



## State of Environment Report, India – 2015 Released

The State of Environment (SoE) Report, India – 2015, prepared by Development Alternatives (DA) in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), was released on the occasion of World Environment Day 2018. The report was released at Vigyan Bhawan by the honourable Minister, Dr. Harsh Vardhan (Department of Science and Technology, MoEF&CC), during the inter-ministerial conference organised on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018. This launch was witnessed by various Ministers of States, representatives from Environment Departments and many international organisations working on environment and development. As India, along with other nations, steps into the implementation period of the Post-2015 Development Agenda, it becomes pertinent to take stock of the state of the country's environment, and how far we are from achieving the ambitious Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Moreover, the interlinked nature of the SDGs means that the environmental dimension needs to be understood and addressed within every aspect of development. This report is the most up-to-date publication under the ambit of SoE Reporting processes being coordinated by MoEF&CC, and it documents the state of the environment in 2015 and the trends and emerging challenges that have been recorded since 2009 when the previous report was published.