Editorial

At present because of UN General Assembly meeting, many world leaders are confronted by concerned general public about impact of climate change. Young girls and boys are asking uncomfortable questions to politicians and policy think tanks and mostly questions are not directly answered but just "ducked". The questions are being asked from different parts of the world not just Paris or New York only.

This clearly shows that awareness drive that was initiated may be a few decades ago is paying rich dividends. China and India - the fast emerging economies, are playing a central role for a change away from developed economy actions in the past. Since energy is the driver of all economy, the global solar alliance, initiated by India is in the right direction but safe disposal of waste in this sector is yet to receive serious ground level attention. Similarly a small village, with about 600 inhabitants in the Indian state of Andhra Pradesh, is entirely dependent on only "water from thin air" as their source of water. So, globally now local level solutions for energy and water are emerging and it is a good sign for the future welfare of all living beings on Earth!

Latest report of IPCC on sea level change appears to indicate the fragile nature of Andaman and Nicobar Islands in the Bay of Bengal. Coupled with their observations on disappearing "Alps" in Italy does not auger well for future climate. Hence caution is still the best word on global warming scenario.

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