

WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT DR. JAMI HOSSAIN IS OUR NEW PATRON!

Shreeranya Renewable India (SRI) is pleased to announce that Dr Jami Hossain, Technical Chair, World Wind Energy Association (WWEA), Chief Mentor of WinDForce Management Services Pvt and Senior Corporate Advisor with Regen Powertech has become our new patron.



About Dr. Hossain

Dr. Jami Hossain, an engineer and a scientist-entrepreneur is credited for having successfully undertaken commissioning of first grid connected wind farms in India. Since 1985, for nearly 30 years, he has carried out pioneering research work on different aspects of renewable energy,

particularly wind energy.

Dr. Hossain has played a key role in technology transfer of cutting edge technologies such as gearless wind turbines to India and in the knowledge incubation of some of the successful wind businesses.

Since 2003, he has been active with World Wind Energy Association (WWEA) (www.wwindea.org) as its treasurer (2011-13) and now as the Technical Chair of the Association. He has contributed to wide ranging issues faced by the wind sector across the world and has coordinated with international agencies like WWEA, REN21, GWEC, IRENA, Worldbank etc.

We are please to welcome Dr. Javier Collado Ruano as a Member of Advisory Board of Green Planet Mantra.

Dr. Javier Collado Ruano is Professor on Global Citizenship Education, Sustainability, Philosophy of Education, History, and International Relations. He holds a PhD in Dissemination of Knowledge by the Federal University of Bahia (Brazil) and also a PhD in Philosophy by the University of Salamanca (Spain). Master Degree in Sociology of Education by the University of Seville (Spain) and Graduation in History by the University of Valencia (Spain) with specialization in International Relations and Archeology by the University of Palermo (Italy).



He is founder and Director at Global Education Magazine (supported by UNESCO and UNHCR) and President at Education for Life NGO. He is also Academic Member of the Big History Institute (Australia), Academic Member at World Biomimetic Foundation (Spain), Member of the editorial board at the Journal of International Society of Philosophy and Cosmology (Ukraine), Chief Advisor and Conferment of Fellowship Awards at PAN African Institute for Entrepreneurship and Community Development (Nigeria), and Education Advisor at Human Dignity and Humiliation Studies (USA).

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CLIMATE CHANGE IS AS DANGEROUS AS ISIS, SAYS KERRY, AND PART OF THE PROBLEM IS YOUR AIR-CONDITIONING.

Source: The Washington Post, July 27, 2016



When Secretary of State John F. Kerry was in Austria's capital Vienna recently to join discussions on climate change, chances were low that he encountered too many air conditioned rooms.

To Americans used to cooler rooms in summer, this may just have been a simple cultural difference. For the climate negotiators, however, it most likely reflects a bigger divide between the U.S., Europe, and developing economies. Both Europe and North America are worried about some of the gases that are emitted from fridges and air conditioners. But apart from those concerns, European nations in particular are also looking with growing anger and skepticism at the United States' heavily reliance on air conditioning.

"If the second, fourth, and fifth most populous nations — India, Indonesia, and Brazil, all hot and humid — were to use as much energy per capita for air conditioning as does the U.S., it would require 100 percent of those countries' electricity supplies, plus all of the electricity generated by Mexico, the United Kingdom, Italy, and the entire continent of Africa," said Stan Cox, a researcher who focuses on indoor climate controlling. Within the next 80 years, global electricity consumption is expected to rise by more than 80 percent due to more air conditioning, and an increased use of fridges and fans.

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CLIMATE CHANGE WORSENS CONFLICT, SAY SCIENTISTS IN NEW STUDY

By: Vidya Venkat, Source : The Hindu, July 27, 2016

Scientists draw up statistical correlation between outbreak of conflict in ethnically divided regions and climate disasters.

Climate change can worsen ethnic conflict, climate scientists have shown in a research paper published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS) of U.S.A. The main hypothesis of the paper, that was first published online on Monday, July 25, is that climate-related disaster enhances the risk of armed conflict outbreak in ethnically divided countries. They conclude that climate change acts as a threat multiplier during conflict, though not a direct trigger.

The authors of the report, Carl-Friedrich Schleussner, Reik V. Donner and Hans Joachim Schellnhuber, are affiliated with the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research, Germany; and Jonathan F. Donges is with the Stockholm Resilience Centre. Using event coincidence analysis, they tested their hypothesis based on data on armed-conflict outbreaks and climate-related natural disasters for the period 1980–2010. Globally, the researchers found a coincidence rate of 9 per cent regarding armed-conflict outbreak and disaster occurrence such as heat waves or droughts. The analysis also reveals that during the 30-year study period about 23 per cent of conflict outbreaks in ethnically highly divided countries robustly coincided with climatic calamities.



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'CLIMATE CHANGE, DEVELOPMENT AT INDIAN COASTS CHANGING BIRD MIGRATION'

Source: Business Standard, July 2, 2016

Climate change and development activities in coastal wetlands of India have led to change in arrival patterns of migratory birds and habitat alterations, an expert said. The important coastal wetlands along the east coast of India are Gulf of Mannar, Point Calimere, Pulicat, and Chilika.

On the east coast, due to the degradation of wetlands habitats, populations of various waterbird species are dwindling in their traditional wintering sites, said S. Balachandran, deputy director, Bombay Natural History Society.

"Climate change is definitely affecting the migratory pattern and also development in the coastal areas. Winter is not happening in many places. For example, in Chilika in Odisha, 20 years ago it used to be very cold (in winters). Birds which are coming from Arctic region need that...."

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APPLY POLLUTER PAYS PRINCIPLE TO U.S.: CJI, T.S. THAKUR

By: Krishnadas Rajagopal, Source: The Hindu, July 3, 2016



It is easy to pin accusations of environment degradation and climate change on emerging economies like India, while advanced nations like the United States have been emitting carbon 10 times more than India for the past 200 years, Chief Justice of India T.S. Thakur said on Saturday.

Speaking at a symposium on international law here, he said the entire human race was affected by the excesses of industrialised nations like the U.S. "The depletion of the ozone layer, affecting the entire human race, is not because India is emerging or because we are dependent on coal or because of our thermal plants, which have come under criticism from environmental activists from within the country and outside," he said.

Chief Justice Thakur said an international framework should be evolved to apply the polluter pays principle to advanced economies like the U.S.

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KERALA AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY TO STEP UP STUDIES ON CLIMATE

By: ST Ramavarman, Source: The Times of India, July 2, 2016

THRISSUR: The Kerala Agricultural University General Council (KAUGC) decided to strengthen the Research in the field of climate change adaptation and mitigation.

The General Council meeting held at university head quarters at Vellanikkara near here on Saturday took note of the effects of climate change in the state's farming sector and expressed concern over the lack of strategies to counter the ill effects of climatic vagaries.

Reacting to the concerns expressed by the council members Vice-Chancellor P.Rajendran said that KAU, was the first university in India to start a course in Climate change adaptation and research, and it will use all the resources and capability to formulate strategies to help farmers overcome the constraints caused by climate change.

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MP: NON-UTILISATION OF FUND PUTS AGRICULTURE OFFICIALS IN DOCK

By: by Manoj Ahuja, Source: Hindustan Times, July 6, 2016



State principal secretary (agriculture) Rajesh Rajora has issued show-cause notice to deputy directors of agriculture of 17 districts, asking them to explain why has a single paisa of the fund not been utilised until now. The districts include Gwalior, Shahdol, Panna, Barwani, and Sheopur.

Apart from these, fund utilisation has been less than 10% in some districts like Ujjain, Singrauli and Umaria. Some other districts such as Burhanpur, Neemuch, Khandwa, Rajgarh and Shivpuri have reported fund utilisation of less than 25%.

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RAJASTHAN GOVERNOR URGES FOR INNOVATIONS IN EDUCATION SYSTEMSource: India Today, 1st August, 2016 by Ajay Chhangani

Rajasthan Governor Kalyan Singh today called for innovations and new contemporary methods in the education system to keep students updated and their confidence high. Speaking at the 7th convocation ceremony at MDS University in Ajmer, he highlighted the role and importance of value-based education.

"Changes in education and society are taking place rapidly. Character building is the main objective of education and without education, the life is in dark. For character building, education should be value-based," Singh said.

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INDIAN EDUCATION SYSTEM IS RIGID, REGIMENTED AND OUTDATED TO CURRENT TIMES

Source: Business World, July 15, 2016, By Tushar Kansal

Western education system is highly capitalist in its construct – a robust Defense-Industrial complex is in partnership with Private Universities, which ensures access to such cutting-edge technologies, which could have been only be developed without botheration of problems such as unending access to research monies.

The excellent US education system entails entrance to Colleges by weightage given as: 25% communication & stage presence, 25% sports and 50% academic performance. Just why is Indian education system giving 100% weightage to academics? If Indian system were to be changed to US system of 25:25:50; then with time, schools will start making systems for grooming of students in personality, sports, communications and so on. Sure, this small administrative order can be issued by the Government!

India also needs to move stress from obtaining degrees/ certificates to getting people to learn skills – While Skill India is welcome, but student's skills need to be physically tested rather than checking answer sheets, which result in rote system. So, amongst the 50% academic weightage too, practical skill testing has to be done. [Read more.....](#)

WHY CLIMATE CHANGE IS AN EDUCATION ISSUE

By Felipe Calderón, former President of Mexico, is Chair of the Global Commission on the Economy and Climate.

Source: Project Syndicate, August 14, 2016.

About 40 per cent of adults worldwide have never heard of climate change, research shows. Investing in quality education is the best way to help the next generation address this global problem, says former Mexican president Felipe Calderón.



NEW YORK – Climate change affects us all, but we still are not acting as quickly as we should to address its causes, mitigate the damage, and adapt to its effects. Many people don't understand the risks climate change poses to global economic and social structures. And, sadly, many who do understand are dismissive of the far-reaching benefits a global shift to sustainability and clean energy would bring about.

According to a recent Pew study, seven out of ten Americans classified as political independents were not very concerned that climate change would hurt them. Worse still, Yale University researchers recently found that 40 per cent of adults worldwide have never even heard of climate change. In some developing countries, such as India, that figure climbs to 65 per cent. [Read more.....](#)

IT'S TIME TO RECTIFY EDUCATION SYSTEM, TANVEER SAIT SAYS

By Deepika Burli Source: The Times of India July 18, 2016.



BENGALURU: On his first ever interaction with teachers and lecturers after taking over the primary and secondary education ministry, Tanveer Sait said "it is absolutely important to start the retrospection process and rectify all that went wrong in the past with the education system in the state." [Read more.....](#)

MANIPUR STATE RECORDS AN INCREASING RICE PRODUCTION

Source: Nagalandpost.com, June 30, 2016

There has been a steep rise in rice production in Manipur even as the farm lands reduced by 10.48% in the past several years. The total production of paddy was increased to 5,97,670 MT from 4,39,000 MT during the last 15 years with a productivity of 2680 kg/hectare against the national average of 2177 kg/hectare.

The state bagged Krishi Karman Award conferred by the government of India in 2011-12 and 2012-13 for increasing the rice production, an official statement said Thursday. [Read more.....](#)

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