

Institute Lecture



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The Challenge of Climate Change and India's response

@ 6:15 pm | April 4, 2019

Venue: L17, LHC



About the talk:

Climate Change is reshaping the way we think about our planet and our future. Scientists, policy makers, and industrialists are exploring innovative ways to combat the adverse effects of climate change, in an attempt to minimize global temperature increases resulting from the unabated exploitation of fossil fuels and the emission of greenhouse gases. The lecture will briefly review how climate change is adversely affecting our atmosphere and oceans, as well as the deleterious impact on human, animal and plant life of Earth. The lecture will present an overview of global negotiations on efforts to combat climate change, and how the challenges posed by climate change unite as well as divide the world. The lecture will also describe India's concerns and developmental prerogatives, the action that India is taking to adapt to climate change as well as to

mitigate the country's carbon footprint, and to the implementation challenges which India and other developing countries are facing.

About the Speaker:

Shri Ajit Kumar Seth is a former senior civil servant who, in the course of a varied and highly acclaimed career, performed a range of important administrative roles. He obtained B.Sc. (Hons.) and M.Sc. degrees in Chemistry from St. Stephen's College/ Department of Chemistry, Delhi University, and M.Phil in Life Sciences from the Jawaharlal Nehru University. Mid-career in 1992-93, Shri Seth also obtained a Masters' in Development Finance from the University of Birmingham, U.K. In 2015, the University of Birmingham conferred upon Shri Seth a Doctorate honoris causa. Shri Seth joined the Indian Administrative Service (IAS) in 1974. He served in important capacities Uttar Pradesh and in the Government of India, including a diplomatic assignment in the Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations at Geneva. Shri Seth was appointed Cabinet Secretary to the Government of India in June 2011. He held this apex position till his retirement in June 2015. He has thus been among the longest-serving Cabinet Secretaries. He subsequently also served as Chairman of the Public Enterprises Selection Board till the end, 2016. Currently, Shri Seth is a Distinguished PSA Fellow, engaged in a few synergy projects being administrated by the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India

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