

International Climate Change

Question: What I am doing to safeguard your future?

Question: How young people can get actively involved?



Here are the answers,

1. The phenomenon of Climate Change has no divide for rural and urban people, irrespective of age, sex, religion, caste or creed.
2. We all know 70 percent of Indians live in vast rural tract. We also know coastal people in maritime states of India and Union Territories are the most vulnerable people- and that's not small percentage of total population. Roughly 25% of people in India live within 50Km of the coast.
3. And again out of these, Sundarbans in West Bengal is my primary concern. We would like to ensure food security for 4.5 million people living in 52 inhabited islands. Post-Aila, after 25th May 2009, we have searched and rediscovered 05 of 06 salt-tolerant farmer's varieties in the area. We have taken them to the farmers, make them aware of the forgotten treasure and they have slowly started cultivating these seeds. The area under cultivation of the salt-tolerant varieties is growing immensely. The young farmers are now learning to cope up and adapt to climate change.
4. In the city, where I teach in three Institutes of repute, I have been teaching energy efficiency. Switch of lights and fans before you leave the class and use minimum necessity lights and fan during class. It works.
5. Everyone of us can practice energy efficiency and go for green living. Use less water, less paper, less electricity- even then you can meet all your demand.
6. I believe the dictum of Reduce, Recycle and Reuse. All young people can try this formula. It will help reducing impact of climate change- it will help to reduce CO₂ emission.
7. I believe in collective action, so I have formed "Climate Action Group"- an alliance of 12 NGO's. We walked across the downtown carrying placards & posters urging people to reduce the use of electricity and water- 1000 of us in 2009; its said to be first such event in this city..
8. I have convinced my fellow activists to put the message of Energy Efficiency in their work place. Thousands of stickers- self adhesives, are distributed to switch off fans and lights before any one leaves the room. These are pasted below every switch board.

Small actions can go a long way, try it and let us know.

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