



State of Environment Report 2021: CSE

Why in News

Recently, the **State of Environment Report, 2021** was released by the **Centre for Science and Environment (CSE)**.

- **CSE is a public interest research and advocacy organisation** based in New Delhi. It researches into, lobbies for and communicates the urgency of development that is both sustainable and equitable.

Key Points

▪ Findings:

◦ **Pandemic Generation:**

- **India is all set to usher in a 'pandemic generation'**, with 375 million children (from newborns to 14-year-olds) likely to **suffer long-lasting impacts**, ranging from being underweight, **stunting** (low height-for-age) and increased child mortality, to **losses in education and work productivity**.

◦ **Increased School Dropouts:**

- Due to the **Covid-19 pandemic**, over 500 million children were forced out of school globally and India accounted for more than half of them.

◦ **Rise in Extreme Poverty:**

- Covid-19 has made the world's poor poorer. Over **115 million additional people** might get pushed into extreme poverty by the pandemic and most of them live in South Asia.

◦ **Pollution Levels Worsened:**

- India's air, water and land have become more polluted between 2009 and 2018.
- Of 88 major **industrial clusters** in the country, according to the **Central Pollution Control Board**, 35 showed overall environmental degradation, 33 pointed to worsening air quality, 45 had more polluted water and in 17, land pollution became worse.
- **Tarapur in Maharashtra** emerged as the **most polluted cluster**.

▪ **Regarding Sustainable Development Rankings:**

- **India ranked 117 among 192 nations** in terms of **sustainable development** and was now behind all South Asian nations except Pakistan.

◦ **States' Performance In Sustainable Development Goals:**

- **Best Performing States:** Kerala, Himachal Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Telangana.
- **Worst Performers:** Bihar, Jharkhand, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya and Uttar Pradesh.

▪ **Other Similar Reports:**

- [UN Report on the Impact of Covid-19 on Children.](#)
- [Report on Winter Pollution: CSE.](#)

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