



THE MANY MOODS OF 'TERMINATOR'. Actor, politician and environment activist Arnold Schwarzenegger reacts during various moments of the summit.

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Arnold vows to 'terminate' climate change

By Priyanka Srivastava in New Delhi

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

After a grueling shooting schedule for the fifth instalment of the Terminator film series—Gesinga, the governor—as he is fondly known—headed straight to India for the 10th 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 [World director-general Dr R.K.] Pachauri is the hero of the Green world."

The summit meet was attended by Pachauri and French Environment minister and former prime minister Laurent Fabius, 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 was the one who started the solar revolution in India, and came up with the idea of covering canals with solar

Hails Modi's efforts for a better environment

panels," Arnold said. "He is a great hope," said Arnold—his another nickname—applauding the celebrated and "brilliant idea" of the Gujarat model. "Now the central government here wants to cover over 1,400 miles of canals to generate thousands of MW of clean energy," he added.

Stating that he hopes Modi, a national leader now, will continue to work for the benefit of the environment, Arnold said, "I hope he also comes with us for the United Nations Climate Change Conference COP in Paris for negotiations in November."

Pointing at environmental challenges faced by India, Arnold said,

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

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"It is easy for the outside world to make statements. Indians are dealing with indoor pollution and harmful effects of smog. International contribution is needed to work together with India."

A big supporter of renewable energy, Arnold hinted 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 close connection between environment and economy, he said. "The economy of California grew 3.4 per cent last year because people supported effective use of fuel. Environmental commitments helped create more jobs and stimulated the economy," Arnold said.

Arnold Schwarzenegger at the 10th Delhi Sustainable Development Summit on Thursday.

