

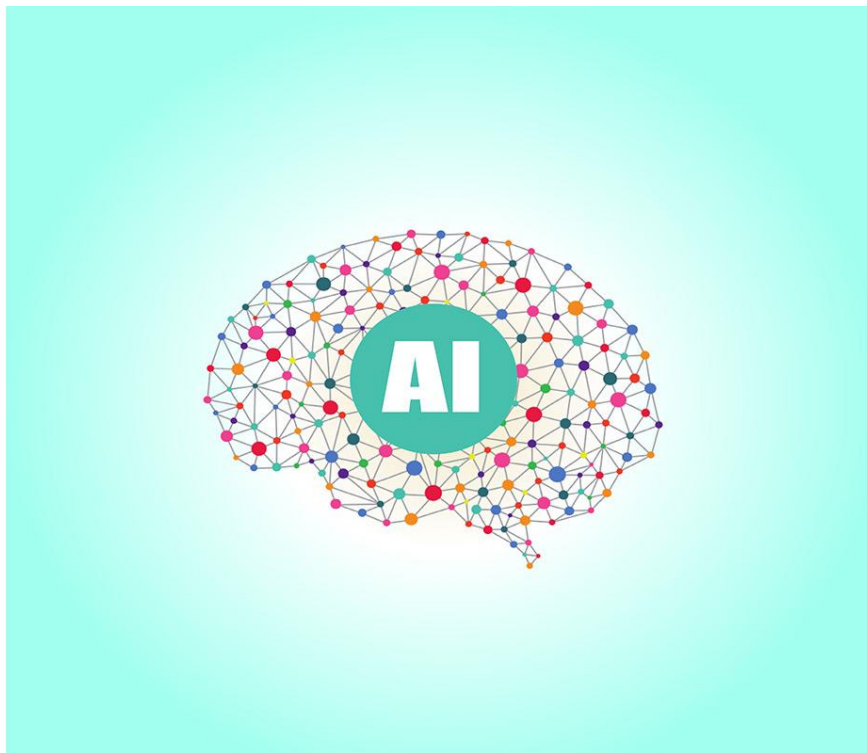
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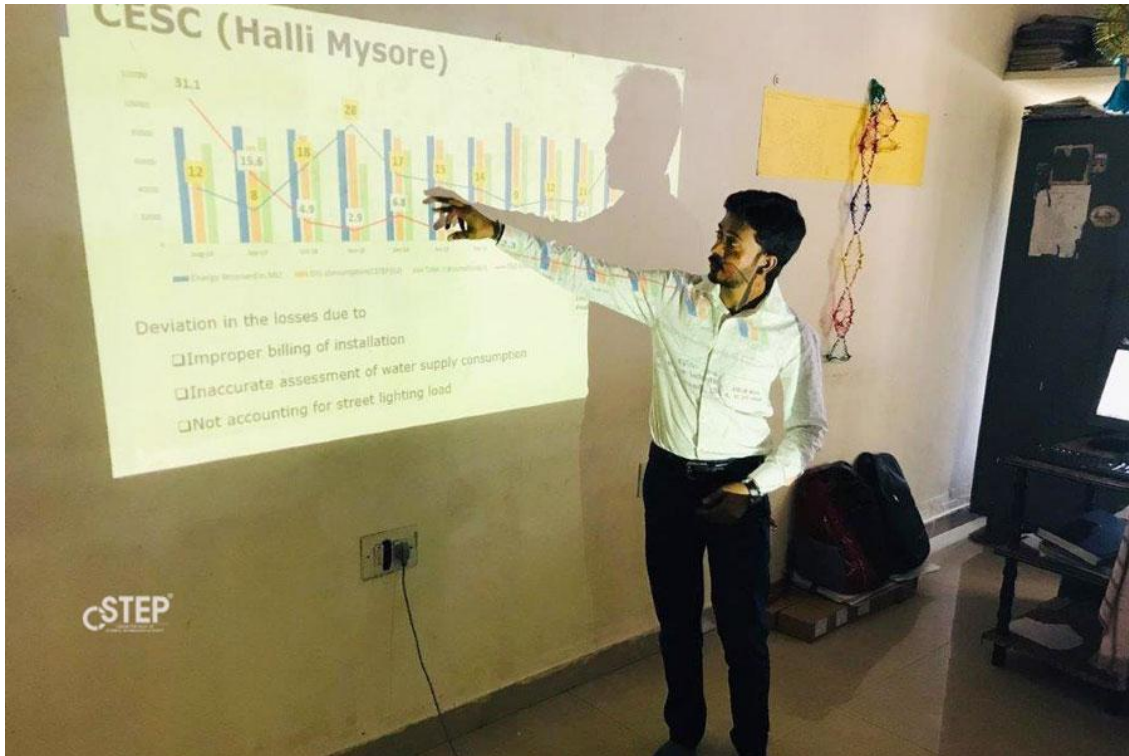
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## Treating 'em right!

CSTEP has joined hands with the Government of Karnataka to implement a comprehensive IT solution for managing child and women malnutrition in

district-level NRCs in Karnataka for end-to-end management of malnutrition. By integrating the information from hospitals with anganwadi centres, SNEHA NRC ensures that a malnourished child is tracked even after discharge from hospital. IIT Bengaluru was CSTEP's research partner in this initiative. The project went live after a pilot at Vani Vilas Hospital in Bengaluru.



## 'Power'ful Savings

CSTEP trained officials of Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation Limited (CESC) on energy auditing and aggregate technical & commercial (AT&C) loss calculation. The training was conducted at Holenarsipur division and various subdivisions and section offices under it as part of the project, "Continual support for Implementation of UDAY initiative in Karnataka", to build capacity of distribution company (DISCOM) officials. Given that UDAY scheme focusses on AT&C loss reduction for DISCOMs, such trainings enable streamlining and standardisation of the auditing processes, and aid in reduction of losses. Learn more about our work on the UDAY initiative [here](#).

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LAUNCH OF PATNA CLEAN AIR ACTION PLAN

## Pinning Down Pollution

The Bihar State Pollution Control Board (BSPCB) has adopted the action plan developed by CSTEP and Urban Emissions, to check air pollution in Patna. Bihar Deputy Chief Minister, Shri Sushil Kumar, launched the report in the state capital recently. The Patna Clean Air Action Plan (PCAAP) was prepared after extensive research on major polluting sectors and control measures to check the pollution from these sectors. The research compared technologies and the cost of implementing them, while identifying measures with the highest potential to reduce pollution and save lives. We estimate that under the best-case scenario, Patna city will be able to reduce emissions by 69% by 2030. Click for details and press coverage of the event.

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## Sunny Days

The Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission has accepted CSTEP's recommendations for improved uptake of rooftop solar. While Karnataka intends to deploy 2.4 GW of rooftop solar, so far the state has achieved only a small fraction of this: 221 MW. To accelerate deployment, KERC is looking at third-party investments through various aggregator models to enable a reduction in the upfront investment required to install rooftop solar. CSTEP assessed the impact of 5 consumer-centric and utility-centric aggregator models on BESCO's finances and suggested that utility-centric aggregator models offer more benefits. During a public hearing, we suggested that BESCO can gain more benefits by targeting domestic and other LT (low tension) consumer categories. KERC has incorporated CSTEP's [recommendations](#) while setting guidelines for implementation of rooftop solar on consumers' buildings.

## CSTEP IN NEWS

*Thorium Utilisation for India:* With the growing global interest in thorium as a means to safe nuclear energy, we looked at the way forward for India's nuclear strategy. Read the [report](#) to know more about our approach and recommendations.

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