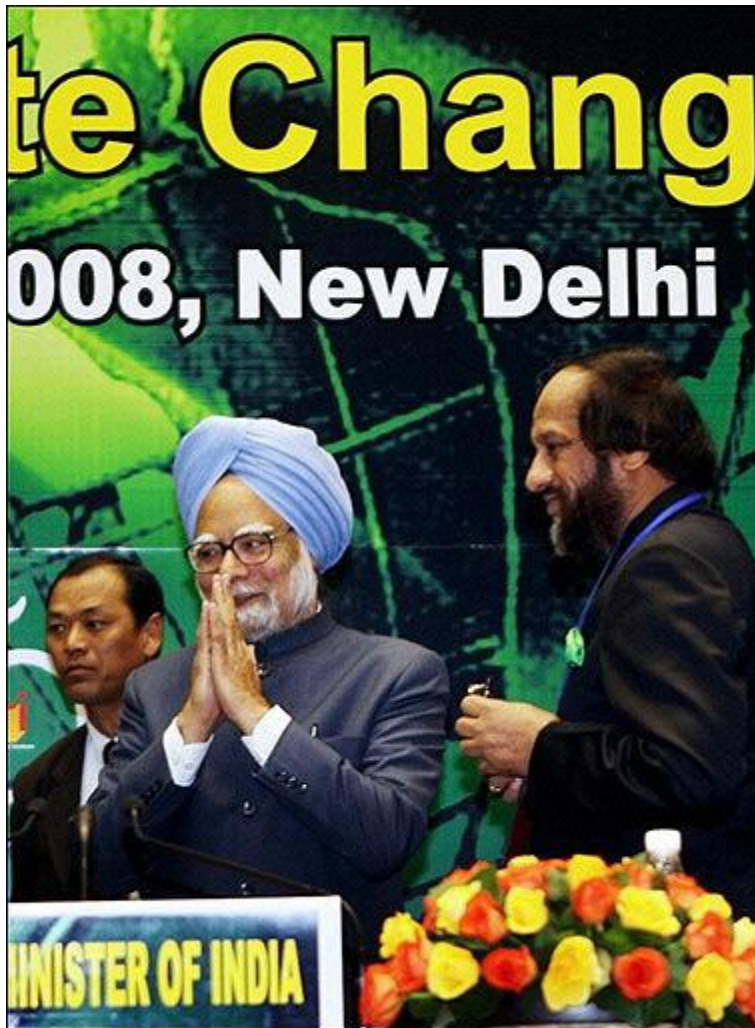


Indian PM calls for 'climate justice' to fight global warming;
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Manmohan Sing

Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh(L) greets delegates as the Chairman of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and Nobel prize winner R.K. Pachauri looks on during the inauguration of a World Sustainable Development Summit on Climate Change in New Delhi. Singh urged rich countries to ensure technology transfers to developing nations to combat climate change under a transparent global regime.

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Calling for "climate justice," Singh said developing countries such as India needed environment-friendly technologies in various sectors.

"We in the developing world desperately need access to environment-friendly technologies, especially in energy, transportation, manufacturing and agriculture," Singh told a gathering of international leaders and scientists in New Delhi.

"By climate justice, we mean a fair, equitable and transparent global regime for technology transfers," Singh said at the opening of the annual Delhi Sustainable Development Summit.

"It is in the interests of people living in developed and developing countries to facilitate such transfers."

India, which contributes around four percent of the global greenhouse gas emissions, is one of the world's top polluters.

But it has resisted international pressure to make commitments to limit emissions.

India, along with China, is not included for targeted emission cuts under the 1997 Kyoto Protocol, the only global agreement that sets specific targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Singh reiterated the government's stand that India's per capita emissions will not exceed those of industrialised nations.

Singh said the Indian government would come up with a detailed national plan by June to tackle the effects of global warming.

The prime minister had set up a panel last year to prepare a comprehensive roadmap for energy efficiency and sustainable development.

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