को भी राजस्व की हानि हो रही है। इस घटना पर वन विकास निगम के अधिकारियों के अलावा एआरटीओ और पुलिस प्रशासन भी इस मामले में बेखबर बैठे हैं। गौरतलब है कि 2 दिन पूर्व नौगांवा उप प्रधान अतर सिंह सैनी की गाड़ी को भी ओवरलोड डंपर ने टक्कर मारी थी। गनीमत रही कि जब गाड़ी का एक्सीडेंट हुआ उस वक्त उपप्रधान गाड़ी से नीचे उतर चुके थे, नहीं तो एक बड़ा हादसा हो सकता था। <a href="https://zeenews.india.com/hindi/india/rajasthan/alwar/alwar-news-dumper-crushed-bike-rider-on-mega-highway-near-lalawandi-village-died-on-spot/1539513">https://zeenews.india.com/hindi/india/rajasthan/alwar/alwar-news-dumper-crushed-bike-rider-on-mega-highway-near-lalawandi-village-died-on-spot/1539513</a> (22 Jan. 2023)</p>	Biker crushed to death by sand dumper. Report mentions frequent accident by vehicles transporting mining materials in the area.
			<p><b>Battle against illegal sand mining, violence wins</b> A four-year ban on riverbed sand mining in the state spurred musclemen using coercive tactics to continue excavating. The restrictions have been lifted, but they carry on brazenly.</p>	Two part series in The Morning Context on illegal mining

		<p>Meena is among hundreds of victims of attacks by the mining mafia in Rajasthan, a state where such incidents are on the rise. Others include anti-mining activists, locals, journalists, bureaucrats and even police officials. A majority of these attacks are carried out by gangs involved in the mining of riverbed sand, which is in fact at the heart of illegal mining practices in the state. <a href="https://themorningcontext.com/chaos/in-rajasthans-battle-against-illegal-sand-mining-violence-wins">https://themorningcontext.com/chaos/in-rajasthans-battle-against-illegal-sand-mining-violence-wins</a> (14 Jan. 2023)</p> <p><b><u>In mining landscape, the rot runs deep</u></b> Second part by Devendra Pratap Singh Shekhawat on illegal sand, stone mining affairs in Rajasthan. Dubiously obtained mining leases, unpaid fines running into crores, fake transit passes and overloaded dumpers are routinely overlooked in a rush to meet Delhi-NCR's construction needs.</p> <p>"We have seen the time when leases were allotted in the dark of the night in the presence of a few ministers, officials and businessmen," says a retired official of Rajasthan's Department of Mines and Geology, requesting anonymity. "There couldn't have been a single backchannel play in mining without the chief minister or the mining minister being notified. Thus, it is clear that they have been completely aware of what's going on, as are the top bureaucrats. Being a cash-rich department, it attracts a lot of attention."</p> <p>"The auction opens just for formality after a well-oiled backroom setting," says an official at the state's mining department, asking not to be named. Officials are known to rig auctions. Since a number of mining leases are auctioned simultaneously, some of them find only a few or no takers. Mining officials, who are privy to information, pass it on to people who then bid for such leases. This pattern was confirmed to us by two businessmen and an activist, who requested not to be identified. "The system doesn't just have cracks, it has actually collapsed," says the retired mining official quoted earlier. <a href="https://themorningcontext.com/chaos/in-rajasthans-mining-landscape-the-rot-runs-deep">https://themorningcontext.com/chaos/in-rajasthans-mining-landscape-the-rot-runs-deep</a> (26 Jan. 2023)</p>	<p>affairs in Rajasthan by Devendra Pratap Singh Shekhawat.</p> <p>Part one lists 10 incidents of attacks by illegal miners on govt. officials between Feb. 2022 and Jan. 2023.</p> <p>The part two deals with mining governance issues in the state.</p>
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## MADHYA PRADESH

District	Date	Rivers	Details	Remark
Morena	09 April 2022	Chambal	<a href="#">छात्र को अवैध रेत ले जा रहे ट्रैक्टर-ट्राली ने कुचला</a> मुरेना के अंबाह कालेज में परीक्षा देने आ रहे छात्र को तेज रफ्तार में आ रहे रेत से भरे ट्रैक्टर-ट्राली ने मारी टक्कर, फिर ट्रैक्टर का टायर छात्र पर चढ़ गया। छात्र ने	A school student crushed to

			<p>मौके पर ही दम तोड़ दिया है। हादसे के बाद गुस्साए ग्रामीणों दो घंटे तक सड़क पर जाम लगा दिया। यह हादसा शनिवार (April 09) की सुबह अंबाहा थाना क्षेत्र के गूज बंधा रोड पर गोसिन के पुरा पर हुआ हादसा। <a href="https://www.naidunia.com/madhya-pradesh/morena-morena-accident-news-tractor-trolley-carrying-illegal-sand-crushed-student-going-to-take-examination-villagers-jammed-7444294">https://www.naidunia.com/madhya-pradesh/morena-morena-accident-news-tractor-trolley-carrying-illegal-sand-crushed-student-going-to-take-examination-villagers-jammed-7444294</a> (09 April 2022)</p>	death by sand carrying tractor. Angry mob blocked the road for 2 hour.
Ashok Nagar	30 April 2022		<p><b>Sand mining gang attacks forest dept team</b> A group of people involved in illegal sand mining allegedly attacked a forest department team when it went to seize their tractor-trolleys in Chanderi area, in which three personnel were injured, police said on Saturday (April 30). During another incident, which occurred on Thursday (April 28), the illegal miners also snatched a range officer's personal rifle before escaping from the spot with their tractor-trolley, they said. <a href="https://www.theweek.in/wire-updates/national/2022/04/30/bom3-mp-mining-mafia-attack.html">https://www.theweek.in/wire-updates/national/2022/04/30/bom3-mp-mining-mafia-attack.html</a> (30 April 2022) अवैध खनन कर रेत ले जा रहे माफियाओं को वन कर्मियों ने पकड़ा तो माफियाओं ने वन कर्मियों पर लाठी डंडों से हमला कर दिया। उन पर पत्थर फेंके और रेंजर से राइफल छुड़ाने की कोशिश की माफियाओं के हमले में वन विभाग के एक अधिकारी के हाथ में फ्रैक्चर हो गया है। वहीं, पांच कर्मचारियों को हल्की चोटें आई हैं। हमले में 1 दर्जन से अधिक वन कर्मियों घायल हो गए हैं। <a href="https://www.amarujala.com/madhya-pradesh/sand-mafia-hooliganism-in-mp-forest-personnel-attacked-with-sticks-tried-to-snatch-rifle-from-ranger">https://www.amarujala.com/madhya-pradesh/sand-mafia-hooliganism-in-mp-forest-personnel-attacked-with-sticks-tried-to-snatch-rifle-from-ranger</a> (01 May 2022)</p>	5 forest department staffs injured in attack by illegal sand miners. Hand of a forest official get fractured in the attack.
Chhatarpur	30 May 2022	Ken	<p><b>छतरपुर</b> में केन नदी की लाल बालू मौरम ने माफियाओ को दबंग कर दिया है। वहीं बालू से लदे डम्पर आम लोगो की सांसों कुचल रहे है। नौगांव जनपद के अलीपुरा घाट से अवैध लाल बालू मौरम भरकर बेतहासा गति से आ रहे डम्पर ने एक मोटरसाईकिल सवार को जोरदार टक्कर मार दी हैं। इस हादसे में बाइक सवार ग्राम टीला निवासी प्रदीप यादव तो बच गए पर उसकी मोटर साईकिल क्रमांक एमपी 16 एमसी 5551 को डम्पर ने रौंद दिया जो पूरी तरह क्षतिग्रस्त हों गई हैं। आज 30 मई दिन सोमवार को ही समाचार पत्र प्रखर ज्ञान ने अलीपुरा घाट से बालू रेत के अवैध खनन को प्रमुखता से प्रकाशित किया हैं। रिपोर्ट में अंध गति से दौड़ते डम्परो से आम लोगो के जीवन पर मंडराते खतरे की आशंका का जिक्र किया गया हैं। <a href="https://ashishsagarptb.com/bundelkhand/details/1376/-----">https://ashishsagarptb.com/bundelkhand/details/1376/-----</a> (30 May 2022)</p>	Biker died after hit by speeding sand laden dumper.
Ujjain	02 June 2022	Kali Sindh	<p><b>रेत खदान धंसने से दो मजदूरों की मौत</b> उज्जैन शहर से 50 किलोमीटर करीब दूर महिदपुर/झारड़ा तहसील अंतर्गत सिंगरी गांव में देर शाम काली सिंध नदी के पास चल रहे रेत खनन के कार्य मे खदान धंसने से 3 मजदूर दब गए. हादसे में 2 मजदूरों की मौत हो गई, 1 गंभीर रूप से घायल हो गया है. मृतकों में एक राहुल पिता रमेश, उम्र 25 साल बागला के रहने वाले हैं. वहीं दूसरे मृतक का नाम दिनेश पिता मायाराम उम्र 26 वर्ष निवासी बागला</p>	2 sand workers died, 1 injured in sand mine

			<p>हैं. जबकि अमर सिंह पिता बालू सिंह निवासी रसूलपुरा उम्र 22 वर्ष को गंभीर हालत में उज्जैन के जिला अस्पताल भेजा गया है. तहसीलदार विनोद शर्मा ने बताया कि सिंगरी गांव की काली सिंध नदी की घटना है. सुखी नदी में गड्ढा कर मजदूर उस गड्ढे में उतर कर रेत निकाल रहे थे और ऊपर ट्रैक्टर ट्राली भी खड़ी थी. अचानक खदान का गड्ढा धंसने से ट्रैक्टर ट्राली भी रेत के गड्ढे में गिर गई, और तीन मजदूर उसी में दब गए. <a href="https://zeenews.india.com/hindi/india/madhya-pradesh-chhattisgarh/mp/big-accident-in-ujjain-singri-village-sand-mine-collapse-two-labourers-died-and-one-injured-sdmp/1205960">https://zeenews.india.com/hindi/india/madhya-pradesh-chhattisgarh/mp/big-accident-in-ujjain-singri-village-sand-mine-collapse-two-labourers-died-and-one-injured-sdmp/1205960</a> (02 June 2022)</p>	collapse incident.
Bhind	20 July 2022	Sindh	<p>भिंड की सिंध नदी में अचानक पानी बढ़ने से कई ट्रक फंस गए हैं। चालकों ने कूदकर जैसे-तैसे नदी पार कर अपनी जान बचाई है। 30 जून से नेशनल ग्रीन ट्रिब्यूनल के आदेश से नदियों से रेत खनन पर पूरी तरह प्रतिबंध लगाया हुआ है, लेकिन भिंड जिले में रेत माफिया एनजीटी के आदेश को धता बताकर अवैध उत्खनन किए जा रहे हैं। जिसकी पोल भिंड में हुई अचानक बारिश ने खोल दी। जब भिंड जिले की पर्यायच रेत खदान पर नदी की धार से रेत भरने गई एक दर्जन से ज्यादा गाड़ियां पानी के तेज बहाव में फंस गईं। वहीं कुछ ट्रक चालक गाड़ी के अंदर फंस गए, जिन्हें बमुश्किल निकाला जा सका है और कुछ ड्राइवर ने भागकर जान बचाई हैं, जिससे बड़ा हादसा होने से भी इंकार नहीं किया जा सकता था। <a href="https://www.amarujala.com/madhya-pradesh/bhind/bhind-many-trucks-stuck-due-to-sudden-rise-in-water-in-sindh-river-drivers-barely-saved-their-lives">https://www.amarujala.com/madhya-pradesh/bhind/bhind-many-trucks-stuck-due-to-sudden-rise-in-water-in-sindh-river-drivers-barely-saved-their-lives</a> ; <a href="https://www.patrika.com/bhind-news/sudden-flood-in-sindh-river-50-trucks-stranded-ngt-ban-7666172/">https://www.patrika.com/bhind-news/sudden-flood-in-sindh-river-50-trucks-stranded-ngt-ban-7666172/</a> (21 July 2022)</p> <p>लहार तहसील के अंतर्गत बुधवार (20 July 2022) को सिंध नदी में रेत निकालते समय बाढ़ पानी में 76 डंपर व ट्रक फंस गए थे। गुरुवार (21 July 2022) को प्रशासन ने नदी में पहुंचकर इन वाहनों को जल कर लिया है। खनिज, राजस्व और पुलिस द्वारा संयुक्त रूप से कार्रवाई गुरुवार सुबह तक 14 वाहनों को जल किया। दिन में नदी में पानी कम होने के बाद आज देर शाम तक 62 वाहनों को और जल कर लिया गया। <a href="https://www.bhaskar.com/local/mp/bhind/alampur/news/after-the-flood-76-dumpers-and-trucks-trapped-in-the-sindh-river-will-be-confiscated-130085508.html">https://www.bhaskar.com/local/mp/bhind/alampur/news/after-the-flood-76-dumpers-and-trucks-trapped-in-the-sindh-river-will-be-confiscated-130085508.html</a> (22 July 2022)</p>	78 sand trucks trapped in flash flood. Many drivers struggled to save their lives.
			<p>This report mentions 10 incidents of fatal attacks on government officials by illegal sand miners in Murena since March 2012. <a href="https://www.etvbharat.com/hindi/madhya-pradesh/city/gwalior/gwalior-sand-mafiya-active-more-attacking-case-on-police-found-in-chambal-zone/mp20220728190813149149627">https://www.etvbharat.com/hindi/madhya-pradesh/city/gwalior/gwalior-sand-mafiya-active-more-attacking-case-on-police-found-in-chambal-zone/mp20220728190813149149627</a> (28 July 2022)</p>	10 incidents of fatal attack by illegal miners since March 2012.

Shivpuri	06 Sept. 2022	Gunjari	<p><b>नदी के अंदर से निकाल रहे रेत, ट्रैक्टर पलटने से चालक की मौत</b> कोलारस थाना क्षेत्रांतर्गत ग्राम भडौता में सोमवार (Sept. 06) की दोपहर गुंजारी नदी से अवैध खनन कर लौट रहा रेत से भरा ट्रैक्टर-ट्राली घाट पर चढ़ते समय पलट गया। हादसे में ट्रैक्टर चालक की ट्रैक्टर के नीचे दबने से मौत हो गई। यहां गुंजारी नदी से गांव के मजदूरों से तसलों से भरकर अवैध रूप से रेत निकलवाई जा रही है और फिर उसका परिवहन किया जा रहा है। फिलहाल इस मामले में पुलिस ने मर्ग कायम कर लिया है, लेकिन रेत के खनन पर चुप्पी साधी हुई है। खास बात यह है कि ट्रैक्टर चालक रेत का अवैध खनन करके लेकर आ रहा था। यहां हो रहा रेत का अवैध खनन प्रशासन के जिम्मेदार अधिकारियों के संज्ञान में भी है बाबजूद इसके यहां से अवैध खनन रोकने के लिए कोई प्रयास नहीं किया जा रहा है।</p> <p>करैरा क्षेत्र में भी सिंध नदी में पानी भरा हुआ है। इसके बाबजूद कई घाटों पर वहां अवैध खनन जारी है। सूत्र बताते हैं कि यहां पर तो रेत माफियाओं द्वारा नदी में पनडुब्बी लगाकर अवैध खनन किया जा रहा है। इस अवैध खनन की गवाही शिवपुरी जिले में हर रोज होने वाली रेत के डंपरों की सप्लाई भी दे रही है। जिम्मेदारों को पता है कि यह सभी डंपर बिना किसी रायल्टी के अवैध रूप से लाए जा रहे हैं। खनन भी वहां किया जा रहा है जहां पर रेत खनन की अनुमति नहीं है। <a href="https://www.naidunia.com/madhya-pradesh/shivpuri-sand-being-removed-from-inside-the-river-on-bhaouta-in-shivpuri-the-driver-died-due-to-overturning-of-the-tractor-7801566">https://www.naidunia.com/madhya-pradesh/shivpuri-sand-being-removed-from-inside-the-river-on-bhaouta-in-shivpuri-the-driver-died-due-to-overturning-of-the-tractor-7801566</a> (08 Sept. 2022)</p>	Driver killed after sand laden tractor overturned during driving up river bank.
Satna	16 Oct. 2022		<p><b>सतना में वन रक्षक पर चढ़ाया ट्रैक्टर</b> सतना वन मंडल के जंगल में बालू की चोरी रोकने गए वन अमले पर जानलेवा हमला हुआ है। रेत माफिया ने वन रक्षक पर ट्रैक्टर चढ़ाने की कोशिश की है। इस घटना में वन रक्षक गंभीर रूप से घायल हुआ है। हालांकि, वन अमले ने एक ट्रैक्टर तथा दो ट्रॉलियां जब्त कर ली हैं। जानकारी के मुताबिक कोठी क्षेत्र के गौरइया गांव के समीप झाली बीट के लेडहरा जंगल में बालू की चोरी की जा रही थी। वन विभाग को इसकी लगातार शिकायतें मिल रही थीं। रविवार (16 Oct. 2022) को सुबह करीब 4 बजे रेंजर नितेश गंगेले, बीट गार्ड योगेंद्र साहू टीम लेकर वहां छापामारी करने पहुंचा तो बालू चोरों में खलबली मच गई। उस वक्त वहां दो ट्रैक्टर-ट्रॉलियां बालू से लोड खड़ी थीं। वन अमले के पहुंचते ही भगदड़ मची तो एक ट्रैक्टर-ट्रॉली लेकर ड्राइवर भागने लगा। जंगल के रास्ते में उसकी ट्रॉली फंस गई ऐसे में उसने झाड़ियों की ओट में ट्रॉली से ट्रैक्टर को अलग किया और भागने लगा, तब तक वन विभाग की टीम ने उसे घेर लिया। ड्राइवर ने बीट गार्ड योगेंद्र को ट्रैक्टर की चपेट में लेते हुए उसके ऊपर ट्रैक्टर का पहिया चढ़ा दिया। इससे बीट गार्ड घायल होकर गिर पड़ा, आरोपी ट्रैक्टर लेकर भाग निकला। घायल बीट गार्ड को कोठी अस्पताल से सतना जिला अस्पताल ले आया गया है। <a href="https://www.bhaskar.com/local/mp/satna/news/deadly-attack-on-the-staff-who-came-to-stop-the-theft-of-sand-from-the-forest-sand-mafia-mounted-tractor-on-forest-guard-">https://www.bhaskar.com/local/mp/satna/news/deadly-attack-on-the-staff-who-came-to-stop-the-theft-of-sand-from-the-forest-sand-mafia-mounted-tractor-on-forest-guard-</a></p>	Forest team attacked, a guard injured, illegal miners took away seized vehicles.

			<a href="https://www.bhaskar.com/article/130446394.html">130446394.html</a> ; <a href="https://satnanews.net/vindhya-news/satna/satna-news-sand-mining-mafia-forest-guard/">https://satnanews.net/vindhya-news/satna/satna-news-sand-mining-mafia-forest-guard/</a> ; <a href="https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/bhopal/illegal-sand-miner-tries-to-run-over-forest-guard-in-satna/articleshow/94905366.cms">https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/bhopal/illegal-sand-miner-tries-to-run-over-forest-guard-in-satna/articleshow/94905366.cms</a> (16 Oct. 2022)	
Badwani	19 Oct. 2022		<p><b>रेत से भरे ट्रैक्टर के कुचलने से बच्चे की मौत</b> बड़वानी के तलवाडा डेब में 4 वर्षीय बच्चे की ट्रैक्टर से कुचलने से मौत हो गई। वहीं पिता गंभीर रूप से घायल हो गया। आसपास मौजूद लोग पिता पुत्र को गंभीर हालत में प्राथमिक स्वास्थ्य केंद्र तलवाडा डेब लेकर पहुंचे, जहां चार वर्षीय बालक लक्की की मौत हो गई। जानकारी अनुसार नलवाय निवासी सचिन कहार अपने पुत्र लक्की को लेकर तलवाडा डेब आया हुआ था। तभी, अपनी बाइक पर नलवाय रोड किनारे खड़े पिता पुत्र पर अवैध रेत से भरा ट्रैक्टर का एक पहिया निकल गया। टक्कर से सचिन और पुत्र लक्की गिर गया और ट्रैक्टर के पहिए के नीचे आकर लक्की कुचला गया, घटना से गांव में शोक और परिजनों में कोहराम मचा हुआ है। <a href="https://www.bhaskar.com/local/mp/barwani/news/child-dies-due-to-crushing-of-sand-laden-tractor-in-talwara-deb-police-administration-reached-the-spot-130459013.html">https://www.bhaskar.com/local/mp/barwani/news/child-dies-due-to-crushing-of-sand-laden-tractor-in-talwara-deb-police-administration-reached-the-spot-130459013.html</a> (19 Oct. 2022)</p>	4 year old killed, father injured by sand laden tractor.
Dewas	06 Dec. 2022		<p><b>Dewas illegal sand mining causing huge revenue loss</b> A contractor from Dewas is paying royalty only on paper for eight, nine, and ten cubic meters of area kept for mining at Chichli in Nasrullaganj. Besides, the contractor is allegedly harassing the vehicle owners from other districts, who pay valid royalty for 14 and 16 cubic meters area set aside for sand mining. The vehicle owners are harassed at Deepgaon and Sandalpur Nakas. According to sources, the Nakas run at Sandalpur and Deepgaon, are not legal. The muscle men of the contractor are allegedly extorting money from the drivers of the vehicles that carry legally mined sand. Those people are even assaulting the drivers and abusing them.</p> <p>An incident occurred at Sandalpur on Tuesday (Dec. 06) night when policemen from Khatagaon parked an under-loaded vehicle, but an overloaded vehicle of Dewas contractor was allowed to go. Enraged by the incident, the truck drivers blocked traffic on Sandalpur road and created a ruckus. The contractor concerned is giving royalty to the vehicles from Hathner Tehsil, Kannaud. On the other hand, vehicles loaded with sand from the mines in Cheechli Daiyad are allowed to go, sources further said. Besides, Khatagaon-via-Chapra is mentioned in the royalty of Hathner. Although the root is illegal, the police are not taking any action, sources further said. Consequently, the owners of valid vehicle owners are facing problems. <a href="https://www.freepressjournal.in/bhopal/madhya-pradesh-dewas-sand-miner-causing-huge-loss-to-mp-coffers">https://www.freepressjournal.in/bhopal/madhya-pradesh-dewas-sand-miner-causing-huge-loss-to-mp-coffers</a> (08 Dec. 2022)</p>	Opposing harassment by police team, truck drivers blocked the road.

<p>Morena</p>	<p>08 Dec. 2022</p>	<p>Chambal</p>	<p><b><u>Forest dept claims Police associated with Mafia in Morena</u></b> In Tendra police station area of Morena, Forest Department team was once again attacked by sand mafia. Forest team caught one truck driver in the clash. Meanwhile, there was stampede among the sand mafia after seeing the forest department approaching them.</p> <p>According to reports, illegal sand mining is happening near Baroatha village. After the Forest Department received the information, they reached the spot at night without informing the police. When the forest team chased them, the mafia united and started stone pelting. The team caught one of the attackers mafia and informed the Tendra police. Police reached the spot and searched the forest but could not make any arrests. On the complaint of the forest workers, the Tendra police station has registered a case against unknown accused.</p> <p>It is worth mentioning here that a fortnight back there was an attack on the Forest Department team here. During this attack, the mafia looted the tractor-trolley and beat-up forest officials. The official had accused that the police was with the mafias in this incident. Not only this, they had also demanded action against the in-charge of Tendra police station, accusing them of assault. <a href="https://www.freepressjournal.in/bhopal/shocking-claim-by-forest-department-in-madhya-pradesh-police-associated-with-mafia-in-morena">https://www.freepressjournal.in/bhopal/shocking-claim-by-forest-department-in-madhya-pradesh-police-associated-with-mafia-in-morena</a> (09 Dec. 2022)</p> <p>मुरैना में रेत माफिया और उसके गुर्गो ने वन विभाग की टीम पर हमला बोल दिया। जिस लोडर मशीन से ये ट्रैक्टर-ट्रॉलियों में रेत भर रहे थे, टीम उसे जब्त कर ले जा रही थी। इतने में 40 से 50 लोगों ने टीम का घेराव कर पथराव और फायरिंग शुरू कर दी। टीम की तीन गाड़ियों के कांच तोड़ दिए। पथराव में वन विभाग के कुछ कर्मचारियों को चोट भी आई है। पुलिस के मुताबिक इस हमले में स्थानीय गांव वालों की भी मिली भगत शामिल है। वे लोग इन लोगों से मिले रहते हैं। उनकी मिलीभगत से ही दिन रात अवैध रेत खनन किया जा रहा है।</p> <p>विभाग के अधिकारियों को खबर लगी कि चंबल के टेंटरा थानांतर्गत बरेठा घाट पर लोडर मशीन से रेत का खनन किया जा रहा है। सूचना पाते ही तीन गाड़ियों में भरकर विभाग के अधिकारी और फॉरिस्ट गार्ड मौके पर पहुंचे। उन्होंने रेत माफिया के खिलाफ कार्रवाई करते हुए रेत भरने वाली लोडर मशीन जब्त कर ली। लोडर जब्त करने पर माफिया के लोग एकत्रित हो गए और उन्होंने टीम के सदस्यों पर फायरिंग करना शुरू कर दिया। फायरिंग होते देख टीम के सदस्यों ने भी जवाबी फायरिंग की। जवाबी फायरिंग से माफिया के पैर उखड़ गए तथा उन्होंने पत्थर फेंकना शुरू कर दिया। पत्थर से कई वन रक्षकों के चोट आई तथा टीम के साथ गई तीन गाड़ियों के कांच टूट गए।</p>	<p>Few forest officials injured, 3 vehicles damaged in attack by illegal sand miners. Report mentions about a similar attack in Nov. 2022.</p> <p>Forest department accuse police team of inaction.</p> <p>In another incident 6 month back forest department had alleged police officials having links with illegal miners.</p>
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Burhanpur	14 Dec. 2022	Tapti	<p>बुरहानपुर जिले के ग्राम बसाड़ के रहने वाले किसान नानू दगडू इनका खेत सूर्यपुत्री ताप्ती के किनारे हैं. ताप्ती नदी के पास बने जल आवर्धन डेम से अवैध रेत बड़ी मात्रा में होता है. उत्खनन कर्ता इतने बेलगाम होकर गुंडागर्दी पर उतर आए हैं. एक अवैध रेत उत्खनन कर्ता ने किसान को जेसीबी से गड्ढा खोदकर उसमें दबाकर मारने की धमकी दे डाली. <a href="https://hindi.news18.com/news/madhyapradesh/barwani-sand-mafia-threaten-to-farmer-on-illegal-mining-in-burhanpur-5014173.html">https://hindi.news18.com/news/madhyapradesh/barwani-sand-mafia-threaten-to-farmer-on-illegal-mining-in-burhanpur-5014173.html</a> (14 Dec. 2022)</p>	Illegal sand miners try to kill a farmer.
Seoni	25 Dec. 2022		<p>सिवनी जिले के सुनवारा में एक ट्रैक्टर अचानक अनियंत्रित होकर आधा पुल में लटका गया। जानकारी के मुताबिक, ट्रैक्टर ट्राली में रेत भरकर पुल से जा रहा था। इसी दौरान रेत से भरा हुआ ओवरलोड ट्रैक्टर पुल पार करने के बाद अनियंत्रित होकर तेजी से वापस पुल पर आकर लटक जाता है। वहीं ट्रैक्टर को पीछे आते देख ड्राइवर ने छलांग लगाकर अपनी जान बचा ली। अन्यथा ड्राइवर की जान भी जा सकती थी। <a href="https://navbharattimes.indiatimes.com/state/madhyapradesh/seoni/overloaded-tractor-full-of-sand-hung-uncontrollably-on-the-bridge-in-seoni-watch-video/videoshow/96500107.cms">https://navbharattimes.indiatimes.com/state/madhyapradesh/seoni/overloaded-tractor-full-of-sand-hung-uncontrollably-on-the-bridge-in-seoni-watch-video/videoshow/96500107.cms</a> (25 Dec. 2022)</p>	Driver escape after sand tractor ran amock on a bridge.
Datia	13 Jan. 2023		<p>ग्राम सनाई निवासी सुरेंद्र पुत्र इंंदर सेन अपने गांव से बड़ौनी किसी काम से आ रहा था। वह जब ग्राम कुरथरा के पास पहुंचा तभी वहां से निकल रहे ट्रैक्टर ट्रॉली के अज्ञात चालक ने उसे टक्कर मार दी। ट्रैक्टर - ट्रॉली की टक्कर से सुरेंद्र गंभीर रूप से घायल हो गया। बताया जाता है कि ट्रैक्टर - ट्रॉली रेत से भरा हुआ था। पुलिस ने ट्रैक्टर चालक के खिलाफ मामला दर्ज कर विवेचना में लिया है। दूसरी घटना एन एच 44 पर ग्वालियर - झांसी हाइवे पर पटवारी फार्म के पास हुआ। ग्राम हमीरपुर दतिया निवासी प्रकाश अहिरवार पुत्र किशनलाल अहिरवार</p>	Biker killed after hit by sand laden tractor.

			मोटर साइकिल से हाइवे पर जा रहा था। प्रकाश को किसी काम से गौराघाट तक जाना था। इसी दौरान अज्ञात डंपर चालक ने तेजी व लापरवाही से वाहन चला कर प्रकाश की मोटरसाइकिल में टक्कर मार दी। इससे वह दंपती घायल हो गए। पुलिस ने मामला दर्ज कर कार्रवाई शुरू कर दी है। <a href="https://www.patrika.com/datia-news/tractor-trolley-and-dumper-collided-two-people-died-couple-injured-7978364/">https://www.patrika.com/datia-news/tractor-trolley-and-dumper-collided-two-people-died-couple-injured-7978364/</a> (13 Jan. 2023)	
Betul	18 Jan. 2023		<b>रेत ट्रैक्टर टाली समेत पलटा, दो की मौत, दो घायल</b> बैतूल: कोतवाली थाना क्षेत्र के चिखलार गांव के पास बुधवार (18 Jan. 2023) सुबह रेत से भरी ट्रैक्टर-टाली पलट गई। इस हादसे में दो लोगों की मौके पर ही मौत हो गई जबकि दो युवक घायल हो गए हैं। बैतूल-रानीपुर मार्ग पर माहरुख नदी के समीप बैतूल की ओर रेत लेकर आते समय ट्रैक्टर अनियंत्रित होकर टाली समेत पलट गया। यहां पर रेत का अवैध खनन धड़ल्ले से जारी है। रेत खदानों का ठेका होने के बाद अब तक अनुबंध नहीं हुआ है, जिससे एक भी वैध खदान से खनन शुरू नहीं हो सका है। इसी कारण रानीपुर, घोड़ाडोंगरी क्षेत्र की नदियों, नालों से बड़े पैमाने पर ट्रैक्टर, डंपरो के माध्यम से रेत का अवैध खनन कर परिवहन किया जा रहा है। पुलिस और खनिज विभाग के द्वारा रेत का अवैध परिवहन करने वाले वाहनों पर कोई कार्रवाई नहीं की जा रही है। इससे आए दिन हादसे हो रहे हैं। <a href="https://www.naidunia.com/madhya-pradesh/betul-betul-accident-news-tractor-carrying-sand-overturned-along-with-trolley-two-killed-two-injured-8001656">https://www.naidunia.com/madhya-pradesh/betul-betul-accident-news-tractor-carrying-sand-overturned-along-with-trolley-two-killed-two-injured-8001656</a> (18 Jan. 2023)	2 killed, 2 other injured after sand laden tractor overturned.
Morena	10 Feb. 2023	Chambal	<b>रेत माफिया पुलिस पर हमला कर छुड़ा ले गए बालू का ट्रैक्टर</b> मुरैना में अवैध रेत का ट्रैक्टर पकड़ने पहुंची पुलिस पर रेत माफियाओं ने हमला कर रेत का ट्रैक्टर भी छुड़ा कर ले गए। सिहोनिया थाना प्रभारी रूबी तोमर को इस बात की जानकारी मिली थी कि माता का पुरा गांव के पास अवैध रेत से भरा ट्रैक्टर जा रहा है। इसी सूचना पर सिहोनिया थाना प्रभारी रूबी तोमर अपने थाने के अन्य पुलिसकर्मियों के साथ मौके पर पहुंची। यहां पुलिस टीम ने रेत से भरा ट्रैक्टर पकड़ लिया लेकिन ट्रैक्टर पर सवार दोनों रेत माफिया भाग गए। जब पुलिस की टीम रेत वाले ट्रैक्टर को लेकर वापस लौट रही थी तभी आधा दर्जन रेत माफियाओं ने आकर पुलिस टीम पर हमला कर दिया। अचानक हुए हमले से पुलिस की टीम संभल नहीं पाई। हमले के दौरान थाना प्रभारी रूबी तोमर खेत में लगे फेंसिंग तार की चपेट में भी आ गई जिस वजह से वो घायल हो गई। <a href="https://www.aajtak.in/madhya-pradesh/story/sand-mafia-attacked-on-police-team-in-morena-madhya-pradesh-lcl-1634901-2023-02-11">https://www.aajtak.in/madhya-pradesh/story/sand-mafia-attacked-on-police-team-in-morena-madhya-pradesh-lcl-1634901-2023-02-11</a> (11 Feb. 2023)	Police team attacked by illegal sand miners, SHO injured during attack.

## MAHARASHTRA

District	Date	Rivers	Details	Remark
Parbhani	24 March 2022	Godavari	<p><b><u>8 sand mafia members booked for youth's murder</u></b> Four days after a youth succumbed to the injuries sustained during an assault by alleged members of sand mafia, Parbhani police have booked eight suspects on charges of murder, unlawful assembly and rioting. According to police, the 26-year-old deceased Madhav Shinde's mother is a gram panchayat member. "The incident has a connection with the Ravrajur village in Palam tehsil of Parbhani district where some people bagged a contract for sand mining around 10 days back," a police officer said.</p> <p>Gangakhed police station's assistant inspector Sunil Mane told TOI the youth had objected to alleged illegal sand lifting from un-auctioned portions of the Godavari river. The officer, citing the complaint on record, said on the night of March 24 Shinde was picked up by two suspects from the bus stand area where he had gone to drink alcohol. The suspects took him to the sand belt and brutally thrashed him. The incident left him with multiple bone fractures, including breaking of his thigh bone. After the youth fell unconscious, the suspects took him to Nanded district and got him admitted to a private hospital and claimed that the youth had met with an accident. Police said that the private hospital failed to alert the local area police station and it was only after the youth died on the evening of March 25, a death MLC was sent to Shivaji Nagar police station in Nanded. <a href="https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/aurangabad/8-sand-mafia-members-booked-for-youths-murder-in-parbhani/articleshow/90553703.cms">https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/aurangabad/8-sand-mafia-members-booked-for-youths-murder-in-parbhani/articleshow/90553703.cms</a> (31 March 2022)</p>	Youth died after brutal attack by illegal sand miners.
Thane	05 April 2022		<p><b><u>1 killed, dumper driver injured in road accident</u></b> One person was killed and another severely injured when the dumper they were travelling in rammed into a vehicle on a flyover in Thane city in the early hours of Tuesday (April 05), an official said. The accident occurred around 5.45 am on the flyover at Teen Hath Naka on Nashik-Mumbai Road, he said. A dumper rammed into an unidentified vehicle, which in turn hit a truck in front, said Avinash Sawant, the chief of the regional disaster management cell of the Thane Municipal Corporation said. Sameer Shaikh (22), the cleaner of the dumper, died of severe injuries, while the driver, Ahmed Hussain (25), suffered multiple fractures and was admitted at a civic hospital in Kalwa, the official said. The truck involved in the accident was carrying 20 tonnes of sand from Gujarat to Kolhapur, he said, adding that the Naupada police were probing the case. <a href="https://theprint.in/india/maha-one-killed-dumper-driver-injured-in-road-accident-in-thane/903222/">https://theprint.in/india/maha-one-killed-dumper-driver-injured-in-road-accident-in-thane/903222/</a> (05 April 2022)</p>	Driver died, another person severely injured in accident by sand dumper.

Bhandara	28 April 2022		<b><u>Sand mafia attacks Bhandara SDO</u></b> In an audacious act, a gang of sand smugglers attacked the vehicle of Revenue Department with stones and sticks and thrashed Bhandara Sub Divisional Officer (SDO) Ravindra Rathod, injuring him seriously. The attack took place after the revenue team led by the SDO stopped three tippers that were carrying illegally excavated sand and initiated action. Police team also reached the spot. But to the shock of all as many as 25- 30 people in the tippers launched an attack on the private vehicle (MH-36/AG3557) of SDO Rathod. Armed with stones and sticks they smashed the glass of the four-wheeler and later bashed up Rathod as well. And all this happened in the presence of police. The daring attack on SDO Ravindra Rathod by sand mafia has led to unrest among Revenue staffers and they are demanding that an armed police team accompany them during raids on sand smugglers. <a href="https://www.nagpurtoday.in/sand-mafia-attacks-bhandara-sdo-with-stones-sticks-during-raid/04281147">https://www.nagpurtoday.in/sand-mafia-attacks-bhandara-sdo-with-stones-sticks-during-raid/04281147</a> (28 April 2022)	SDO injured in attack by illegal sand miners in police presence. Revenue dept. demanded company of armed police team during raids.
Nanded	29 April 2022		Nanded A tipper transporting sand illegally hit a 24-year-old college student who had gone for a morning walk on Saturday, April 29. The youth was admitted to the hospital with serious injuries. He has been undergoing treatment for the last four days. The fight against the young man's death finally failed on Wednesday, May 04. The tipper who took the life of the youth has not been found by the police yet. In the afternoon, the citizens along with the enraged relatives brought the body of the youth directly to the tehsil office and took the authorities to task. In the last few months, illegal sand extraction and transportation has increased in Loha taluka. Despite complaints from social activists and citizens, it is being deliberately ignored by the police, including the revenue department. <a href="https://www.esakal.com/nanded/nanded-sand-truck-accident-youth-died-police-search-driver-oj05">https://www.esakal.com/nanded/nanded-sand-truck-accident-youth-died-police-search-driver-oj05</a> (05 May 2022)	College student died after hit by sand tipper.
Thane	07 May 2022		<b><u>5 of family drown in quarry in Dombivli</u></b> Five members of a family including three children drowned in a water-filled quarry in Dombivlai in Thane district on Saturday (May 07), a fire brigade official said. The incident took place around 4 pm in Sandip village, he said. "A woman and her daughter-in-law were washing clothes near the quarry when one of the woman's three grandchildren, who were sitting close by, slipped into the water. The other four tried to rescue the child but they all drowned," he said. <a href="https://www.mid-day.com/mumbai/mumbai-news/article/thane-five-of-family-drown-in-quarry-in-dombivli-23226234">https://www.mid-day.com/mumbai/mumbai-news/article/thane-five-of-family-drown-in-quarry-in-dombivli-23226234</a> (08 May 2022) The incident occurred around 4pm at Sandap village which comes under the 27 villages in Kalyan that for the last few months has been facing an acute water supply problem. According to the police, the victims were busy washing the clothes when one of the grandsons, who was sitting on the bank of the quarry, slipped and fell into the	5 family members including three children drowned to death in stone mine pits.

			water, in order to save him his brothers and both women jumped into the water as well. However, all five drowned. <a href="https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/thane/thane-5-of-family-drown-in-a-quarry-in-dombivli/articleshow/91409123.cms">https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/thane/thane-5-of-family-drown-in-a-quarry-in-dombivli/articleshow/91409123.cms</a> ; <a href="https://www.amarujala.com/india-news/five-members-of-same-family-drown-in-water-filled-quarry-in-dombivli-maharashtra">https://www.amarujala.com/india-news/five-members-of-same-family-drown-in-water-filled-quarry-in-dombivli-maharashtra</a> (08 May 2022)	
Yavatmal	18 May 2022	Dhavanda	In Yavatmal a truck speeding away with illegally mined sand skidded off a bridge and fell into Dhavanda river injuring the driver. <a href="https://www.tv9marathi.com/maharashtra/yavatmal/truck-overturned-in-yavatmal-illegal-transport-of-sand-unreasonable-speed-to-avoid-action-au128-712818.html">https://www.tv9marathi.com/maharashtra/yavatmal/truck-overturned-in-yavatmal-illegal-transport-of-sand-unreasonable-speed-to-avoid-action-au128-712818.html</a> (18 May 2022)	Driver injured after speeding sand truck fell off from a bridge.
Navi Mumbai	08 July 2022		<b>RTI activist assaulted</b> An RTI activist was attacked inside the Pen tehsildar office premises while he was on his way to attend a hearing on his complaint about illegal excavation of earth and 'murrum'. After a complaint was lodged by Amod Mundhe (44), the Pen tehsildar office had unearthed illegal excavation of over 18,000 brass of soil and penalised several persons collectively over Rs 8.5 crore. The activist had lodged a complaint with the Pen police station a month ago about a threat to his life, but no action was taken. During lockdown in March and April 2021, large scale excavation of earth and murrum along the Pen-Khopoli road had come to light. This was done in three villages — Dhavate, Ambeghar and Sapoli. Mundhe had complained to the Raigad collector after the Pen tehsildar failed to take any action. <a href="https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/navi-mumbai/rti-activist-exposes-illegal-excavation-in-pen-gets-assaulted/articleshow/92760198.cms">https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/navi-mumbai/rti-activist-exposes-illegal-excavation-in-pen-gets-assaulted/articleshow/92760198.cms</a> (09 July 2022)	RTI activist attacked by illegal miners.
Bhandara	02 Nov. 2022		Bhandara Tehsildar Deepak Karande of Mohadi was fatally attacked by sand smugglers on Wednesday (November 2, 2022). The name of a worker of a private organization of a big leader in the district has come to light in connection with this attack. Tehsildar Deepak Karande of Mohadi, who had gone to take action against sand smugglers, was fatally attacked by sand smugglers. To save their lives, the tehsildars fired in the air with their guns. An attempt was made to kill Tehsildar Deepak Karande by sand smugglers with the claws of JCB. <a href="https://marathi.abplive.com/news/maharashtra/crime-news-attack-on-tehsildar-by-sand-smugglers-in-bhandara-district-maharashtra-accused-likely-having-political-connection-1116945">https://marathi.abplive.com/news/maharashtra/crime-news-attack-on-tehsildar-by-sand-smugglers-in-bhandara-district-maharashtra-accused-likely-having-political-connection-1116945</a> (03 Nov. 2022)	Fatal attack on tehsildar by illegal sand miners.
Raigarh	08 Nov. 2022		<b>4 killed after sand dumper overturns on auto</b> Four persons including three students were killed in a road accident after a dumper full of sand overturned on an auto-rickshaw they were travelling in Raigarh. Reportedly, the three students were returning home after giving	4 including 3 students killed after sand

			<p>their exam. They along with the auto driver were killed on spot. Their bodies have been sent for post-mortem. The accident took place at Chole village around 7.10 pm, when both the vehicles were going towards Poladpur, an official said. The speeding dumper lost control and toppled on the auto-rickshaw, which was moving ahead parallel to the dumper, he said. All the four persons travelling in the auto-rickshaw were killed in the accident, he said. <a href="https://www.india.com/maharashtra/raigarh-road-accident-4-killed-including-3-student-returning-from-exam-as-dumper-full-of-sand-overturms-on-auto-in-maharashtra-news-5729933/">https://www.india.com/maharashtra/raigarh-road-accident-4-killed-including-3-student-returning-from-exam-as-dumper-full-of-sand-overturms-on-auto-in-maharashtra-news-5729933/</a> (08 Nov. 2022)</p>	dumper overturned on auto.
Solapur	04 Dec. 2022	Sina	<p>Madha tehsildar Sadashiv Paddune and Talathi Dnyaneshwar Borade, who went to take action on illegal sand mining on the Sina river, were attacked by sand mafia early today. Talathi Borade along with Tehsildar Paddune were injured in this deadly attack and they are undergoing treatment at Barshi. A team of tehsildars raided illegal sand mining in Sina riverbed near Mungshi village around 2.30 am today. A tractor carrying sand saw the Tehsildar's vehicle and rammed it into the adjacent sugarcane field. However, as soon as the Tehsildar's team started chasing him, the driver directly hit the Tehsildar's car with a tractor. At this time, 6 Talathi and the driver of the team jumped from the car realizing the situation. In this attack, Tehsildar Paddune and a Talatha were severely beaten and Tehsildar's legs were fractured. The vehicle of the Tehsil squad has also been heavily damaged in this attack. <a href="https://maharashtratimes.com/maharashtra/solapur/sand-mafia-attacked-tahsildar-and-talathi-in-madha-of-solapur-district/articleshow/64098168.cms">https://maharashtratimes.com/maharashtra/solapur/sand-mafia-attacked-tahsildar-and-talathi-in-madha-of-solapur-district/articleshow/64098168.cms</a> (04 Dec. 2022)</p>	Tehsildar, a talathi injured in attack by illegal sand miner. The leg of tehsildar got fractured in the attack.
Jalna	22 Feb. 2023		<p><b>जालना में तहसीलदार पर 'बालू माफिया' का हमला</b> जालना जिले में रेत के अवैध खनन और इसके परिवहन के खिलाफ कार्रवाई के चलते एक तहसीलदार पर बालू माफिया द्वारा कथित तौर पर हमला किया गया। पुलिस सूत्रों ने बृहस्पतिवार (23 Feb. 2023) को यह जानकारी दी। उन्होंने बताया कि यह घटना बुधवार (22 Feb. 2023) को अंबाद तहसीलदार के कार्यालय में हुई, जिन्होंने मंगलवार को अवैध रूप से बालू ले जा रहे आरोपियों के तीन वाहनों को जब्त कर लिया था। अंबाद थाने के एक अधिकारी ने बताया कि आरोपी कथित तौर पर तहसीलदार के कार्यालय में घुस गया और उन पर हमला कर दिया। वहां मौजूद अन्य कर्मचारियों ने आरोपी को रोकने की कोशिश की, लेकिन उसने उन्हें गंभीर परिणाम भुगतने की धमकी दी और भाग गया। <a href="https://www.enavabharat.com/state/maharashtra/maharashtra-tehsildar-attacked-by-sand-mafia-in-jalna-694063/">https://www.enavabharat.com/state/maharashtra/maharashtra-tehsildar-attacked-by-sand-mafia-in-jalna-694063/</a> ; <a href="https://www.mid-day.com/news/india-news/article/maharashtra-tehsilar-attacked-by-sand-mafia-in-jalna-23271889">https://www.mid-day.com/news/india-news/article/maharashtra-tehsilar-attacked-by-sand-mafia-in-jalna-23271889</a> (23 Feb. 2023)</p>	Tehsildar attacked inside his office by illegal sand miners.

**GUJARAT**

District	Date	Rivers	Details	Remark
Kutch	03 Oct. 2022		<p><b><u>RTI activist injured, son killed by man accused of illegal sand mining</u></b> A 24-year-old RTI activist Ramesh Balia of Meghpar village was killed and his father, also a RTI activist, was grievously injured after a man accused of illegal sand mining allegedly rammed their scooter with his SUV in Lakhpat Taluka in Kutch district on Oct 3, 2022. The accused was arrested following the incident. Ramesh Balia had lodged complaints of illegal sand mining against Navalsinh Jadeja, police said. <a href="https://www.ptinews.com/news/national/gujarat-rti-activist-injured-son-killed-by-man-accused-of-illegal-sand-mining-land-grabbing/429727.html">https://www.ptinews.com/news/national/gujarat-rti-activist-injured-son-killed-by-man-accused-of-illegal-sand-mining-land-grabbing/429727.html</a> (06 Oct. 2022) Police said the incident took place around 6.30 pm on October 3 when Ramesh Balia and his son Narendra were on their way home in Meghpar village from Dayapar. In his complaint with Nara police station in Nakhtrana division of Kutch, Ramesh, the RTI activist from Meghpar village stated that Jadeja , a resident of Junachay village, rammed his SUV into his scooter and killed his 23-year-old son Narendra.</p> <p>According to the police, the RTI activist had filed complaints of illegal mining against Navalsinh Jadeja, 24. "Ramesh is an RTI activist who keeps filing complaints with police and the mining department, alleging illegal mining. He had filed a police complaint against the same accused around a year ago complaining about illegal sand and soil mining. In response, we had seized vehicles used by the accused and then transferred the matter to the mining department," Saurabh Singh, Superintendent of Kutch (west) Police told The Indian Express on Wednesday (Oct. 5). <a href="https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/rajkot/rti-activist-injured-son-dead-after-man-he-accused-of-illegal-mining-rams-scooter-8192149/">https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/rajkot/rti-activist-injured-son-dead-after-man-he-accused-of-illegal-mining-rams-scooter-8192149/</a> (06 Oct. 2022) Jadeja apparently held a grudge against Mr. Balia for lodging complaints against him with the local mines and minerals department for illegal sand mining, inspector Maheshwari said. Jadeja was also accused of land grabbing, he said, adding that further probe was on. <a href="https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/rti-activist-injured-son-killed-after-man-accused-of-illegal-sand-mining-rams-their-scooter-in-kutch/article65974920.ece">https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/rti-activist-injured-son-killed-after-man-accused-of-illegal-sand-mining-rams-their-scooter-in-kutch/article65974920.ece</a> (06 Oct. 2022)</p>	Illegal sand miners attack RTI activist, kill his son.
Ahemda- bad	05 Jan. 2023		<p><b><u>Mining dept team attacked in Hirapur</u></b> Seven men attacked a six-member team of the geology and mining department when they went to investigate illegal sand mining at Hirapur village. Pratik Barot, 31, a royalty inspector with the assistant geologist's office in Asarwa, in his FIR said he along with mines supervisor went to Hirapur village. When Barot and his team were about to reach Hirapur, they saw a truck carrying a load of sand. They stopped the truck</p>	2 staffs of mining department injured in attack by

			and asked the driver for the mining permit, which he could not produce. The team then took him to the mining spot. Barot said a man saw the team, fled, and returned with 5-7 men in five minutes. Barot said the men attacked Khema and Joita with sticks while he and the others hid in some bushes. After some time, the men left the spot. One was identified as Akshay Bharwad. Barot took the injured guards to a hospital and filed a police complaint. <a href="https://m.timesofindia.com/city/ahmedabad/mining-dept-team-attacked-in-hirapur/amp_articles/96779469.cms">https://m.timesofindia.com/city/ahmedabad/mining-dept-team-attacked-in-hirapur/amp_articles/96779469.cms</a> (06 Jan. 2023)	illegal sand miners.
Bhuj	09 Jan. 2023		<b>भुज: बालू के नीचे जिंदा दबा लड़का; मौत</b> भुज में मिट्टी समतल करने वाली अर्थ लेवलिंग मशीन ने गलती से बालू रेत के नीचे 4 साल के बच्चे को जिंदा दबा दिया। पाढर पुलिस ने आकस्मिक मौत का मामला दर्ज कर लिया है और इसकी जांच कर रही है। पाढर पुलिस ने आकस्मिक मौत का मामला दर्ज किया है और इसकी जांच कर रही है। पुलिस से साझा की गई जानकारी के अनुसार सोमवार (09 Jan. 2023) की शाम प्रिंस विनोद मावी राधेराधे फर्म से सटे खुले मैदान में खेल रहे थे। डंपर चालक ने बिना देखे ही उस पर बालू फेंक दिया। <a href="https://www.jagran.com/gujarat/ahmedabad-gujarat-news-a-painful-accident-in-gujarats-bhuj-boy-buried-alive-under-sand-death-23290136.html">https://www.jagran.com/gujarat/ahmedabad-gujarat-news-a-painful-accident-in-gujarats-bhuj-boy-buried-alive-under-sand-death-23290136.html</a> (10 Jan. 2023)	4 year old killed after buried under sand by a JCB.

## GOA

District	Date	Rivers	Details	Remark
South Goa	31 Aug. - 01 Sept. 2022	Zuari	<b>One shot dead, another hurt during illegal sand mining</b> A labourer was shot dead and another critically injured while they were illegally extracting sand at Maad-Bhansai in Curchorem on the intervening night on Wednesday (31 Aug. 2022) and Thursday (01 Sept. 2022). A third labourer escaped unhurt. Yusuf Alam, 23, from Jharkhand, died at the spot while his colleague, Mohamed Sahu, 33, who was injured with a bullet injury, was admitted to GMC. Sahu's condition was critical, police said. As per information provided by police, the three labourers were hired by a contractor for illegal sand mining. Later police arrested Vijay Adel, Ramdas Naik, Amey Adel, Yogesh Adel and Vivek Naik for illegally extracting sand. As in the fishing sector, sand mining too has a high presence of migrant labourers from the northern and eastern states, who are mostly engaged as daily wage labourers. A cop involved in the investigation said that the three labourers had probably ventured out to extract sand illegally in the middle of the night, seeking the opportunity of the festive season, and suspecting less police patrol in the area.	1 migrant sand worker shot dead, another injured by unidentified man.

		<p><a href="https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/goa/one-shot-dead-another-hurt-during-illegal-sand-mining/articleshow/93936268.cms">https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/goa/one-shot-dead-another-hurt-during-illegal-sand-mining/articleshow/93936268.cms</a> (02 Sept. 2023)</p> <p>The shooting incident at Maad-Bansai in Curchorem, which led to the death of one labourer and left one critical, has yet again indicated that illegal sand mining activity is going on unabated in the State. Sources said illegal sand extraction has been taking place in Sanvordem-Curchorem's riverine areas. Motorised canoes are used to illegally extract sand from the Zuari river, especially during the wee hours. They said recently there was a clash between two groups involved in sand extraction from the Bansai area. <a href="https://www.gomantaktimes.com/news/goa/illegal-sand-mining-goas-dark-reality">https://www.gomantaktimes.com/news/goa/illegal-sand-mining-goas-dark-reality</a> (02 Sept. 2022)</p> <p>Abhijit Prabhudesai told Herald that locals from their riverside villages are living in fear of the criminal gangs illegally extracting sand and making crores of rupees, with full protection of the police, Captain of ports and Goan politicians. He stressed that sand mining cannot be permitted until the rivers, their fish population and adjoining lands are restored to their original state.</p> <p>Activists charged that the government's failure to halt illegal sand mining in the State's riverbeds, and the alleged nexus between the sand miners and local politicians, resulted in the shooting that killed a man and injured another. Herald in its August 26 and 27 editions had highlighted the rampant sand extraction along river banks across Curtorim, Macazana, Guirdolim, Chandor and Curchorem. Despite the High Court's directive to the government to keep a strict vigil on these hotspots, there was no police presence at the site in Curchorem when the incident occurred. <a href="https://www.heraldgoa.in/Goa/State-government%E2%80%99s-failure-to-check-illegal-sand-mining-led-to-vigilante-attack-say-activists/193584">https://www.heraldgoa.in/Goa/State-government%E2%80%99s-failure-to-check-illegal-sand-mining-led-to-vigilante-attack-say-activists/193584</a> (02 Sept. 2022) Though sand mining is banned in Goa, sources say that it is taking place at various spots during night time. <a href="https://newsroomodisha.com/following-murder-go-a-cm-instructs-strict-vigil-on-illegal-sand-mining/">https://newsroomodisha.com/following-murder-go-a-cm-instructs-strict-vigil-on-illegal-sand-mining/</a> (06 Sept. 2022)</p>	
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