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25 June 2018. After a high-level inaugural session that saw Hon'ble Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Dr Harsh Vardhan, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Bihar, Shri Nitish Kumar, Honourable Deputy Chief Minister of Bihar, Shri Sushil Kumar Modi and Shri Mahesh Gagda, Hon'ble Minister, Forest Department, Government of Chhattisgarh inaugurate the two-day long East India Climate Change Conclave, Day 2 of the Conclave focussed on three dedicated technical sessions on climate resilient agriculture, water and finance.

The conclave that started yesterday and is organised by Department of Environment and Forests, Government of Bihar, in collaboration with Action on Climate Today (ACT), DFID-Climate Change Innovation Programme & Centre for Environment, Energy and Climate Change (CEECC) at Asian Development Research Institute (ADRI) brings together policy makers, top government officials, decision makers and industries from East Indian region, and other global, national, sub-national and non-governmental experts to deliberate and exchange lessons on building a climate-resilient nation.

Each of the sessions also saw the release of thematic reports – 'Value Chain Assessment of Climate Resilient Crops in Bihar', 'Green Skill Development Programme (GSDP): Water Budgeting & Auditing' and 'Climate Change Budget Coding in Odisha' – on climate resilient agriculture, climate resilient water management and climate finance, respectively.

The report on *Value Chain Assessment of Climate Resilient Crops in Bihar*, prepared by Action on Climate Today – Climate Change Innovation Programme (ACT-CCIP) identifies Maize, Paddy and Lentil as three potential climate resilient crops in Bihar and assesses full spectrum of opportunities in these identified crops using a Value Chain approach.

Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change ambitious skill development programme : Green Skill Development Programme (GSDP) module on Water Budgeting & Auditing is been launched in East India Climate Change Conclave 2018 which has been developed by Centre for Environment, Energy & Climate Change at ADRI.

Climate Change Budget Coding in Odisha report by Forest and Environment Department, Government of Odisha and ACT-CCIP aims to inform planners in the state government of the current climate change relevance and sensitivity of public expenditure in the sectors outlined in Odisha's State Action Plan on Climate Change through a detailed budget coding exercise.

Key points emerging from this two-day long conclave included the need to stick to commitments, collaborate and take collective action on building a climate resilient India. Scholars came up with many policy recommendations such as cohesive working of departments to make projects climate proof, push CSR funding into climate resilience projects, better plans on water management and more aggressive action.

The conclave has successfully deliberated on ways to build adaptive capacity across the East Indian states and identify potential opportunities for exchange between states on climate change mainstreaming into planning and policy formulation process. EICCC saw participation of over 100 experts, leaders and practitioners from not just the Eastern states of the country but also from across India and other significant global organisations.



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