



# Energy Matters

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Dear readers,

Welcome to issue #2 of Energy Matters, a monthly newsletter which offers updates on the latest news in the energy sector; and analysis on the impacts, politics, investments and science of the emerging developments in the energy sector.

This month, Soumya Dutta writes his monthly column on what we can learn from Fukushima and Chernobyl, to adapt to the twenty-first century world. He urges us to leave the tried and failed nuclear-fission power system of the twentieth century in favour of a cleaner, safer, and cheaper renewable energy world.

The Ennore area of Chennai in the state of Tamil Nadu has over the years been home to a series of industrial projects, mainly thermal power stations, fertilizer factories, industrial ports, oil and petroleum industries, etc. Coastal communities have been facing the effects of pollution over the years. Deepmala Patel writes about this.

In the 2023-24 budget, the allocation for coal has been cut by 50%. At the face of it, it seems India is phasing out coal, but are we really? Dhvani Shah compares the budget promises on coal and thermal power plant for this year with what has been promised in the last few years.

CFA has published a detailed report on "India's waste – to – energy paradigm: A policy, environmental and social perspective" which documents and analyses the existing and upcoming WTE plants in the country and the financial, social and environmental impacts of their development. Read more about it in this newsletter.

Similar to last month, this is a new initiative from CFA, we look forward to your suggestions and ideas on how we can make the newsletter more relevant and interesting to you.

— Energy Team at CFA



## Fukushima, Chernobyl, Three-Mile Island and more; the case against disastrous Nuclear-fission power as India's energy source

Today, when many are pushing nuclear fission power as a supposedly zero-carbon safe energy, it is fitting to remember the catastrophic disasters of nuclear power industry. [More >>](#)



## विकास का महा तांडव: एन्नोर क्रीक में स्थानीय लोगों की चुनौतियां और पर्यावरणीय प्रदूषण जारी है

चेन्नई का एन्नोर क्षेत्र वर्षों से औद्योगिक परियोजनाओं का केंद्र है। थर्मल पावर स्टेशन, उर्वरक कारखाने, औद्योगिक बंदरगाह, ऑइल एण्ड पेट्रोलीअम इंडस्ट्रीज़ से हो रहे प्रदूषण के प्रभाव यहाँ का तटीय समुदाय वर्षों से झेल रहा है। [More >>](#)



## Are we parting ways with coal or digging in deeper?

The expenditure budgeted for the year 2023-24 is 192 crores, which is 50% less than the budget of the previous years. At the face of it, it would seem that India is phasing out of coal, but are we really?

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## India's waste-to-energy paradigm

Over the last few decades, the volume and toxicity of waste being produced in India have been increasing exponentially. A major cause has been the increased use and disposal of more manufactured materials by industrialised societies than their predecessors and less-industrialised societies. [More >>](#)



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