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Featured Story



Ramakrishnan Ananthakumar, Consultant, and Dr Jai Asundi, Executive Director, CSTEP, propose the idea of burning paddy straw in cement kilns to curb the woes of stubble burning. Read the article [here](#) and let us know your views.



CSTEP Change-makers

“If the current global pandemic has taught us anything, it is that one can never be fully prepared for the future. Long-term forecasting models help us visualise and plan for various eventualities. The Sustainable Alternative Futures for India (SAFARI) model sets the stage for such planning, especially for swift climate action and sustainable development to happen in a participatory and effective manner.”

– Ramya Natarajan, Senior Research Engineer

CSTEP in the News

We are delighted to share that CNBC-TV18 cited the findings of our study “Benefit Cost Analysis of Emission Standards for Coal-based Thermal Power Plants in India” in their article on Pollution woes: Why many power plants in India miss emission norms deadline. The full article can be read [here](#). CSTEP conducted the study with the support of Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation (SSEF).



Tipping the Scale

A stimulating webinar Reimagining Energy Efficiency in India: A Paradigm Shift was held on 23 June, where Mr Abhishek Nath, Sector Head- Energy & Power, CSTEP, interacted with Mr Padu S Padmanabhan, Strategic Energy, Water and Environment expert, on the areas that are crucial for improving India's energy-efficiency policies. The recording of the webinar is available [here](#).

Solutions

CSTEP has developed a simulation model to understand how India should

kind integrated energy-demand-supply model, and is based on the principles of systems thinking. This visualisation and planning model can act as a decision support system for policymakers.



India Clean
Air Summit,
2020

Events

On 5 June, Mr Priyavrat Bhati, Head- Climate, Environment and Sustainability sector spoke in the webinar “Sustainable Mobility and Climate Change – A perspective of Bengaluru”, jointly organised by WWF and CSTEP.

This year, CSTEP’s flagship event on air pollution—India Clean Air Summit (ICAS2020) will be organised online, on 25 and 26 August, on the theme ‘Finding the Missing Evidence’. The event will see experts and practitioners discuss the significance of detailed monitoring and measurement, and the implications of good data for policy.

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On Our Minds

Our researchers have written on a variety of topics last month— from [unlocking India’s solar potential for achieving climate goals](#) and [deep decarbonising with distributed RE systems](#), to the [importance of adaptation planning in the wake of reverse migration due Covid-19](#). In addition, ETEnergyWorld published the articles [Lockdown and the Power Equation](#) and [Improved Solar Yield: A silver lining in times of COVID-19](#), while Deccan Herald and The Wire published the articles [How to Handle Locust Attacks](#), and [Planning for Physical Distancing May Be Challenging, but It Could Solve India’s Housing Woes](#), respectively. We hope you enjoy reading these articles.



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