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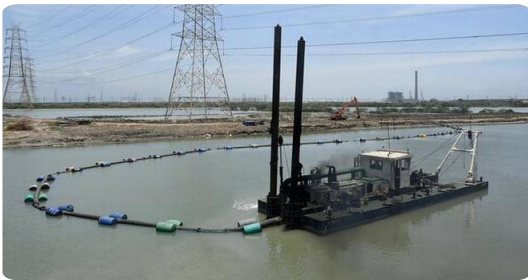
Educating & Informing Stakeholders on Energy,
Environment, and Thermal Power Plants

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Dear Reader,

Welcome to the latest edition of *St(o)ppwatch* newsletter! This is our monthly dispatch of updates and insights on issues surrounding coal-based power plants, air pollution, climate change, and the environment in general. We hope you will enjoy reading this issue of *St(o)ppwatch*.

Editorial



Coal Ash: Types, Effects and Solutions

Did you know that coal ash produced in India occupies more than 40,000 hectares of land, which leads to degradation of soil, water, air and ecosystem in the surroundings. This article throws light on the types, effects and solutions for coal ash management in India.

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Unfit for habitation: Life in Chennai's industrial badlands

A compelling account of the lives amid a cocktail of fossil fuel industries, this essay highlights what is often lost in averages for a mega city - environmental, social and cultural costs of such a life.



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Will the new climate-forest interface come at the cost of India's natural forests?

Authors point to the risk to India's natural forests by viewing them only as carbon sinks, forgetting the multitude of ecosystem services they provide. They propose preserving the natural forests, promoting agro-forestry & forests in private lands, and a greater focus on lowering emissions as desired approach.

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FAC to decide if coal mines can start mining before obtaining forest clearance

Forest Advisory Committee (FAC), under the Ministry of Environment Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC), is considering if in cases where a coal mine is located in forest as well as non-forest land, mining can start before getting forest clearance for a portion of the mine in the forest area.

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Stop CO2 emissions bouncing back after Covid plunge, says IEA

In its new report, IEA warned that unless rapid and large shifts in government policies take place, carbon emissions will sharply rebound as economic activities return.

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According to the Carbon Brief analysis of 130 peer reviewed studies, women and girls faced a disproportionately higher health risks from the impacts of climate change while men are more at risk from suicide following extreme weather events and are more at risk of issues associated with outdoor work.

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Actions you can take!

Reminder - AIIB's Review of Environmental and Social Framework - Call for Public Consultation

The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) is in the process of updating their Environmental and Social Framework (ESF). This is an opportunity for various stakeholders to submit their inputs on the environmental and social safeguards that they wish to see in AIIB's financing activities. Please read the revised ESF here and follow the guidelines below for your submission to AIIB before November 9, 2020. This is the second and final phase of consultation after the first round in January to March 2020.

Phase 2 Consultation: September 8 - November 9, 2020.

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Did You Know?

Regions in the Arctic are warming three times faster than rest of the world and with emissions staying what they are, Arctic would have warmed by 4C year round by 2050.

*Power plant in
your
neighbourhood?*

Use our monitoring [tool](#) to see if the plant is adhering to prescribed standards.

For other tools and tips, see [here](#).

About CAG:

Citizen consumer and civic Action Group (CAG) is a non-profit, non-political, professional organization working towards citizen's rights in consumer and environmental issues and promoting good governance including transparency, accountability, and participatory decision-making.

About Thermal Watch:

An initiative to assist local communities around existing and proposed coal-fired power plants on the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process, by developing and disseminating information toolkits that they can use. In addition to that, we create awareness about the existing compliance processes to push for better compliance by power plants to prescribed environmental standards.

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We would love to hear from you! If you have any feedback, please drop us a line at tpp@cag.org.in.

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