



Ministry of Health and Family Welfare



Dr. Harsh Vardhan addresses the WHO High-Level Coalition on Health and Energy Platform of Action



Stresses India's unique position to pioneer a new model of economic development of low carbon emission and inclusive development

“India's human-centric approach could be a force multiplier for global good”: Dr. Harsh Vardhan

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Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare digitally addressed the first meeting of the World Health Organization High-Level Coalition on Health and Energy Platform of Action, here yesternight through Video Conference. The meeting was attended by several dignitaries and national heads and representatives of various stakeholders like World Bank, UNDP, UNHRC, The International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) etc.





His address is as follows:

inThe world is still reeling under an unprecedented threat of Covid-19 that has pushed governments and citizens to take extraordinary steps to protect human lives and reduce morbidity across the globe. The pandemic, as well as the enormous efforts to manage it, have reiterated the massive interdependence amongst various sectors. It has also underlined the need to ensure that inter-connectedness across sectors needs to be reflected in our policies to ensure an effective and sustainable service delivery.

An expert body called the **National Action Plan on Climate Change and Human Health** was constituted by our government with the multiple objectives of creating awareness amongst the general population, health-care providers and policy makers regarding impact of climate change on human health. This National Expert Group submitted its report recently in April 2021 with inclusion of **Subject Specific Health Action Plans** on identified Climate Sensitive Diseases and **'One Health'**.

In the context of "Green and Climate Resilient Healthcare Facilities", India became signatory to the **Malé Declaration** in 2017 and agreed to promote climate-resilient healthcare facilities to be able to withstand any climatic event. India is today in a unique position to pioneer a new model of economic development of low carbon emission and inclusive development where the attainment of Universal Health Coverage is also one the major determinant factors.

We believe that it is the need of the hour to exhibit firm political and financial commitment to mobilize resources for strengthening the capacity of the health and energy sectors. As nations prepare for the COVID-19 aftermath, there is a tremendous opportunity for a global reset. Ambitious green stimulus plans will help countries restore their economies while deepening their energy transition. I am confident that the collaboration and collective action of this coalition group will help to achieve a greener and healthier planet.

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