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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



Sustainable behaviour: Everyone wants it, nobody does it, why?

Climate change is the product of billions of acts of daily consumption. While the system-level changes are gaining much traction, the one solution that is often neglected is the individual behaviour. Let's see what factors influence the behaviours of individuals' to lead a sustainable lifestyle.

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Air pollution deaths and diseases in India led to 1.4% GDP loss in 2019: New study

New paper published by India State-Level Disease Burden initiative reveals that while deaths due to indoor air pollution have reduced, overall deaths have increased due to an increase in deaths due to ambient (outdoor) air pollution.



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Six things to trash in 2021

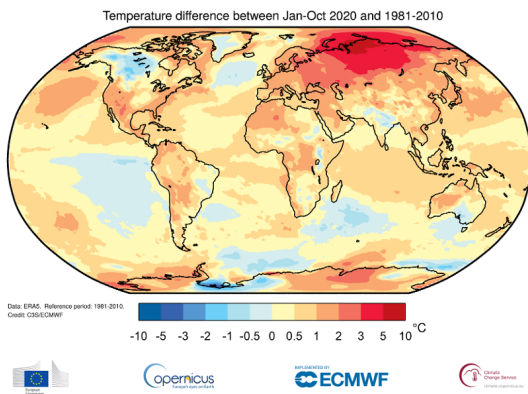
The author lists down things to trash as we enter a new year and a new decade - bioplastics and greenwashing, the draft EIA 2020, roads without footpaths, choked cities, bad design and, dead rivers. We could not agree more.

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Tackling gender inequality is 'crucial' for climate adaptation

A new study has revealed that countries with higher gender inequality have lower levels of climate action while those with low gender inequality have higher levels of climate action, putting gender equity at the heart of climate action.

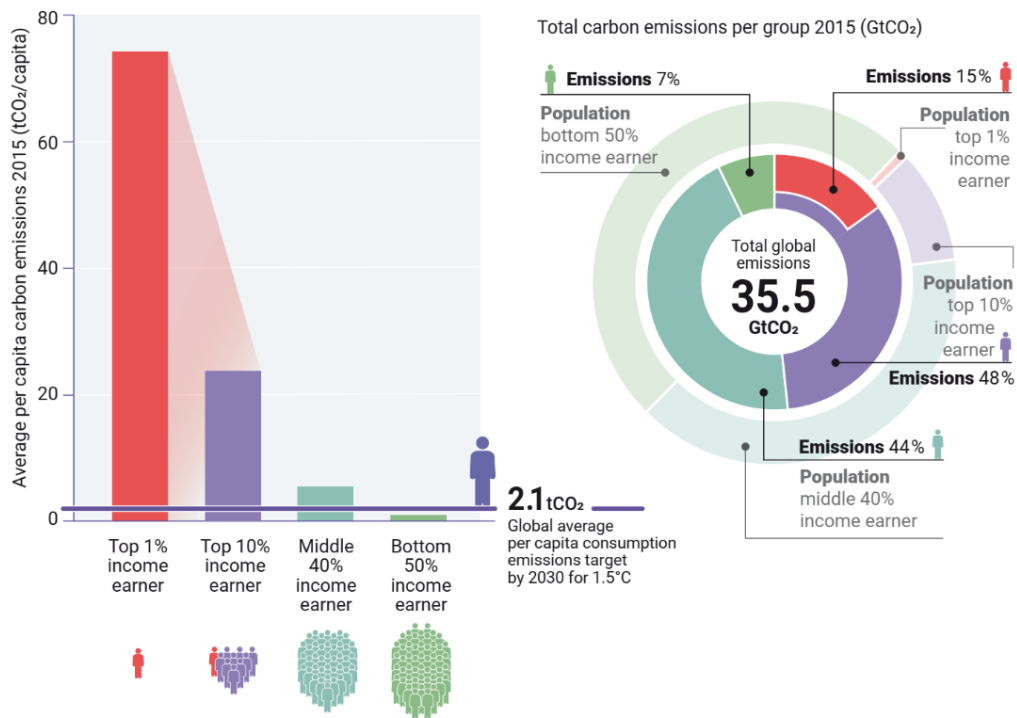
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2020 closes a decade of exceptional heat

According to World Meteorological Organization (WMO), 2020 is on track to be one of the three warmest years on record, and could even surpass 2016, the warmest year recorded. Temperatures for 2020 are likely to be 1.2C above the pre-industrial era (1850-1900).

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According to Emissions Gap Report 2020, the average per capita consumption emissions are proportional to the income levels of the average individual. Highest income earners are the highest emitters, with the top 1% income earners emission footprint more than double of the remainder 99% of the population.

Figure courtesy of United Nations Environment Programme (2020). Emissions Gap Report 2020. Nairobi.

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Actions you can take!

Rivers for Recovery: A global call to protect rivers and rights as essential for a just and green recovery

This global call is an initiative convened by International Rivers, Rivers Without Boundaries Coalition and, Perangua: Global Network of Local Activists and is seeking endorsements from organisations and individuals for a just and green recovery that:

- Puts a moratorium on new hydropower dams
- Upscales investment in non-hydropower renewables and storage
- Upgrades efficiency of existing hydropower in lieu of building new dams
- Initiates new energy plans that prioritize distributed and smaller-scale energy solutions
- Safeguards protected areas, free-flowing rivers and Indigenous territories

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Did You Know?

The temporary reduction in emission of greenhouse gases (GHGs) due to COVID-19 restrictions was no different than the natural inter-annual variability driven largely by the terrestrial biosphere, and real-time data from observatories around the world indicate that levels of CO₂, CH₄ and N₂O continued to increase in 2020.

*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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