

NOA - Mock 8

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Climate change, an approaching storm exacerbated by anthropogenic activities, is wrecking havoc on the every walk of both state and individual life. Prioritizing awareness pertaining to this issue before proceeding into actions holds significant importance for lessening the severity of this crisis. Likewise, the culture of awareness guarantees behavioural changes of individuals, makes people environment sensitive and compel them to adopt such ways and means that are more friendly to the entire ecosystem. These practices eventually put lid on the scourage of climate change. However, without promoting awareness, any actions related to climate change cannot give fruitful result as people won't give up those practices which are hazardous to the environment. Despite having paramount importance for climate change, promoting awareness about this cause is still a herculean task as it is fraught with plethora of obstacles. These may be attributed to the lack of political will, media censorship by various tyrants, inadequate institutional infrastructure and many others. As far as Pakistan's situation is concerned, the country is striving hard to promote awareness about this issue as it is feeling the heat of this menace quite disproportionately.

Nonetheless, the situation is not that much helpless to be redeemed, but does require some robust steps in the right direction. In this regard, the states must align their curriculum with environment, highlight the severity of climate change via media platform and promote the culture of research and development about climate change.

Before starting with proper discourse, it is pertinent here to shed light on the notion of awareness about climate change. It is basically related to enlightening public minds and making states environment sensitive.

Likewise, compelling both states and individuals to acknowledge this issue and to realize the gravity of this matter. This whole concept encompasses ensuring or altering the ways of human lives and the practices that they have introduced which directly or indirectly pose threat to the entire ecosystem by enabling the menace of climate change. That is why it carries immense importance before stepping into actions pertaining to climate change.

Prioritizing awareness about climate change holds significant importance.

In this connection, awareness about climate change results

Changing the behavioural pattern of both states and individuals. It is a growing consensus among scholars that awareness and acquiring knowledge make people and state so responsible. This sense of responsibility can only be inculcated via awareness, which eventually changes the entire pattern of human lives. For example, the level of awareness pertaining to climate change among Scandinavian countries particularly Norway, Sweden is more higher than Afghanistan or any other related least developing countries. That is why there are more environmental friendly activities in the former than the latter.

Moreover, the level of awareness also compels both states and individuals to transform themselves towards the renewable energy. It is a matter of fact that the more the ideas and information ones have about the severity of climate change, the more ones will adopt the environmental friendly activities. In today's era, the awareness level among the Saudi Arabia Kingdom's stakeholder is increasing gradually which ultimately transforming the entire landscape of their all activities. The establishment of Neom city project is enough to prove the claim that awareness compel the states and individuals to shift towards environmental-friendly activities.

Even more importantly, awareness

highlights the issue of climatic justice around the world. Climatic justice is the equitable distribution of responsibilities and burdens related to climate change. This can only be ensured if the information and awareness about climate change is available to all states and individuals.

To substantiate the claim, the vocality of developing countries in global climate politics is important to mention. In today's era, for instance, countries like Pakistan, China and many others are chanting for the justice pertaining to climate change. The concept of justice in their hearts and minds is reinvigorated by the growing level of awareness among them.

Similarly, awareness about climate change emerges the economic activities with environmental concerns. As largely perceived that states are intermingling their economic activities with environment in accordance to the level of awareness that they have about climate change. Brazil, for instance, is striving hard to implement its vision of green planet. For this to materialize, it is promoting the culture of forestation, exploiting renewable sectors for its economic activities and ensuring sustainable economic development. This case is not limited to Brazil only, but countries like Norway, Finland, Pakistan, China also trying hard to explore the concept of sustainable development.

In addition to this, awareness also strengthens institutions pertaining to climate change. It is an irrefutable claim that the culture of awareness results in responsible and enlightened citizens who in turn hold responsible the institutions and states for their actions. In contemporary times the institutions particularly pertaining to climate change have become inactive and aimless mainly because of the low level of awareness among states and citizens. That is why they haven't materialized their aims, visions and policies into both letters and spirits. The case in point is the miserable failure of Kyoto protocol. There are so many controversies associated with this protocol mainly due to low level of awareness which eventually resulted in the failure of this protocol.

Furthermore, global unity against climate change can only be ensured with the practice of awareness. In ongoing period, the global atmosphere is sharply divided on the issue of climate change. This division is mainly due to the variance in the level of awareness among states. Those states which are unaware about the severity of this issue are in contrast with those who are well-aware. Increasing the level among all states absent the

the gravity of this issue will not only shrink their differences but will also sensitize the whole entire globe about the nature of this issues.

Climatic actions without promoting climate change awareness are aimless.

In this connection, legislative actions and framework against climate change cannot give fruitful or the desired result without having awareness about the issues. This means that states and people cannot understand the importance and worthness of legislative laws if they are not well-informed about them. For the sake of argumentation, take one of the legislative measures initiated by climate related institutions. In theory all the legislative measures that have been taken under the umbrella of United Nations Framework for climate change (UNFCCC), are sounding good but in practice these measures have not produced the desired results. The cases are Montreal Protocol, Kyoto Protocol and many others.

In a similar vein, implementation of climate related actions, without promoting awareness is impractical. It is a matter of fact that if states are negligent of their duties pertaining to climate change then any actions, no matter how pragmatic it is, becomes

be futile. The case in point is the idea of loss and damages fund. In COP15, the idea of financing pertaining to climate change emerged and it has been re-emerged in COP27 and COP28 in the form of 'Loss and Damages Fund'. This robust and pragmatic initiative has not been enforced in its letters and spirits mainly because of the low level of awareness among states.

Promoting awareness about climate change is unfortunately, a daunting task as it is fraught with plethora of obstacles.

The first and foremost major constraint is the lack of political will to prioritize this issues. Despite posing grave threats to the entire humanity, it has been a neglected issues among various states. States such as Canada, USA and many other developed countries, even though have taken some initiatives, yet at the same time they are subsidizing their industrial sectors and promoting unsustainable development at the cost of climate change. Numerous researchers have explored that Canada, for instance, has given more than \$70bn subsidies to its industrial sector in order to promote industrialization. This highlights the negligence and lack of will on the part of states to cater about

Issue of climate change.

To make it more worst, Prevalence of Toothless organization pertaining to climate change also act as a stumbling block against promoting awareness about climate change. It is an undeniable fact that climate related institutions have not only outdated because fragiled, but these ^{all} have also become highly politicized which essentially rendered them irrelevant to the needs of meeting climate related challenges. For instance, there are rare cases where UNFCCC initiated the dialogue or conferences about the awareness of climate change. There is no concept of environment in the educational curriculum of states mainly due to these outdated and ill-performed organizations.

Even more worst annoying is the fact that climate change is still a controversial issue among different scholars, states and academia. There are two debates ongoing about climate change: Myths vs reality debate. Some countries, particularly the USA deems it as a myth and relate it to natural phenomenon, while others deems it as reality and hold humans and states responsible for creating this mess. Simple is that this world

is divided on the issue of climate change. This division has made it an unimportant issue which started the concept of awareness among states.

Along with this, Media has been badly censored by business tycoons which, in turn, hindered the awareness about this issue. Business tycoons particularly related to oil, fossil fuels, industrialists and many others have cut out media information and aligned it with their interests. They allow media to promote and generalize their agenda which is quite antithetical to climate change. For example in Trump era, the media was highly censored and was influenced by businessmen and industrialists. They allowed media to flourish their own set of information and agendas and neglected the issues of global importance that is: climate change.

Fortunately, the international community realized the gravity of the situation and has taken some steps in this regard.

Likewise, the global community so far has established some institutions pertaining

to climate cause and initiated the culture of dialogue and conferences. From the report of "Our Common Future, Earth Summit, establishment of UNFCCC and the various protocols and under it to the parties of conference (COP 28), the international community has spread both awareness and taken actions pertaining to climate change. Although these efforts have not been properly utilized, yet it realized the gravity of the matter and the importance of promoting awareness.

Going beyond this, as far as Pakistan's case is concerned, this country is suffering quite disproportionately and that is why it has not only taken measures but also initiated awareness programmes about the scourges of climate change. The main message behind the Billion Tree Tsunami, Green Pakistan initiative, Indus Basin initiatives, Hydropower projects and many others is to aware public about the scourge and impacts of climate change on Pakistan, in particular, and globe, in general.

However, the international community needs to realize the gravity of matter and must take some robust steps to promote the awareness about climate change.

In this regard, the need is to align the states educational curriculum with environment. International community through the platform of UN must come to a conclusion that the involvement of environment in educational activities carries immense importance. The states curriculum must be redesigned and in line with the introduction of environment. Inculcating the aw. importance of environment and making the children aware about the scourage of climate change at primary level will lessen the severity of this crisis.

Secondly, the international community should promote the culture of research and development regarding the issue of climate change. United Nations should compel and enforce the entire community to initiate the research about this issue within their education systems, research centers and many others. For this to materialize, the United Nations must establish separate and sequestered research based institutions in all countries. Along with this, provide financial incentives to materialize this dream.

Thirdly, the international community must promote the culture of dialogue and conferences related to climate change. This can be done by first compelling and

encouraging states to take part in various climate related conferences. The UNFCCC must utilize every forum to ensure the promotion of dialogue and conference culture within states.

lastly, utilizing media platform for promoting awareness regarding the issue of climate change. In this way, the UNFCCC must enforce the states to regulate their media platforms with an aim at promoting environmental concerns and issues related to climate change. In today's globalized and digital era, using media particularly social media will be a major breakthrough in terms of awaking public about climate change.

In a nutshell, it goes without saying that climate change awareness carries immense importance than the actions taken before it. From forcing community and states at large to highlighting justice, climate change awareness realizes and acknowledges the sensitivity of the matters pertaining to climate change. People, states, communities will not understand those steps, policies and actions that are taken in the absence of awareness. These all initiatives become aimless and meaningless in the long run. Although, it is an incontestable claim that climate change awareness is quintessential, yet it is faced with

many obstacles. The international community, in this regard, need to realize the gravity of this issue and must devise some ^{for itself} ways and means to promote awareness. ^{by} Spreading awareness about climate change, the entire community will become sensitized and this planet will become more friendly for survival.