

# A clear, and present danger



THE IPCC MAY BE IN THE DOCK FOR ALLEGEDLY FUDGING FACTS TO SUPPORT ITS CLAIM ON CLIMATE CHANGE BUT BANGALORE'S YOUNG BELIEVE THE PROBLEM IS MUCH GRAVER THAN THE BIG ISSUE OVER THE REPORT. DNA'S NISHANT RATNAKAR AND ELIZABETH SOUMYA HEAD TO THE IISC TO FIND OUT WHAT THE GREENS THINK



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## Warming is a calamity on a global scale

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Is it really getting hot in here or are we being manipulated into hallucinating about soaring temperatures and thawing icecaps taking us ever closer to an irreversible global catastrophe? Dr TV Ramachandra from centre for ecological sciences at the Indian Institute of Sciences presents his views: "Global warming is far from a myth. It is certainly happening."

Not discouraged by the recent IPCC slip-up, he says, "There might be ulterior motives for those working on it and sometimes the data may be wrong and the analysis not accurate. But that doesn't nullify the reality of climate change that we face. Despite the goof-up by Dr RK Pachuri, there is still historical data to prove that we are facing a disaster that requires immediate attention."

The repercussions of global warming on everyday lives of people will be costly, he adds. "We will pay a heavy price, and that is going to happen with water soon. Companies will be bottling water and selling it back to us to make more money."

Dr Ramachandra doesn't stop at just acknowledging the authenticity of global warming, he hands out a few pointers that people need to put into practice encouraging action rather than fear.

"We need to preserve eco-systems and our natural resources and that is crucial. Data clearly shows that land cover change is the root cause of global warming. The solution is of course that we need to green up. We need to identify and increase our green cover with natural species of vegetation. This will rejuvenate the water level and also preserve biodiversity."

He wraps up on an optimistic note: "With more than one billion of us in the country, imagine how much is possible."



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1 **Climate change is** a genuine threat. It isn't a new problem, but it's only now that the developed nations have woken up to it

2 **All news is** exaggerated. With climate change we can feel its impact. So it certainly isn't an 'imaginary' problem

3 **Climate change is** not a farce at all. I don't think people are afraid of it, in fact there needs to be more awareness about it

4 **Scientists definitely need** to give reliable information when they speak on the topic. The only way we can tackle global warming is by altering our habits

5 **Climate change is** certainly not a figment; it is a very real threat. There might be hype, but sometimes it takes that kind exposure for people to take notice

6 **Climate change is** a reality and we are all aware of it. Even if the details are not exactly the same, we all know that it is definitely happening



5 Smitha Mohanty



6 Swapnil Mahajan