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Editorial

Dear Readers...

Vision of Climate change

Climate change is no more an environmental concern. It has emerged as the biggest developmental challenge for the planet. Its economic impacts, particularly on the poor, make it a major governance issue as well. India, one of the fastest economies of the world, faces the challenge of making available the energy needed to fuel this impressive economic growth. More than 700 million people still cook on traditional cook stoves using crop waste and animal residue. A World Bank study published in 2007 looked at the carbon dioxide emissions intensities of the world's 20 largest economies. The CO2 intensity data for India is better than that of Germany and same as that of Japan that is universally cited as the world's most energy efficient economy. More than 400 million people still don't have access to electricity. Traditionally India has been highly vulnerable to climate related events like floods, droughts and cyclones. India has many publicly funded programs to address the direct impacts and prevention and control of climate risks. In addition to these, the main objective of major anti-poverty and rural development programs is reduction of vulnerability to climate risks. Capacity development can strengthen resilience to climate change by strengthening the capacity of national and local institutions. Climate change strategy needs to focus on supporting design of policies and action plans, promoting early adaptation as well as long-term strategies like directing investment towards low carbon technologies and practices and finally integrating climate change broadly into development assistance at the global, regional and national levels. Prime Minister's Climate Change Council has proposed eight missions that cover areas such as agriculture, water, forests, sustainable habitat, solar energy and energy efficiency and strategic knowledge. These missions need to integrate greater concerns for gender- inclusive agenda.

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