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India's commitment reflecting towards sustainable development

Mumbai- Coming to a consensus among nearly 200 countries on the need to cut greenhouse gas emissions is regarded by many observers as an achievement in itself & is being hailed as “historic”, along with 100 nations would ratify the COP21 Global Climate Agreement on April 22, would be ratified at prominent signing ceremony to be convened at the UN headquarters in New York, sets out a global action plan to put the world on track by limiting global warming to well below 2 degrees Celsius. It was negotiated in Paris in December 2015, said, Environment, forest & Climate Change Minister Shri. Prakash Javadekar while speaking in the seminar on “COP21 ‘Building synergies, Shaping Actions.

Reasserting India's commitment to carbon emission reduction & Sustainable Development, he added “What we have adopted is not only an agreement but a new ‘chapter of hope’ in the lives of 7 billion people.

Agreement acknowledges and recognizes the development imperatives of India and other developing countries the accord also supported their right to development and their efforts to harmonize development with environment, while protecting the interests of the most vulnerable.

While analyzing the global Climate deal, he said Climate change was a reality with 1 degree rise in temperature caused by 150 years of uncontrolled carbon emission by the developed world. He said 30% of cumulative contribution was that of the United States, 50% by Europe & Canada & Other developed world & 10% by China, India is responsible for only 3% Carbon emission.

Further, he listed out his plans to control vehicular pollution by moving to Bharat VI emission norms, policies on waste management, Swachh Bharat initiative, Ganga rejuvenation etc as other measures aimed at sustainable development & containing climate change.

Union Minister for Coal, Power, New & Renewable Energy, Piyush Goyal said India has launched the world's largest renewable energy programme by scaling up the target for solar energy “The solar energy mission envisaged 20,000 Mw of solar electricity generation by 2022. But this target has been pushed ahead by the Prime Minister to 1,00,000 Mw (1Gw)” Goyal said his Ministry has already bid out 19,000 Mw of solar energy projects and the installed capacity of 20,000 Mw would be achieved as early as 2017.

He however cautioned that all renewable energy programmes will be sustainable only if they become economically viable. He further said, “which is available in abundance in India, has its own place in ensuring cheaper energy. “While one is aware of pollution caused by the thermal power plants, their importance cannot be overlooked. Therefore, our thrust is on adopting clean coal technologies” he added.”

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of MU Dr. Sanjay Deshmukh, said, we had aligned Central India Mission i.e. Skill India, Clean India, Make in India & also we have made Budgetary Provision in this Financial year.

Dr. Arun Kakodkar, Former Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission, Director General, TERI, Ajay Mathur, Dr. Anurabha Ghosh, CEO, Council on Energy, Environment & Water & Dr. Neeraj Hatekar, Director of Economics Department, Dr, Anil Patil BCUD Director of University of Mumbai were present.

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