State of our environment: through the eyes of numbers

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In the second wave, India was the worst hit globally with May being the most tragic month on record.
Rural India became the epicentre

Every fourth case reported in the world that month was from rural India
Rural healthcare: poor in ‘normal’ times; horrific in pandemic times

Density of rural healthcare institutions is lower than the norm
Health is about software: cannot fix it without investment in personnel

The rural health centres are facing enormous staff crunch
Vaccination for all is critical: we are safe when all are safe.

India has fully vaccinated only 3.13 per cent of its population. This is much lower than the global levels.
COVID-19 aftermath is also seen in the amount of biomedical waste generated and unsafely managed – will add to crisis of health/infection
Economic slowdown will be driven by rural distress. Needs to be addressed

The rural slowdown will impact the economic recovery next year.
MNREGA is way ahead. Rural employment demand shows scale of return migration and distress. Opportunity to build ecological assets. But...

Payment delays in Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act
Multiple crises: like COVID-19, climate change is urgent; happening. Making poor poorer

All states and UTs are vulnerable
The worst hit are the rural India and the farm sector
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