



Environmentalist had warned about perils caused by melting iceberg

Lucknow (PNS): With recent reports coming in that at the end of the southern pole, an iceberg measuring 5800 sq km, with an estimated thickness of 350 metres, has been slashed

away from its core, a city environmentalist and former MD of Rajkiya Nirman Nigam said that he had already highlighted the impending danger because of the melting of the iceberg in his book written two years ago.

While talking to 'The Pioneer' in his book, 'Global Warming- Causes, Impacts and Remedies' (April 2015 edition), Prof Singh said that through the satellite image captured by NASA, a wide and deep crevice had been registered in the pine-iceberg area of the south polar region of Antarctic, Pine-Iceberg.

He said that the scientists made an estimate that if the ice of this mammoth-sized iceberg thawed then the sea level could witness an alarming increase of about 10 inches.

"Moreover, this will cause a grave havoc to the ships and lead to the submerging of the islands in its vicinity. What is more to be taken into account is its area which is one-and-a-half times bigger than Goa, four times the area of New Delhi and seven times that of New York," he said.

"This is a direct consequence of the wanton and mindless exploitation of the earth's natural resources and minerals, oil and coal to name a few. An estimated augmentation in the population score and an uneven development around us every minute is also because of this. Sweeping off the woods, loads of vehicles and sprawling of industries are adding tremendously to the wear and tear of Nature around us making a direct increase in the global temperature," he added.