State of India’s Environment 2020: In Figures
An annual statement on the state of environment and developments

This is an annual statement on developments of the year through numbers

Topical: Data generated during the year has been collated, processed and presented as a package

So that it,

• Reflects the current happenings
• That are most relevant to people
• May help prepare us better by showing trends
Finding right and relevant and recent numbers

Important sources of government data used in the report

Where: Websites of ministries and autonomous organisations, Census reports

Focus: Dashboards, Parliamentary Reports, CAG audit reports, Annual Reports, Official reports presented in the courts

• For example,
  • MGNREGA dashboard
  • Dashboards on the Jal Shakti Ministry’s website
  • NITI Aayog dashboard on SDGs
  • CPCB data: Air, Water, Waste
SoE In Figures: 2020: 5th in the series

This annual book is 5th the series. The first was published in 2016

Provides data at 3 levels:
• Global vs National
• State
• District

Global vs National: For example,
Global economic risks and SDGs: India’s position has slipped (comparison with South Asian countries)
State and district level insights

State level

• **State of States (Governance):** shows very clearly that Agriculture and Water are top 2 issues where each state needs to focus...Even the top performing states like --- Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra

• **Agriculture:** 4 new states where farmers suicides have been reported; states where they are on the rise ... (Will make us ponder on “WHY”)

• **Livestock:** states where stray cattle have been found for the first time.... makes you think about (WHY)

• **Unemployment:** reflects the crisis... (national and state). Crisis that existed, but has aggravated further and worse yet to come (ref: chapter on pandemic)
• Similarly State of affairs on other issues: Forests; Water; Waste are presented through numbers

District level

• **Forests:** reflects the state of forest cover at district level; e.g which district has lost the maximum forest cover; important insights on the north-eastern region
• Similarly other chapters with district level numbers are: water; migration

For journalists:  at least 500 important stories are there in the book.