



It is heartening to learn that School of Management Studies, Lucknow is organising an all-India seminar on the theme 'Sources of Planet Energy, Environmental & Disaster Sciences (SPEEDS 2018): Climate Disturbances and Global Impact".

India has a long tradition of harmonious co-existence with nature. Ancient Indian thought has always considered nature as a living entity. Respect for nature is an integral part of our culture, and has been passed across generations. The concepts of reuse and recycle have always been a habit in every household.

Nature and energy do not recognise any boundaries. They are interconnected, seamless and boundless. Natural resources are bountiful, but as children of Mother Earth, it is the collectively responsibility of mankind to tap these free gifts of nature judiciously.

Climate change is a pressing global challenge. It calls for a collective human action and a comprehensive response. The brunt of climate change is always felt severely by the poor. When a natural disaster strikes, they are hit the hardest. Therefore, the need of the hour is to shift focus from climate change to climate justice.

May the deliberations at the Seminar come up with practical suggestions to mitigate the impact of climate change on the poorer sections of the society. Best wishes for success of the Seminar.

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