

PolicyMatters



A monthly newsletter featuring CSTEP commentary, publications, events, and other developments



Glimpses from #ICAS19 which brought together experts and practitioners to collaborate and find solutions to air pollution

Climate Warriors

We would like to take this opportunity to thank those who enthusiastically participated in CSTEP's flagship event: India Clean Air Summit 2019 (#ICAS19). The two-day event, organised in collaboration with the Karnataka

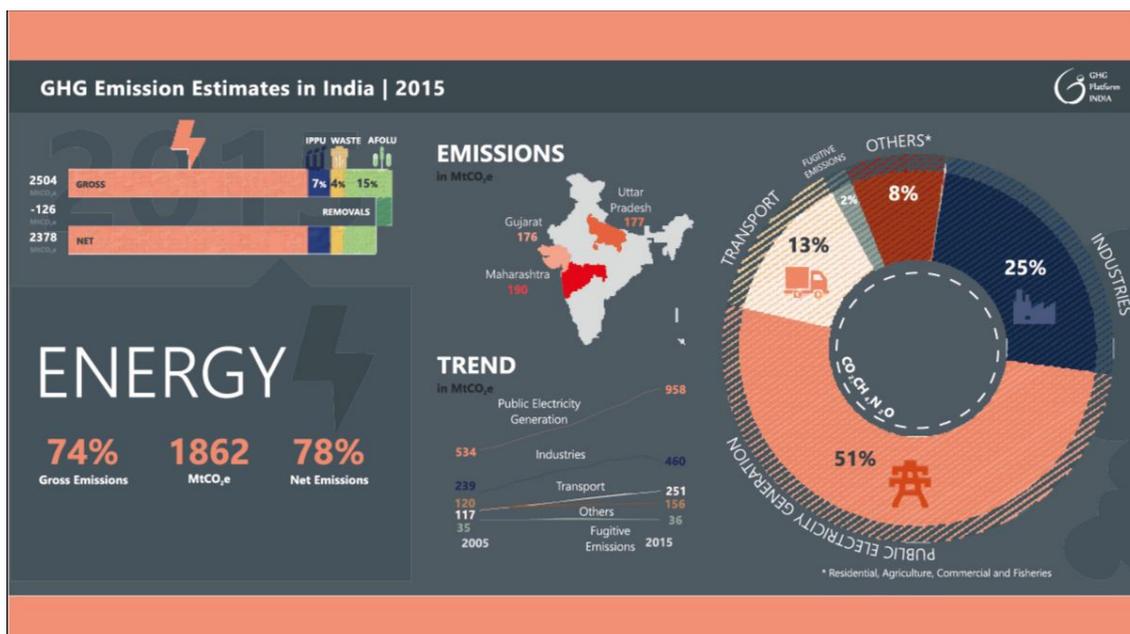
State Pollution Control Board and the Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment, Government of Karnataka, brought together scientists, policymakers, activists and advocates to share and explore opportunities for collaboration and to make available the scientific evidence for air pollution. On the first day, the summit addressed the elephant in the room by presenting data on air pollution and attempting to decode the science behind air pollution. Participants at the summit received hands-on training on building an emission inventory and assessing the health impacts of exposure to air pollution. The summit also brought together citizen changemakers who shared their experience about changing ground-realities when it comes to air pollution.



Policy Making: Behind the Scenes

As a policy-research think tank that provides technology-based, socially innovative ideas for a sustainable world, CSTEP partnered with the [Melton Foundation](#) for this year's Global Citizenship Conference 2019 ([#IndiaGCC2019](#)). As a part of the conference, Mr Ashish Shrivastava, who heads the AI Digital Lab at CSTEP, spoke on how technology can be leveraged for social and policy impact. He presented CSTEP's journey in developing SNEHA, a tool for multi-sectoral governance of malnutrition. A team of researchers from CSTEP also conducted a workshop on 'Influencing Policy for an Inclusive Society'. This workshop introduced participants to the world of policy research and the work of think tanks like CSTEP. Using tools developed by CSTEP, such as CREST, SNEHA and CSTEM PV, researchers demonstrated how digital technology and innovative research methods are helping shape policy research and implementation. The workshop also included

a hands-on exercise for the participants to apply learnings from the session by outlining a policy problem and their approach to solving the same.



Battling Rising Emissions

CSTEP is an active member of the GHG Platform India - a collective civil-society initiative - along with CEEW, ICLEI South Asia, Vasudha Foundation, and WRI India, providing an independent estimation and analysis of India's GHG emissions. The platform organised a workshop on India's emission estimates and Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) implementation at The Claridges Hotel, New Delhi as a part of its phase-III study. The workshop was attended by representatives from MoEFCC as well as state nodal agencies for climate change action plan, civil society organisations, and the media. The study estimated the national- and state-level GHG emissions between 2005 and 2015 from energy, transport, industry, waste and Agriculture, Forestry, and Other Land Use (AFOLU) sectors and developed a time series inventory. By understanding state-level emissions, the platform was able to identify sectoral hotspots and thereby, help states prioritise policies to mitigate GHG emissions. The project analysed policies in Gujarat to understand the state's preparedness to address climate change and is also preparing a 'Mitigation Action Plan – 2021-2030' for Madhya Pradesh. Find more details of the platform [here](#).

CSTEP IN NEWS

[*Financial Express*](#) published an article in which our Principle Research Scientist Mridula Dixit Bharadwaj and Research Analyst Arunesh K argue that EV policies should not adopt a 'one size fits all' solution and need to cater to specific needs and objectives.



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