

Minister of state for environment Prakash Javadekar and railway minister Suresh Prabhu greet former California governor and Hollywood action hero Arnold Schwarzenegger at the 15th Delhi Sustainable Development Summit in New Delhi on Thursday.

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## Act now on climate change, says France

New Delhi, Feb. 5:
Asking the international community to work together on climate change and not against each other, France on Thursday warned that a significant reduction of greenhouse gas emissions is not achievable without equitable access to sustainable development.

Noting that 2015 will be a "defining moment" as far as climate change is concerned, it also made an impassioned plea to the nations to agree on major issues before assembling in Paris later this year for inking a deal to limit global warming to below 2 degree Celsius.

French foreign minister Laurent Fabius, who is the president of the twenty-first session of the Conference of the French foreign minister Laurent Fabius asked the political leadership all across the world to act in "collective spirit" to achieve low carbon growth

Parties (CoP 21), referred to the report produced by IPCC, a UNappointed panel, which has "confirmed that climate change, or rather climate disruption, is a threat", and said that the world should "act now" to deal with it.

"The scientific community has done its job - it is now to governments, businesses, civil society to act," he said, inaugurating the 15th Delhi S u s t a i n a b l e

Development Summit (DSDS) organised by the Energy Resource Institute (TERI) here.

He asked political leadership all across the world to act in "collective spirit" to achieve low carbon growth.

"No doubt, 2015 will be a defining moment for our action. Today, more than ever, we need to address climate and development together, not against each other," the visiting French leader said in the presence of Union ministers Suresh Prabhu and Prakash Javadekar.

He sought increased financing from public and private sources for achieving \$100 billion Green Climate Fund (GCF) and shifting business from high carbon to low carbon technology.

## Arnold vows to 'terminate' climate woes

New Delhi, Feb. 5:
Hollywood action-movie
star Arnold
Schwarzenegger on
Thursday said he would be
a "terminator" for climate
change and asked state
governments to follow
Narendra Modi's "actions"
as Gujarat chief minister
to achieve sustainable
development goals.

The former California governor, who has earned a reputation as a climate change activist, thanked and lauded Mr Modi for his work, including as chief minister of Gujarat, to push for sustainable development and clean energy.

Appreciating the progress made by Gujarat on climate change front, he said this showed that the state governments have tremendous power with them and they need not wait for the Central government for any action.

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Actor and former governor of California Arnold Schwarzenegger with students during the 15th Delhi Sustainable Development Summit in New Delhi on Thursday. — PTI