

My Message for Climate Reality Project...By Madhu Bhatnagar

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I live in Agra, state of Uttar Pradesh. Here the summer temperatures soar very high.

Increased surface temperature causes 'urban heat islands' which results in heat stress, heat stroke, heat exhaustion, heat syncope and cramps. With adverse topography, erratic rainfall, rapid urbanization and overused groundwater drought is a real concern for Agra.

Global warming is accelerating several changes in agriculture in Uttar Pradesh which is an agrarian state. There are dry spells for 10 to 20 days during monsoon, smaller rivers are causing floods, and there are hot winds during winter.

ACTION BY GOVERNMENT :

India is one of the few countries on track to meet its Paris Target, achieving 21% of its pledge to reduce emissions intensity of GDP by 33—35% by 2030.

Uttar Pradesh is the first state to have Climate Change Authority in country. The authority under the chairmanship of the chief minister Yogi Adityanath will work to implement seven Conservation missions mentioned in the UP State Action Plan on Climate (SAPC)

The seven missions under SAPC are sustainable agricultural mission, solar mission, energy efficiency mission, Green UP forestry mission, Jal mission, strategic knowledge mission and sustainable habitat mission.

There is an awareness trend amongst the general public, but it is definitely not up to mark , although NGO's and educational institutions are working their best on this front. The lacuna on is due to lack of conscious climate Education .

CLIMATE CRISIS:

According to me, Climate Crisis is a human induced calamity of natural systems, brought about by the immense usage of Fossil Fuel, funneled by the growing populations to meet their demands and ever changing lifestyle.

CLIMATE EDUCATION :

It is imperative for Climate Education to be incorporated in school curriculum of urban and rural schools, private and government all over the world, keeping in focus the global and local issues.

This will help young people understand the impact of global warming and increase Climate Literacy.

Understanding a situation can encourage people to change their attitude and behavior, make informed choices and adapt to this global emergency.

People will need to change their attitudes, and believe in the maximum..."Less is more".

My message to World Leaders :

Please make it your priority to keep to the Paris Commitments, and completely end reliance on Fossil fuel. Transfer to Renewable energy and in nature based solutions. Work with nature, rather than against it. Invest in protecting and restoring forests, soils, wetlands and rivers as well as transforming agricultural practices to make them sustainable .Investment in protecting and restoring nature can deliver significant economic returns and employment benefits.

Besides the Politicians, Policy Makers and Industrialists, please include Environmentalists Conservationists, Educators, Communities and individuals to work out a sustainable road map.

Climate Education should be made mandatory in all schools and colleges.

Lastly share.

Transfer of Technology and information should be accessible to all countries to fasten their growth sustainably.