



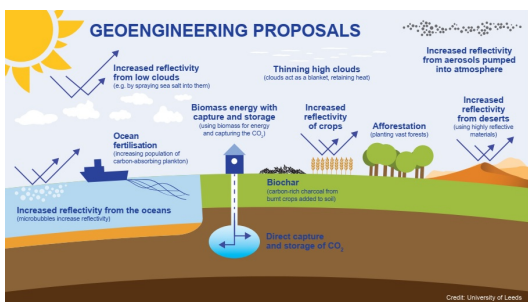
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Educating & Informing Stakeholders on Energy,
Environment, and Thermal Power Plants

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Welcome to the St(o)ppwatch newsletter! This is our monthly dispatch of updates and insights on issues surrounding coal-based power plants, and the environment in general



[Solar Radiation Management - A controversial approach to mitigate global heating](#)

Final part of a three-part introductory series on the science of geoengineering that is being portrayed as a technological fix to counteract the pernicious effects of climate crisis.

Read the first part [here](#) and the second part [here](#).



[China provides \\$1 billion in 'green' finance to coal projects in first half of the year](#)

China continues to fund coal projects, often using funds meant for RE. In the first half of this year, 141 million tonnes of coal mining capacity has been approved, as against 25 million tonnes for the whole of 2018



[Cabinet allows 100% FDI in coal mining via automatic route](#)

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved 100 percent foreign direct investment through the automatic route for sale of coal, coal mining and, related activities

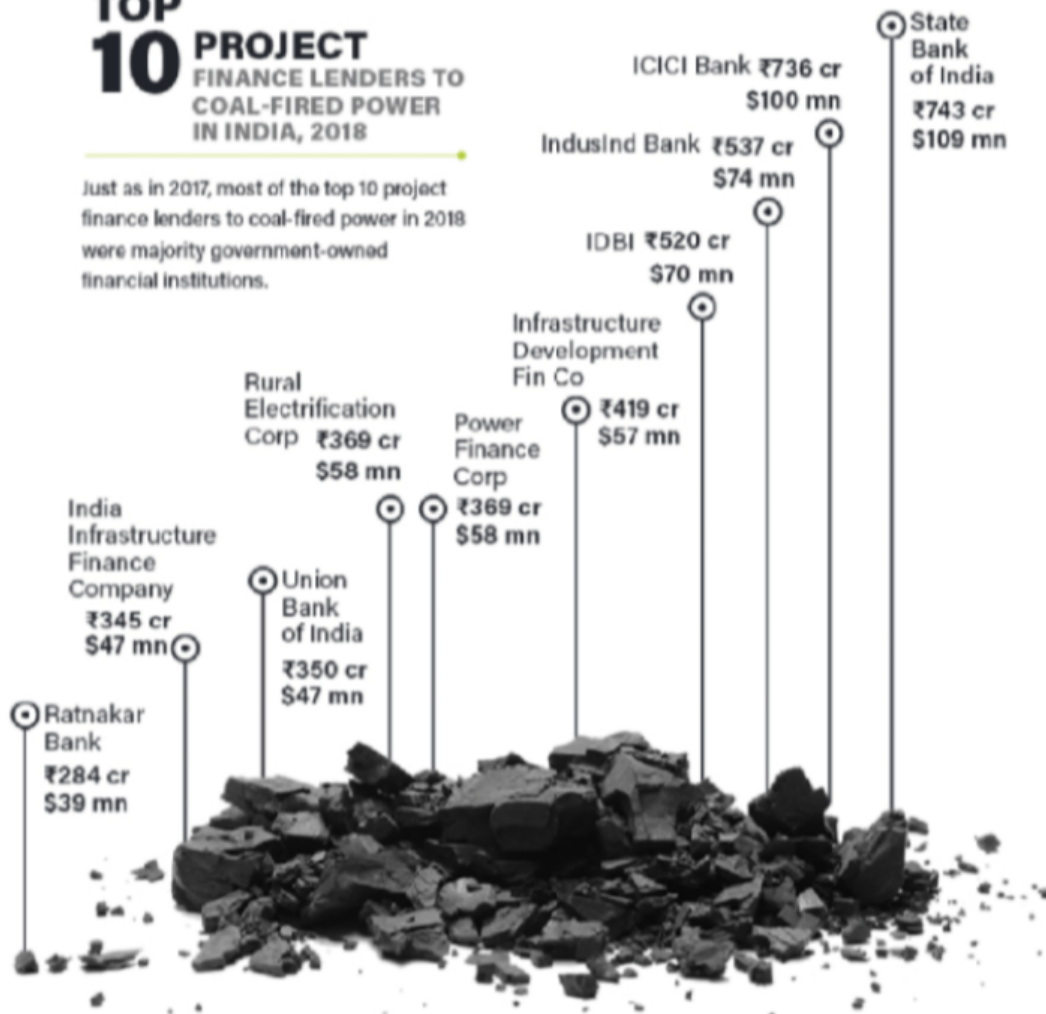


[SO2 emission, TN worst in India, Chennai No. 29 in world](#)

According to a new report by Greenpeace, Tamil Nadu has the highest SO₂ levels in India due to burning of low quality coal (lignite) in Neyveli, and high concentration of coal power plants without FGD in Chennai, Mettur and Thoothukudi

TOP 10 PROJECT FINANCE LENDERS TO COAL-FIRED POWER IN INDIA, 2018

Just as in 2017, most of the top 10 project finance lenders to coal-fired power in 2018 were majority government-owned financial institutions.



Sharp year-on-year decline in coal lending in 2018

According to Centre for Financial Accountability, coal lending saw a decline of 90% in 2018 as compared to 2017. Out of total lending of Rs.30,524 crore, 80% went to the renewable energy sector while only 20% went to the coal-based power projects.

Power plant in your neighbourhood?

Use our monitoring [tool](#) to see if the plant is adhering to prescribed standards.

For other tools and tips to strengthen your campaigns, 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.

If you would like anyone to receive our newsletter, ask them to write to us, and we will be happy to add them to our mailing list.

We would love to hear from you! If you have any feedback, please drop us a line at tpp@cag.org.in.

- Team Thermal Watch

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