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Environment, and Thermal Power Plants

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**Dear Reader,**

**Welcome to the June 2020 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**



### **The emergence of Environmental Impact Assessment in India**

In the current scenario of rising developmental activities and dilution of green laws in India, the author decodes the journey of EIA from 1994 to 2020 and throws light on shift in concern from environmental protection towards industrial development through amendments in EIA Notifications.

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## **Fake News, Lies and Videotape: The Tale of Rampant Destruction in the Brazilian Amazon Forest**

Brazilian Amazon forest is raging with wildfires, with more than 10,000 wildfire hotspots seen in the first ten days of August 2020. However, President Bolsonaro dismissed the data as fake. The Amazon in Brazil continues to be lost to deforestation and fires.



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## **UN chief Antonio Guterres calls on India to be at helm of global leadership on climate action**

UN chief Antonio Guterres urged India to be at the helm of global leadership on climate action by accelerating its shift from fossil fuels to renewable energy.

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## **EIA Draft 2020: “Violation of environmental law is seen as development”**

Ritwick Dutta, environmental lawyer, and founder and organizing trustee of Legal Initiative for Forest and Environment (LIFE) on the legal contradictions of the draft EIA - 'Unfortunately, violation of environmental law is seen as 'development'



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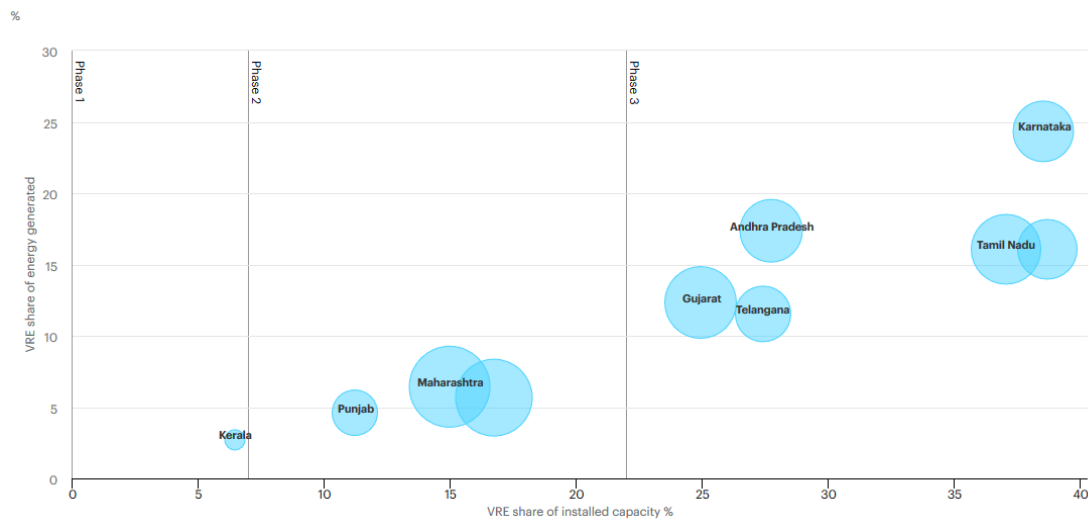
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## Why the Vedanta-Sterlite Judgement Matters – an Annotated Deconstruction

Madras High Court held Sterlite responsible for the devastating sulphur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) leak in 2013 and Tamil Nadu's decision to shut down the factory in 2013 and then again in 2018 as justified but late.

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### India needs a range of options to unlock the full flexibility of its power system

The International Energy Agency (IEA) has developed an approach that represents in six phases the integration of variable renewables and their impact on power systems. India is in phase 2 in the six phase framework of IEA. Figure shows the variability among states in integration of renewables in their power systems.

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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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