Editorial

"Rio+20"

"Rio+20" is the short name for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development which took place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in June 2012 – twenty years after the landmark 1992 Earth Summit in Rio. At the Rio+20 Conference, world leaders, along with thousands of participants from the private sector, NGOs and other groups, came together to shape how we can reduce poverty, advance social equity and ensure environmental protection on an ever more crowded planet. The official discussions focussed on two main themes : how to build a green economy to achieve sustainable development and lift people out of poverty; and how to improve international coordination for sustainable development.

If we are to leave a liveable world to our children and grandchildren, the challenges of widespread poverty and environmental destruction need to be tackled now. As per recent estimates, the world today has 7 billion people – by 2050, there will be 9 billion. One out of every five people – 1.4 billion – currently lives on $1.25 a day or less. A billion and half people in the world don't have access to electricity. Two and a half billion people don't have a toilet. Almost a billion people go hungry every day. Greenhouse gas emissions continue to rise, and more than a third of all known species could go extinct if climate change continues unchecked.

The Rio+20 meet, a historic opportunity was here to define pathways to a safer, more equitable, cleaner, greener and more prosperous world for all. More than $ 513 billion was pledged to built a sustainable future.

Throughout the world the sustainable peace should be achieved by only the sustainable development. But to achieve this, will be a tough job. Today the world is in the grip of several crisis. Now India is slowly pushing its agenda of sustainable development. India should leave the polluters and instead save its environment and protect its poor. India should push its economy & reduce environmental damage for a socially just sustainable approach to growth.

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