

17th September Recap

TARAGram Yatra 2010

Challenges and Opportunities

- India has the choice of moving on a low carbon (sustainable) path of growth unlike developed countries
- Ecosystem services used for the wellbeing of people not to exploit, complementing infrastructure services
- Inequality : Affluenza and povertitis
- Change in behaviour and attitudes
- Energy security
- Balancing environmental conservation (arresting loss of biodiversity) and poverty reduction
- Technology fixes v/s community engagement
- Scalability of pilots
- Existing government procurement and subsidies

Response Strategies

- Concept of need based approach for resource use
Resource Efficiency
- Mapping of renewable resources and replacement of fossil fuels
- Appropriate and affordable technology with business models
- Diversification of livelihoods – especially non-farm
- Alternative measurements to GDP such as ecological footprint, ecosystem valuation need to included
- A holistic systemic thinking is required while formulating solutions

Measures to Accelerate Responses and Impacts

- Institutions and financial mechanisms for promoting green technologies and enterprises
- Ecosystem services approach to be adopted beyond natural resource management
- Synergy between inclusive growth and sustainable growth to be exploited
- Recognition of domestic incentives/co benefits of green actions
- Local level accountability for action/inaction to protect environment

Prospects for Day 2

- Sectors highlighted
 - Energy : RE & Demand side management
 - Waste recycling and reuse
 - Urban planning and mass transport
 - Natural resource management (forestry & agriculture)
 - Water management
 - Ecosystem services
 - Construction
- Need for diversification – sustainable livelihoods
 - Agriculture is a highly vulnerable sector
 - Development of small and medium towns – service sector

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