



Policy Matters

April-June

From our desk to yours



*At worst, one is in motion; and at best,
Reaching no absolute, in which to rest,
One is always nearer by not keeping still.*

— ♦ —
Thom Gunn, 'On The Move'

In his poem *On the Move*, Thom Gunn reflects that progress lies not in arriving at fixed answers but in the continuous search for them.

Similarly, research rarely moves in a straight line. It evolves through conversations, field visits, collaborations, and the exchange of ideas.

CSTEP's last quarter was spent making such journeys to continue our engagement with various stakeholders, especially at the grassroots level.

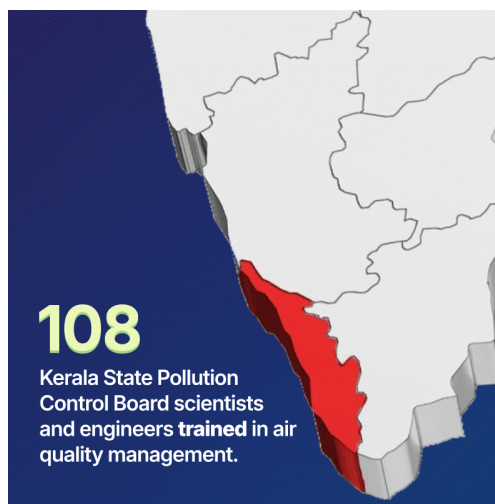
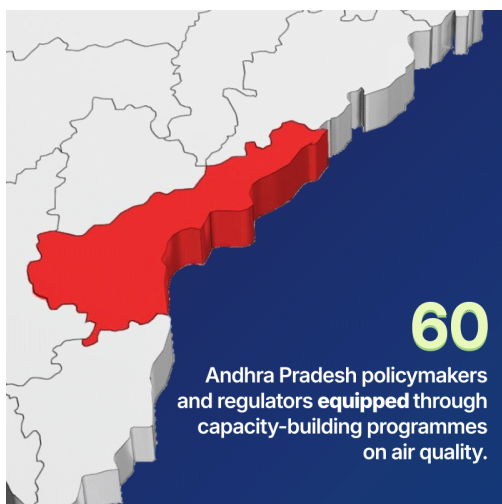


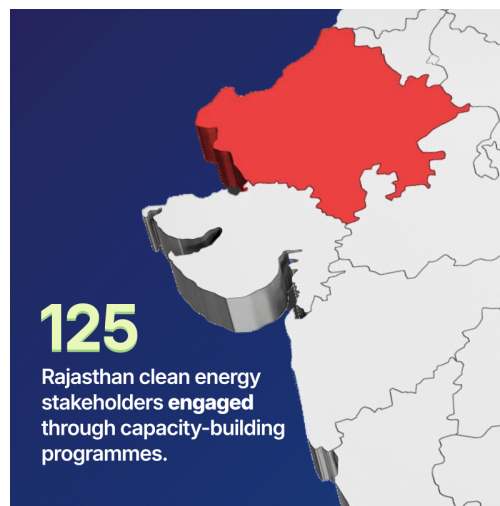
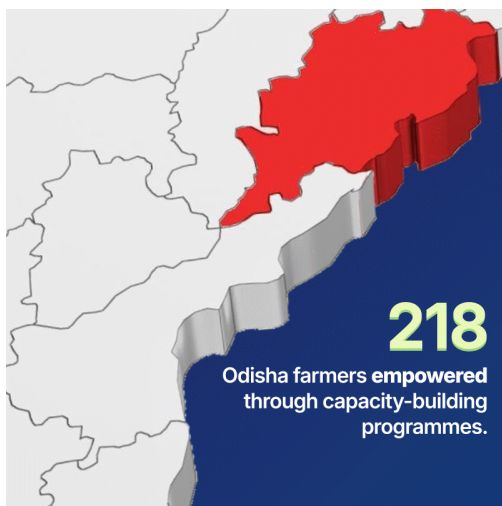
Mapping the Journey

Most journeys begin with a map, and for us, that map is research. The evidence we gather unveils the reality on the ground and guides where we go next. These publications chart the path our research took this quarter.



Fellow Travellers





Conversations Along the Way

Ideas do not stop once they are published; they continue to evolve through dialogue and public engagement.



Rishu Garg discussed Kerala's clean energy transition on [Energy Talk with EMC](#), published by the Energy Management Centre, Kerala.



Ramya Natarajan unpacked the economic impacts of climate change on [Arth Anarth](#), published by 101Reporters.



Shantanu Roy explored India's energy future on [Watts the Vision](#) podcast.



Indu Murthy spoke on the [India Energy Hour](#) podcast and featured in [DW Planet A](#), reflecting on heat resilience, climate adaptation, and flood risks.



Jai Asundi was a speaker on the 'Effective Partnerships for Climate Action: Priorities and Ways Forward' panel at the Hamburg Sustainability Conference.



Charting New Routes



As part of our continued expansion, CSTEP has signed an MoU with the Directorate of Town and Country Planning, Government of Assam, to support climate-resilient urban development in Silchar and Dibrugarh under the *Doh Shafer, Ek Rupayan* programme. We also partnered with the Urban Development Department, Government of Sikkim, to advance climate resilience in India's hill towns.



Milestone





The Rooftop Solar Explorer (RTSE) is now integrated into the [National Portal](#) for *PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana*, making it easier for citizens to estimate rooftop solar potential. Its explainer videos, recorded in [English](#) and [Hindi](#), were also shared through the scheme's official social media channels.



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