



World Sustainable Development Summit 2021

Why in News

Recently, the **World Sustainable Development Summit**, the **annual flagship event of The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)** was held.

- The theme of the 2021 Summit was **'Redefining our common future: Safe and secure environment for all'**.
- TERI is a **non-profit research institute**, established in 1974. It conducts research work in the fields of energy, environment and sustainable development for India and the Global South.

Key Points

▪ India's Stand at the Event:

◦ Emphasis on Climate Justice:

- "Climate justice" is a term, and more than that a movement that **acknowledges climate change can have differing social, economic, public health, and other adverse impacts** on underprivileged populations.
- As per India, 'climate justice' is inspired by a **vision of trusteeship** - where growth comes with greater compassion to the poorest. It also means giving the developing countries enough space to grow.

◦ Reassurance to Climate Mitigation Efforts:

- India reassured **commitments** to its targets under the **Paris deal** to reduce emissions intensity of GDP by 33 to 35 percent from 2005 levels.
- India's steady progress on its commitment to **Land Degradation Neutrality** and setting up of **450 gigawatts of Renewable Energy generating capacity** till 2030 was also highlighted.
- Initiatives of India under **International Solar Alliance** were also discussed.

◦ Commitment to Enhancing Disaster Resilience:

- To enhance India's disaster management capabilities, commitments to **Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI)** were assured.
 - **CDRI**: A multi-stakeholder global partnership of country governments, UN agencies, multilateral banks, private sector and knowledge institutions that aims to build resilience into infrastructure systems to ensure sustainable development.

▪ India's Efforts Towards Sustainable Development:

- In March 2019, **India achieved nearly 100% electrification** through sustainable technologies and innovative models.
- Through the **Ujala Programme**, 367 million LED bulbs were distributed which reduced over 38 million tonnes carbon dioxide per year.
- Through the **PM Ujjwala Yojna**, more than 80 million households below the poverty line

- have access to clean cooking fuel. India is working to **increase the share of natural gas in India's energy basket from 6% to 15%**.
- The [Jal Jeevan Mission](#) has connected over 34 million households with tap connections in 18 months.
 - Through **conservation efforts**, the population of [lions](#), [tigers](#), [leopards](#) and [Gangetic river dolphins](#) has gone up.

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▪ About:

- The World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS) is the **annual flagship event of The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)**.
- It was **earlier known as Delhi Sustainable Development Summit**.

▪ Objective:

- It has been conceptualized as a single platform **to accelerate action towards [sustainable development](#) and [climate change](#)**.
- It aims to **bring together global leaders and thinkers** in the fields of sustainable development, energy and environment sectors on a common platform.

▪ Sustainable Development:

- "Sustainable development is **development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs**". This most widely accepted definition of Sustainable Development was given by the Brundtland Commission in its report 'Our Common Future' (1987).

▪ Climate Change:

- It is a **long-term change in the average weather patterns** that have come to define Earth's local, regional and global climates.
- Climate data records provide **evidence of climate change key indicators**, such as global land and ocean temperature increases; rising sea levels; ice loss at Earth's poles and in mountain glaciers; frequency and severity changes in extreme weather such as [hurricanes](#), [heatwaves](#), [wildfires](#), droughts, floods and precipitation; and cloud and vegetation cover changes, to name but a few.

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