Arnold vows to ‘terminate’ climate change

By Priyanka Srivastava in New Delhi

ARNOLD Schwarzenegger, actor-turned-governor-turned-green planet saviour, seemed mightily impressed with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his endeavours in working towards issues concerning the environment.

After a gruelling shooting schedule for the fifth installment of Terminator titled Terminator: Genisys, the governor—as he is fondly known—headed straight to India for the 13th Delhi Sustainable Development Summit.

Speaking at the event, Arnold, 67, vowed to “terminate climate change” from the planet while confirming that he is “an action hero in movies while (Tihar director-general) Dr R.K. Pandharkar is the hero of the green world.”

The summit was attended by Pandharkar and Finance Minister Arun Jaitley and former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, among others. Wearing a charming smile, Arnold was, however, all praise for the Indian prime minister.

“I have admired him and watched him very carefully since he was the chief minister of Gujarat, which I hear is the California of India. He is the man who started the solar revolution in India and came up with the idea of covering canals with solar panels,” Arnold said.

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Hails Modi’s efforts for a better environment

“Instead of carbon credits, we should emphasise upon green credits.”

— PRakash Javadekar, UNION ENVIRONMENT MINISTER

“There will have to be different (sustainable development) targets for different countries, as they are all at different stages of development.”

“Is it easy for the outside world to make statements? Indians are dealing with indoor pollution and harmful effects of poisonous. International contribution is needed to work together with India.”

A big supporter of renewable energy, Arnold hailed for creating self-sufficient energy resources through solar and wind energy. “About 40 million tonnes of additional harmful greenhouse gases are emitted every year. Around the world, about seven million people die due to pollution-related diseases. One million of them are from India,” the former governor of California said.

There is a clear connection between environment and economy, he said. “The economy of California grew 2.4 per cent last year because people supported effective use of fuel. Environmental commitments helped create new jobs and stabilised the economy.” Arnold said.