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Perspectives from India on Climate Change and Nuclear Power

Climate change is a lived reality today for millions across India, despite the small carbon footprint of India's energy poor. Contrary to the claims of governments and corporations who have sought to paint nuclear as "green," nuclear power actually compounds their woes rather than resolving them. Nuclear expansion also has troubling implications for South Asia's nuclear arms race which is being exacerbated by the rise of religious extremism across the subcontinent. Even as the industry faces a steady decline globally, nuclear lobbies continue to peddle nuclear power in India. As this talk describes, while India embarks on a massive nuclear expansion, it is the grassroots and most vulnerable communities who are heavily impacted. In response, they seek to challenge the world's mightiest nuclear corporations and the crisis of climate justice through non-violent resistance.

