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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.*

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## **Editorial**



### **CLIMATE CRISIS: A TICKING TIME BOMB**

We still have groups of trend sceptics or deniers, people who still think or argue that no significant climate warming is taking place at all. Is what they believe in is true? Let's take a back seat and look at some statistics around climate change and its effects.

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### **WB, Telangana, Gujarat top 3 states buying 'unclean' coal-based power: CSE**

The study also found that Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu are three of the nine states where unclean power stations were one of the key sources of ambient air pollution in non-attainment cities.

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## **BlackRock holds \$85bn in coal despite pledge to sell fossil fuel shares**

The world's biggest asset manager has exploited a loophole in their policy, which allows them to hold shares of companies that earn less than a quarter of their revenue from coal, which includes biggest polluters like Adani (India), BHP and Glencore (UK), and RWE (Germany).

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## **2020: The year that coal power took a hit**

Four of the largest emerging economies in South and South East Asia - Bangladesh, Vietnam, the Philippines and Indonesia - may have cancelled about 45 gigawatts (GW) of coal power in 2020, equivalent to the total installed capacity of Germany.

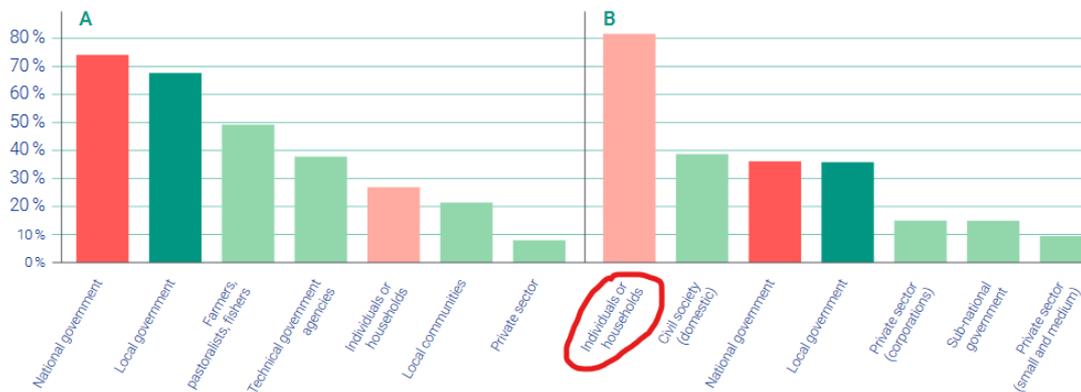
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10 New Insights in Climate Science - A year of climate-related science in review World Climate Research Programme, Future Earth and the Earth League provide a summary of most important scientific insights on climate science and is a valuable resource for policy makers and society at large.

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According to Adaptation Gap Report 2020, the national and local governments are the prime actors targeted by adaptation projects under the UNFCCC climate funds since 2015 (panel A), while individuals or households are the single largest group of actors addressed by observed adaptation as documented in scientific articles (panel B).

Figure courtesy of United Nations Adaptation Programme (2021). *Adaptation Gap Report 2020*. Nairobi.

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## ***Actions you can take!***

### **Support Manipur's Loktak Lake region's people to save their amazing wetlands for posterity**

Sharing this petition inviting you to join this campaign to save Loktak Wetland Region for posterity by signing the Statement initiated by Ngaamee Lup, Indigenous Perspectives and Environment Support Group. Wetlands International South Asia (WISA) and Loktak Development Authority (LDA) have developed "Loktak Manipur: An Integrated Plan for Wise Use (2020-2025)" in July 2020 at the invitation of the Manipur Government. This plan entails development of extractive industries and mass tourism in the Loktak Wetland Region, ignoring the need to preserve this Ramsar site, where the way of living by the local communities has been recognised by the UN Habitat as a model of sustainability for the world.

**[Read More and Sign](#)**



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### ***Did You Know?***

*The Antarctic Ozone Hole in 2020 was the longest-lasting and one of the deepest and largest holes since ozone layer monitoring began four decades ago. It was due to meteorological conditions and the continued presence of ozone depleting substances in the atmosphere.*

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*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](#).

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### **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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