

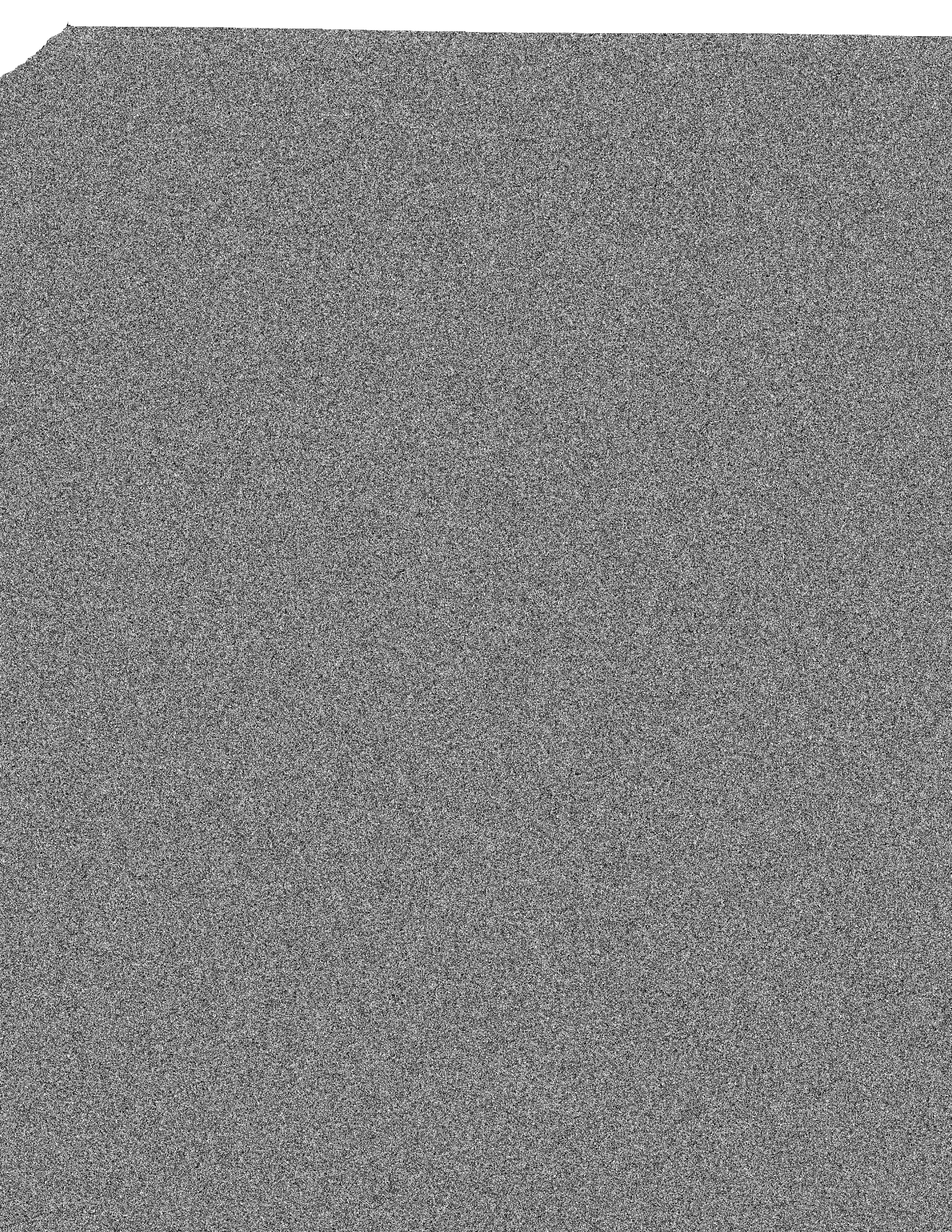








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India also has a number of national policies governing environmental management. The National Environment Policy (NEP) of 2006 is the most recent pronouncement of the government's commitment to improving environmental conditions while promoting economic prosperity nationwide. The NEP's key objectives include conservation of critical environmental resources, intra-generational equity, livelihood security for poor, integration of environment in economic and social development, efficiency in environmental resource use, environmental governance, and enhancement of resources for environmental conservation. This policy promotes mainstreaming of environmental concerns into



