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Environment, and Thermal Power Plants

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Dear Reader,

Welcome to the latest edition of St(o)ppwatch! 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



Debunking the science behind 'Net-Zero'

In the recently concluded Global Summit on climate change, world leaders of various countries announced their climate ambition and set an aggressive net-zero target. Are these targets fair and adequate?

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Explainer: Will global warming 'stop' as soon as net-zero emissions are reached?

Many companies and businesses rushed to put out statements boasting of a newly robust commitment to climate change, going "net-zero". Will global warming 'stop' as soon as net-zero emissions are reached? The answer is NO and we ultimately should focus on reducing emissions and not just net-zero.

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The damaging effects of climate change on Indian industry

It is clear that changing government policy and a pro-active stance from Indian industry to reduce carbon emissions is the need of the hour as it has an effect on jobs, productivity of workers and health of the population.



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In Ahmedabad, India, Women Are Climate Leaders, Not Victims

Women commonly face higher risks and greater burdens from the impacts of climate change and most of them are disempowered from partaking in climate decisions. This Mahila Housing SEWA Trust in Ahmedabad is dedicated to flipping this paradigm by bringing bottom-up transformation.

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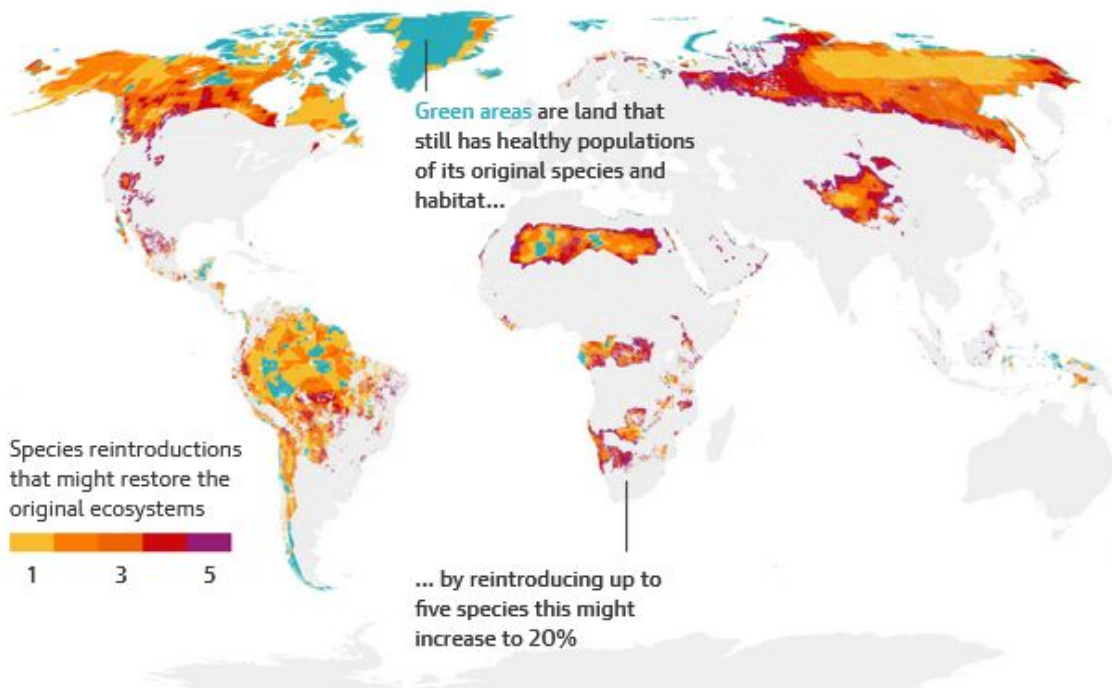
Climate emergency is here. The media needs to act like it.

Journalists play an important role in the formation of public opinion, making them influential actors. The media should take climate change more seriously and one way to do this is to have a dedicated time slot for it.



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Just 3% of the planet remains ecologically intact



Guardian graphic. Source: Plumptre et al, *Frontiers in Forests and Global Change* 2021. Note, the study did not include Antarctica

Just 3% of the world's land remains ecologically intact with healthy populations of all its original animals and undisturbed habitat. Reintroducing a small number of important species to some damaged areas could restore up to 20% of the world's land to ecological intactness.

Info-graph courtesy of theguardian.com, Source: Plumptre et al, Frontiers in Forests and Global Change 2021

[Read the article here](#)

Did You Know?

NOAA's preliminary analysis showed the annual increase in atmospheric methane for 2020 was 14.7 parts per billion (ppb), which is the largest annual increase recorded since systematic measurements began in 1983.

*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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