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Policy Initiatives

India

[Shimla chosen for international project by British to lower GHG](#)

As per the information, the Shimla Municipal Corporation is one of six Indian cities selected for implementing "Promoting low emission urban development strategies in the emerging economy countries".

www.articles.timesofindia.indiatimes.com/2013-06-11/global-warming/39897722_1_shimla-municipal-corporation-global-project-greenhouse

[Punjab Government to install 1,000 biogas tube wells annually for small farmers on subsidised rates](#)

www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-5-186061-1,000-biogas-tube-wells-for-farmers-annually

North America

[Florida governor signs legislation to repeal state RFS](#)

Florida Gov. Rick Scott has signed legislation into law repealing the state's Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS).

www.ethanolproducer.com/articles/9910/florida-governor-signs-legislation-to-repeal-state-rfs

[Government of Canada encourages innovative biofuel production in Sarnia](#)

Under the initiative, Woodland Biofuels Inc. will receive a repayable contribution of up to \$800,000 to operate a plant to demonstrate the efficiency and scalability of cellulosic ethanol production using its unique technology.

www.marketwire.com/press-release/government-of-canada-encourages-innovative-biofuel-production-in-sarnia-1805631.htm

[US Senator Portman introduces algal blooms research act](#)

US Senator announced the Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act of 2013. This legislation takes critical steps toward protecting Lake Erie and Grand Lake St. Marys from harmful algae that has become a tremendous problem for the state, according to the statement.

www.limaohio.com/news/local_news/article_a4813e3e-df8f-11e2-9c35-0019bb30f31a.html

Latin America

Brazil sets new jet biofuel laws

www.bnamericas.com/news/oilandgas/brazil-sets-new-jet-biofuel-laws

Business & Market

India

Haryana's first biomass plant using farm residue commissioned in Khurawata village

The 9.9MW, Rs 64 crore plant will use mustard stalk and other agro biomass as fuel for power generation.

www.articles.economictimes.indiatimes.com/2013-06-07/news/39815541_1_biomass-district-bhiwani-haryana

Biogas plant installed at Alternative Energy Promotion Centre

The plant has capacity to produce 1 m3 of gas.

www.thehimalayantimes.com/fullNews.php?headline=Biogas+plant+installed+at+AEPC&NewsID=381280

AMC to use Global Positioning System (GPS) for solid waste collection

The Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC) has started the process of monitoring solid waste collection vehicles using Global Positioning System (GPS). The project would help the civic body improve solid waste management and that in turn would improve hygiene and sanitation conditions in the city.

www.dnaindia.com/ahmedabad/1851489/report-amc-to-use-gps-for-solid-waste-collection

E-Waste Systems Inc. enters India via expansion initiative

www.energydigital.com/press_releases/waste-management/e-waste-systems-enters-india-via-expansion-initiative

UK delegation to help AMC in various sectors

A trade delegation from the UK had a meeting to explore various opportunities in sectors like water management, road, solid waste management and green projects with AMC.

www.dnaindia.com/ahmedabad/1845390/report-uk-delegation-to-help-amc-in-various-sectors

Top hazardous waste generating states: Central Pollution Control Board

As per the information received by CPCB, the amount of hazardous waste generated in the country is about 7.90mn tonne per annum. Maharashtra (22.84%), Gujarat (22.68%) and Andhra Pradesh (13.75%) are the top three hazardous waste generating states in the country followed by Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh.

www.articles.timesofindia.indiatimes.com/2013-06-07/pune/39813696_1_hazardous-waste-incineration-tsdfs

Confederation of Real Estate Developers' Association of India to treat medical waste

Credai to launch a project to address the issue under the Clean City Movement. The project will be introduced on a pilot basis in 25 apartment complexes in the city and suburban municipalities in coordination with the Indian Medical Association (IMA). Biomedical waste will be collected from selected apartments and treated at IMA's biomedical waste treatment plant in Palakkad.

www.articles.timesofindia.indiatimes.com/2013-06-12/kochi/39924086_1_biomedical-waste-treatment-plant-credai-clean-city-movement-indian-medical-association

Pune tops biomedical waste disposal compliance

www.indianexpress.com/news/pune-tops-biomedical-waste-disposal-compliance/1128968/

Raipur Municipal Corporation - Kiwar Environ, Bangalore to commence SWM project

Under this project, dustbins would be provided to all households so that the workers can collect garbage from them.

www.articles.timesofindia.indiatimes.com/2013-06-18/raipur/40047858_1_solid-waste-management-raipur-municipal-corporation-mayor-kiranmayee-nayak

North America

Greenleaf Power buys 19MW Tracy, California, biomass plant

The facility is capable of producing energy for 19000 homes in Northern California.

www.biomassmagazine.com/articles/9058/greenleaf-power-buys-19-mw-tracy-calif-biomass-plant

United Airlines to fly on biofuels from Los Angeles hub

www.sustainablebusiness.com/index.cfm/go/news.display/id/24958

Energy Biosciences Institute granted patent for biofuels

The Energy Biosciences Institute - a research program that partners with UC Berkeley has awarded its first intellectual property patent since the institute's formation in 2007.

The patent, originally granted in April, is entitled "Methods and compositions for improving sugar transport, mixed sugar fermentation, and production of biofuels" and brings researchers closer to developing biofuels from plant cell wall materials.

www.dailycal.org/2013/06/09/energy-biosciences-institute-granted-patent-for-biofuels/

Construction of 11MW biopower facility in Puerto Rico

www.pennenergy.com/articles/pe/2013/06/biomass-power-plant-in-puerto-rico-gets-green-light-for-air-perm.html

Micromidas to convert cellulosic biomass to PET using cardboard, rice hulls and paper sludge

www.biofuelsdigest.com/biobased/2013/06/11/micromidas-to-convert-cellulosic-biomass-to-pet/

Innovente wraps up construction of the 4.6MW CHP plant near Quebec city

www.renews.biz/43916/biomass-chp-plant-wraps-up/

GE, PHG Energy to develop new biomass generator system to convert sewage into electricity

www.itechpost.com/articles/10673/20130623/general-electric-phg-energy-join-forces-develop-biomass-generator.htm

Bollegraaf installs 50 TPH recycling facility in Toronto

www.waste-management-world.com/articles/2013/06/bollegraaf-installs-50-tph-recycling-facility-in-toronto.html

Willow biomass the next best thing in RE

The SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry is launching an outreach and training program to develop commercial-scale production of willow biomass as a renewable, sustainable energy source.

www.fierceenergy.com/story/willow-biomass-next-best-thing-renewable-energy/2013-06-18

The 4.2MW biopower plant in Ontario

The plant will generate enough electricity to benefit 4,000 households, while at the same time slashing GHG emissions by more than 100,000 tonnes.

www.bioenergy-news.com/index.php?/Industry-News?item_id=6381

Former National Guard Armory becomes \$4mn biomass project

Once completed, the project will generate heat and hot water for 12 buildings located on the UMFK and Fort Kent Community High School campuses, with potential for two more locations inside the school district. Additionally, the project is expected to save both the college and school district more than \$4 million in energy costs throughout the next decade.

www.biomassmagazine.com/articles/9103/former-national-guard-armory-becomes-4-million-biomass-project

Biofuel enzymes market is expected to reach USD 1,653.1mn in 2018: Report published by Transparency Market research

www.environmental-expert.com/news/biofuel-enzymes-market-is-expected-to-reach-usd-1-653-1-million-in-2018-379818

\$115mn wood pellet facility at George County industrial park

The facility will produce around 500,000 tonnes of pellets a year.

www.bioenergy-news.com/index.php?/Industry-News?item_id=6441

Boeing, United, USDA and Navy hope to power Midwest flights with biofuels

United will start using biofuels on its flights out of Los Angeles in 2014. Every 5% of traditional jet fuel that can be replaced by biofuels will create 3,600 jobs and avoid 700,000 tons of CO₂ per year, according to the report.

www.wbez.org/boeing-united-usda-and-navy-hope-power-midwest-flights-biofuels-107900

SaniGreen Bioenergy to construct a \$30mn AD plant in South Saint Paul, Minnesota

The facility will utilize 150,000 tons of solid and liquid organic waste each year from local schools, grocery stores, municipalities and food processing facilities to produce pipeline-quality biogas.

www.biomassmagazine.com/articles/9052/sanigreen-bioenergy-planning-30-million-biogas-in-minn

Bill McDonough and Waste Management form innovation collaborative

A new partnership — the Waste Management McDonough Sustainable Innovation Collaborative — aimed at advancing and improving recyclability and lessening the environmental impacts of products and packaging.

www.greenbiz.com/blog/2013/06/04/bill-mcdonough-and-waste-management-form-innovation-collaborative

Europe

Scotland gives green light to \$710mn wood biomass heat-power plant at Grangemouth port

The plant will generate 120MW of electricity -- the equivalent of the amount needed to power around 130,000 homes with 70 permanent jobs and up to 500 during the three-year construction phase.

www.upi.com/Business_News/Energy-Resources/2013/06/05/Scotland-gives-green-light-to-710M-wood-biomass-heat-power-plant/UPI-55851370404980/

Iggesund, Workington launch £108mn biomass plant

The plant will reduce CO₂ emissions by more than 190,000 tonnes a year.

www.nwemail.co.uk/biomass-plant-like-taking-65-000-cars-off-the-road-1.1059629?referrerPath=

Kedco is building a 12MW biomass CHP plant in Enfield, north London

www.bioenergy-news.com/index.php?/Industry-News?item_id=6325

[GDF Suez inaugurates 205MW biopower plant in Poland](#)

The plant will provide the equivalent of the annual electricity consumption of 600,000 households, according to GDF, and will make a substantial contribution to Poland's energy policy of 15% installed renewable energy capacity by 2020.

www.biomassmagazine.com/articles/9072/gdf-suez-inaugurates-205-mw-biomass-plant

[Inauguration of Fortum's biofuel-fired CHP plant in Järvenpää](#)

The plant utilises biofuels to produce district heat for about 34,000 residents in Tuusula and Järvenpää as well as electricity for the national grid.

www.globenewswire.com/news-release/2013/06/14/554169/0/en/Fortum-s-biofuel-fired-CHP-plant-inaugurated-in-J%C3%A4rvenp%C3%A4.html

[Installation of £300,000 biomass boilers at hotels in the Lake District](#)

www.thebusinessdesk.com/northwest/news/475144-lake-district-hotels-invest-in-biomass.html?news_section=4150#

[Doosan wins French biomass deal from E.ON in France](#)

www.powerengineeringint.com/articles/print/volume-21/issue-6/regulars/project-technology-update/doosan-wins-french-biomass-deal-from-e-on.html

[Enzyme producer Novozymes - Novo Nordisk to begin large-scale biogas production](#)

Wastewater taken from NN factories in Kalundborg, Denmark will go through a new 36m high biogas reactor to produce 47MWh of electricity a year having capacity to reduce CO2 emission by 21,000 tonnes annually.

www.bioenergy-news.com/index.php?/Industry-News?item_id=6343

[Moldovan sugar producer to incorporate biogas facility in Moldova](#)

The facility has annual processing capacity of around 7.3mn m3 of biogas using 55,000 tonnes of sugar beet pulp.

www.bioenergy-news.com/index.php?/Industry-News?item_id=6411

[Tamar Energy to build a network of more than 40 new biogas plants by 2018](#)

The plants would have total capacity of 10MW capable of powering more than 20000 homes in the UK.

www.filtsep.com/view/33108/xergi-signs-large-uk-biogas-contracts/

[Genesis Biopartner to open biogas co-generation plant in Prahova](#)

www.romania-insider.com/genesis-biopartner-to-open-biogas-co-generation-plant-in-prahova-main-beneficiary-meat-and-dairy-producer-cristim/102274/

Construction of 2nd generation biomass to liquid plant in Finland

This plant will produce approximately 140,000 tons of biodiesel and naphtha from wood and by-products from the wood-processing industry.

www.hydrocarbonprocessing.com/Article/3218440/Latest-News/Technip-wins-process-design-work-on-new-Finland-biomass-to-liquid-plant.html

Startup uses fermentation process to make biofuel from whisky byproduct

www.redorbit.com/news/science/1112876273/whiskey-waste-byproducts-to-fuel-the-future-061813/

Abengoa SA inaugurates bioethanol plant in Central Spain

The facility can treat 25,000 tons of MSW to generate as much as 1.5mn liters (396,000 gallons) of bioethanol.

www.bloomberg.com/news/2013-06-27/abengoa-opens-pilot-plant-that-turns-waste-into-biofuels.html

Clarke Energy assisted Agrivert to produce RE in Oxfordshire, UK

Agrivert's anaerobic digestion facility is built to treat 45,000 tonnes of feedstock per year to create enough renewable electricity to power 6,000 average UK homes.

www.bioenergy-news.com/index.php?/Industry-News?item_id=6351

Tetronics partners with Costain on nuclear waste management project

www.eco-business.com/press-releases/tetronics-partners-with-costain-on-nuclear-waste-management-project/

Latin America

Brazil to power up \$182mn in biomass-fired boilers in 2014

www.sys-con.com/node/2690919

Africa

A CHP plant powered by biogas in Sub-Saharan Africa

Biogas will be produced from an agricultural AD processing wastes.

www.pennenergy.com/articles/pei/2013/06/biogas-first-for-sub-saharan-africa.html

A biogas plant arrives in Kenya

The plant will produce 2.4MW of renewable electricity to power the local farm and the surrounding area using food processing wastes coming from surrounding farms.

www.bioenergy-news.com/index.php?/Industry-News?item_id=6396

The \$5mn waste treatment plant in Ghana

The project will potentially recycle human waste sludge into compost, which would eliminate dumping of faecal sludge into open land fill

www.bioenergy-news.com/index.php?/Industry-News?item_id=6339

Other Countries

Toshiba participates in biomass energy utilization project of Saga Incineration Plant

Toshiba Corporation to install carbon capture and utilization system (CCU) in a biomass energy utilization project that is being promoted by Saga. The CCU test plant will be able to capture 20-kilograms of CO2 a day and will be used to test and verify the capture and utilization of CO2 from the flue gas of the city's waste incineration plant.

www.4-traders.com/TOSHIBA-CORP-6493713/news/Toshiba-Corp-Toshiba-Participates-in-Biomass-Energy-Utilization-Project-of-Saga-Incineration-Plant-17014554/

Viaspace sign an agreement with Sagay Central to supply Giant King grass

Sagay Central to manufacture and mill 150,000 tonnes of sugar a year, in raw, washed and Muscavado formats, for both domestic market and export use.

www.bioenergy-news.com/index.php?/Industry-News?item_id=6361

Aurora Algae to launch a AUD300mn algae to biofuel facility in Karratha, Western Australia in 2014

www.agra-net.com/portal2/renchem/home.jsp?template=newsarticle&artid=20018054626&pubid=ag134

PCRET to install biogas plants

Pakistan Council of Renewable Energy Technologies (PCRET) under the project, 'Biogas Technology and Production of Bio-Fertilizer' will install 2,500 biogas plants throughout the country.

www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\06\19\story_19-6-2013_pg5_6

Tenaga Nasional Bhd - Sime Darby Bhd team up to undertake a biogas project from agricultural wastes

www.thestar.com.my/story.aspx?file=%2f2013%2f6%2f24%2fbusiness%2f20130624184542&sec=business

Malaysia aims to become bioenergy hub with new joint venture

According to local news reports, five plantation companies in Malaysia have signed a biomass joint venture cluster agreement to benefit the state of Sabah.

www.bioenergy-news.com/index.php?/Industry-News?item_id=6394

Finance & Investment

Stoltze gets \$210,000 grant for 2.5MW biopower project from US Forest Service

www.dailyinterlake.com/news/local_montana/article_2cf5b9a2-ddab-11e2-aa87-001a4bcf887a.html

EPA awards biomass projects under SBIR program

The US EPA has awarded more than \$2mn in funding to 25 small businesses under its Small Business Innovation Research program, which funds innovative research resulting in new commercial products, processes and services that protect the environment, benefit the public and promote the growth of small businesses.

www.biomassmagazine.com/articles/9090/epa-awards-biomass-projects-under-sbir-program

Borough receives \$140K federal grant for biomass

The grant will be used to fund the design and engineering work for biomass boilers at the airport and high school.

www.krbd.org/2013/06/20/borough-receives-140k-federal-grant-for-biomass/

US Forest Service awards \$2.5mn grants to Plumas County

The grant will support wood-to-energy projects that will help expand regional economies and create new jobs.

www.mynews4.com/news/local/story/USFS-awards-grant-to-Plumas-County-for-renewable/xdy0erbIq02mZU8WAL0sxc.csp

Europe

UK's DECC gives £1.3mn boost to UK cleantech entrepreneurs

The entrepreneurs selected are AB Systems, AMW IBERS, and Natural Synergies and funding will help these companies to drive innovation in bioenergy production from wetland biomass – from harvesting through to energy generation.

www.newenergyworldnetwork.com/investor-news/renewable-energy-news/by-technology/biofuel-biomass/uks-decc-gives-1-3m-boost-to-three-uk-cleantech-entrepreneurs.html

Romanian investor puts €6mn in 10,000 tonnes-per-year bioethanol plant

www.blackseagrain.net/about-ukragroconsult/news-bsg/romanian-investor-puts-eur-6mn-in-10-000-tonnes-per-year-bioethanol-plant

Pythagoras Group announces \$65,000,000 financing for biogas utility projects in Poland
www.digitaljournal.com/pr/1326526

Latin America

French Albioma to invest in Brazil sugarcane biomass
www.bloomberg.com/news/2013-06-04/foresight-to-invest-in-kedco-s-u-k-biomass-power-facility.html

Billions may be spent in Brazil on clean energy

Brazil aims to spend US\$2.85bn on RE and biofuel research in a bid to modernize its energy industry.

www.earthtechling.com/2013/06/billions-may-be-spent-in-brazil-on-clean-energy/

Research & Development

India

College of fisheries project team develops solar-biomass hybrid dryer

The team has developed a solar-biomass hybrid dryer which can dry fish in 20 hours under hygienic condition. This is part of a research project, 'Securefish', which aims at improving food security by reducing post harvest losses in the fisheries sector. The €3965592 project is funded by EU.

www.articles.timesofindia.indiatimes.com/2013-06-11/mangalore/39898465_1_research-project-project-meeting-fisheries-sector

Indian Oil Corporation develops technology to make jatropha oil biodiesel

The Indian Oil Corporation Limited—an Indian state-owned oil and gas corporation—has successfully developed and commercialized a technology to co-process non-edible vegetable oil in the existing diesel hydrotreating (DHDT) units of a petroleum refinery to make biodiesel. This is the first time in India when jatropha oil has been used for co-processing in a petroleum refinery.

www.dailyfusion.net/2013/06/indian-oil-corporation-develops-technology-to-make-jatropha-oil-biodiesel-10646/

North America

Enzyme from wood-eating gribble could help turn waste into biofuel

Using advanced biochemical analysis and X-ray imaging techniques, researchers from the University of York, University of Portsmouth and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory in the USA have determined the structure and function of a key enzyme used by gribble to break down wood. The findings will help the researchers to reproduce the enzymes effects on an industrial scale in a bid to create sustainable liquid biofuels.

www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2013/06/130603164156.htm

Sound idea for making plant biofuels

Engineers at Iowa State University are using high-frequency sound waves to break down plant materials in order to create biofuel.

www.theengineer.co.uk/energy-and-environment/news/sound-idea-for-making-plant-biofuels/1016429.article

Suitable microalgae strains to produce biodiesel identified

A team of researchers from the National University of Colombia (UNC) identified two strains of native freshwater microalgae that have great potential to produce biofuels: Scenedesmus ovalternus and Chlorella vulgaris.

www.fis.com/fis/worldnews/worldnews.asp?monthyear=&day=12&id=61473&l=e&special=0&ndb=0

Novel biomass pretreatment increases sugar yields fivefold

www.dailyfusion.net/2013/06/novel-biomass-pretreatment-increases-sugar-yields-fivefold-12128/

Europe

Biofuel from waste economics boosted by genetically engineered mutant fungi

Genetic engineers at the Vienna University of Technology have found a method of producing biofuels from lignocellulose materials, such as wood waste and straw, using fungi.

www.waste-management-world.com/articles/2013/06/biofuel-from-waste-economics-boosted-by-genetically-engineered-m.html

EU researchers converts seaweed into biofuel

www.4-traders.com/news/REA-Research-Executive-Agency-Converting-seaweed-into-biofuel--17014066/

Engineered E. coli mass-produce key precursor to potent biofuel: Scientists at Wyss Institute

www.nanowerk.com/news2/green/newsid=31035.php

University of Exeter: Development of method of using bacteria to produce diesel fuel

www.dailyfusion.net/2013/04/a-method-that-uses-bacteria-to-produce-pure-diesel-developed-6505/

Potential for bioenergy from Tasmanian forests

According to Professor Andreas Rothe from the University of Applied Sciences Weihenstephan in Germany, Tasmanian forests and plantations could produce more than 3mn tonnes of biomass that could generate bioenergy.

www.abc.net.au/news/2013-06-19/potential-for-bioenergy-in-tasmanian-forests/4765804

Climate & Environment Change

India

[BHU scientists to study the impact of climate change in Ganga basin](#)

Scientists from Institute of Environment and Sustainable Development (IESD), Banaras Hindu University (BHU) are going to be first to carry out an extensive study on the impact of climate change on the Ganga basin and come out with projections and predictions for next 40 to 50 years.

This will be carried out in a basin-level study of water resources of the National Water Mission under Prime Minister's National Action Plan on Climate Change. Institute of Environment and Sustainable Development, BHU, IIT-Delhi, IIT-Kanpur, National Institute of Technology (NIT)-Patna and IIT-Kharagpur will work together on Ganga river basin, while various other institutes will study different other river basins in the country.

www.articles.timesofindia.indiatimes.com/2013-06-18/varanasi/40048201_1_ganga-basin-water-resources-river-basin

[US and India build climate, clean energy cooperation](#)

India and the US will combat global climate change, collaborate on energy security and support the development of low-carbon economies to fuel job growth in both countries.

www.ens-newswire.com/2013/06/24/u-s-and-india-build-climate-clean-energy-cooperation/

North America

[New York lays out \\$20bn plan to adapt to climate change](#)

The plan is to get prepare for rising sea levels and hotter summers expected as a result of climate change in the coming decades.

www.reuters.com/article/2013/06/12/us-climate-newyork-plan-

[FEMA Report: Climate change could increase areas at risk of flood by 45%](#)

According to report released by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, rising seas and increasingly severe weather are expected to increase the areas of the US at risk of floods by up to 45% by 2100. These changes could double the number of flood-prone properties covered by the National Flood Insurance Program and drastically increase the costs of floods.

www.motherjones.com/environment/2013/06/climate-change-could-double-number-

americans-federal-flood-insurance

Climate change may radically transform desert bacteria: Study published in Journal Science

According to the research, climate change may transform the community of microbes that forms the crucial top layer of soil, known as a biocrust, in deserts throughout the US.

The study also says that one type of bacteria dominates in warm climates, whereas another is more prevalent in cooler areas. Combined with climate models, the findings suggest that the cold-loving bacteria could completely disappear from their current habitats as the climate warms. That disappearance, in turn, could have unpredictable ripple effects across the entire desert ecosystem, as the biocrusts are important resources for desert plants and help mitigate dust storms.

www.news.yahoo.com/climate-change-may-radically-transform-desert-bacteria-141321579.html

Obama outlines broad plan to curb climate change

President Obama laid out an ambitious campaign to address climate change, mapping a course that would bypass Congress to cut emissions from hundreds of coal-fired electric power plants.

www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/nation/la-na-obama-climate-change-20130626,0,6492640.story

Europe

Heavy rainfall dampens robusta coffee industry

www.ivcpost.com/articles/9178/20130612/heavy-rainfall-dampens-robusta-coffee-industry.htm

Other Countries

Blue Lake on North Stradbroke Island remains unchanged by climate change

www.heraldsun.com.au/technology/sci-tech/god8217s-bathtub-australian-lake-untouched-by-climate-change/story-fni0c0qs-1226657431409

Climate change and Asian Monsoon are linked: Scientists

As per research done by scientists, changes in the Asian summer monsoon have implications on weather, people's health, agriculture and glaciers of the entire Hindu Kush Himalayan region while it is also a major concern in Nepal and the entire Asian region.

www.zeenews.india.com/news/eco-news/climate-change-and-asian-monsoon-are-linked-scientists_854825.html