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Regulating air quality in India: Challenges and the way forward

About the Talk
Air pollution is causing a public health crisis in India. It is neither a seasonal issue nor an urban-centric one. It is an all-year-round, national problem with significant health, environmental and economic implications. One of the key reasons why India is unable to ensure significant improvements in air quality is the inability of the regulatory and governance framework to respond appropriately given the nature and scale of the problem. This talk will provide an overview of how air quality is governed in India, focusing on regulations and institutions at the Central level. It will identify some of the important challenges and suggest certain reform measures as the way forward.

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