

## **Two-day International Conference on Global Environmental Issues to begin on March 14 in New Delhi**

**NEW DELHI, March 12, 2015:** The focus of the **'International Conference on Global Environmental Issues'** to be held on March 14-15, 2015 at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi would be on prevention from violation of environmental laws and resolution of environmental issues.

This was stated by **Mr. Justice Swatanter Kumar, Chairperson, National Green Tribunal**, at the curtain raiser programme of the international conference which is being organised by the National Green Tribunal in association with the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Indian Law Institute and FICCI.

Justice Kumar said that deliberations during the sessions of the conference would cover the critical environmental issues that the world faces today. A set of recommendations related to addressing the key environmental challenges that would emerge would be later documented for appropriate action.

**Dr. Arbind Prasad, Director General, FICCI**, said that the role of the judiciary was highly critical to promote environmental protection and sustainable development and therefore the conference presents a big opportunity to share global experience in environmental regulatory and judicial system.

The international conference, which will see the participation from 22 countries, will showcase global regulatory and policy insights and experience to address persistent environmental issues. The event has a particular focus on the regulatory and judiciary aspects of addressing the key environmental issues presently threatening our global environment. The conference will provide a unique platform to the stakeholders to discuss and analyze a range of issues and derive at solutions relating to global environment and its management.

The conference will bring together judges, environmentalists, scientists, lawyers and other members of the society to dialogue on key topics, such as, unplanned developments, impact of sinking ships, effect of oil spills on marine environment, electronic waste disposal, ozone layer depletion, impact of climate change and international dispute resolution mechanisms on environmental issues.

In the technical sessions, some of the key topics will be discussed such as ozone layer depletion, impact of climate change, unplanned development, impact of sinking ships and waste disposal on marine eco-system, noise and air pollution, environmental toxicology and chemical carcinogenesis, changing principles of sustainable development in developed and developing countries, loss of bio-diversity, effective methodology for collection, segregation and disposal of municipal waste and international dispute resolution mechanisms.

Also present at the curtain raiser were **Mr. Justice Dr. P. Jyothimani**, Judicial Member, National Green Tribunal; **Mr. Dr. D.K. Agrawal**, Expert Member, National Green Tribunal and **Mr. Sanjay Kumar**, Registrar General, National Green Tribunal.

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