



# THE TIERRE SCOOP

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# What? No!

-Aditi Mishra



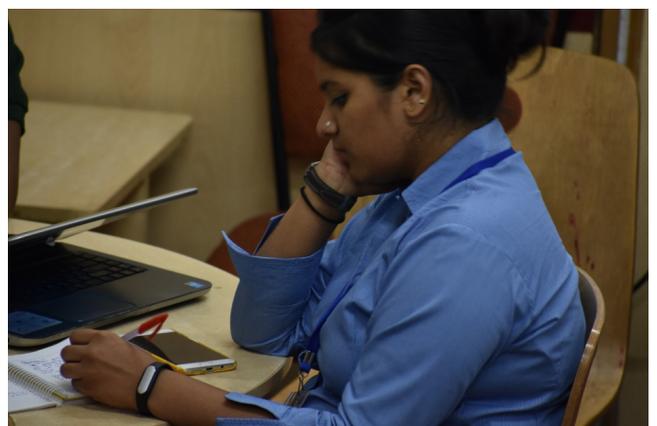
And I-I-I-I-I-I-I-I-I-I-I will  
allwaaasyysss suit up two days  
in a row



Sweden : y'all got some of  
that trash to spare?



Am I being clicked? Noooo noooo  
\*clicks\*



Work, work, work, work, work, work, work  
You see me I be work, work, work,  
work, work, work

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### #VENGEANCE 1.0

-Aditi Mishra

Urban sprawls, city-dwellers, flourishing metropolitan cities - phrases associated with the term city. City, where dreams allegedly come to life and losing yourself amidst chaos suddenly becomes acceptable, chains and shackles are replaced with responsibility and work-place.

Everybody aspires to dream big and moving into a city is perhaps a step closer to the big picture. Lessons in school almost always glorified descriptions of cities whilst portraying the why's and how's of its benefits. Yet, the thought of it almost feels revolting with a hint of amusement. What could possibly make a man move into a place where roads account for more vehicles than humans or intoxicated air over the purity of oxygen by the countryside?

Hashtags of wanderlust, throwbacks, shout-outs aren't trendy anymore. However, what has been trending is a time bomb. A time bomb waiting to go off any time now for every tree that was put down, every river that was made filthy, every piece of land that we took for granted is coming, coming for vengeance to ask for what is rightfully theirs - planet earth.

Maybe, you could reprogram software's to handle glitches in systems but can you really undo the deed done onto the planet? Smart city poles, vertical vegetable gardens, infrastructure for social integration and twitter for trees could perhaps be what a bleak outline of a distant island could be to a traveller lost in the sea - desperate struggle for a way out. We're willing to spend hours stuck in traffic, individually, but keep away from sharing cars.

We are willing to invest millions into digging and mining projects but not mandate renewable resources. So, spending trillions in trying to grow vegetables on Mars seems like a new milestone for mankind but dear reader, rest assured, we're all heading into a war zone. Only this time around, it is going to be you versus your destruction.





## Dear Diary

-Pushpendra Chourdiya

Dear diary,

I walked a long way to reach this city in the hope that it will enlighten my life, but when I actually reached I realized that there were no stars in the sky. Thankfully the sky still remains alive, but unlike \ my village the sky here lacks color. My friend who works with me for the municipal corporation told me that the sky of my unprivileged village looks blue because there are no factories there. Now I understand why the government wanted me to surrender part of my land to the bade sahib of the city, who promised to change the picture of whole village. Bade Sahib just wanted to change the color of sky and nothing more.

With the help of many policies and treaties my land was saved from the Bade sahib of the city but at last I sold it to the zamindar when after 2 years of continuous drought, I had no food to feed my family. I came here, struggled for months and finally got a job under a government scheme. I earn less but I am able to send money back home.

My wife now works on my land which is owned by the zamindar. My son wants to come to the city and contribute to the family income but I want him to study. My daughter has her birthday next week; she wants to see me with a gift. Hopefully if I get the call from the manager of the mall to clean the septic tank, I will buy a book, no a dress or a doll. I just pray I don't die inside the septic tank.

-A tired citizen

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**When it's a question on our EXISTENCE  
ISSUES COMES FIRST**

**COUNTRIES COMES NEXT**

**-Tanuj Khandelwal**

Today where more than half of the world's population lives in the cities and almost a third of this urban population in its slums; transport systems, housing, cultural and natural heritage, air quality, waste management and what not, must be considered to achieve the goal of making such cities sustainable.

To the world at large, the very concept of making cities sustainable is indubitably a major chore. Where bodies like the UNEP have aided in the formulation of guidelines and treaties on issues such as contamination of air, waterways etc., institutions like International Monetary Fund have given financial support across the globe. The implementation however is and still remains a chief challenge with most of the countries. Where some have put forth issues for the promotion of the use of renewable resources for producing as well as meeting energy requirements, others have shown concerns over non-availability or mere availability of such resources to them.

Since all the cities are geographically different and vary from one another on several measurable and immeasurable parameters, a fast and clear plan cannot be devised and imposed. It is thus upon the respective countries, the management and planning of these urban futures. It has become a need to take out an action plan for people, planet, prosperity, peace, and partnership where the focus should not only be on the cities but holistically on the planet; our planet.

*After all, we are the users and not the true owners of this gifted place*



# Meanwhile...

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1. *When Michael Jackson came into the assembly*

**U.S.A :**

"Heal the world, make it a better place for you and for me and the entire human race"

**NIGERIA :**

"Why were we wasting time debating on issues for so long when we should have paid attention to the lyrics"

2. *When mother earth makes a statement*

"Why do you always leave the room in a mess  
Fix it or you'll be GROUNDED"

-Tanuj Khandelwal



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## A LESSON WITH THE THINKING CAP

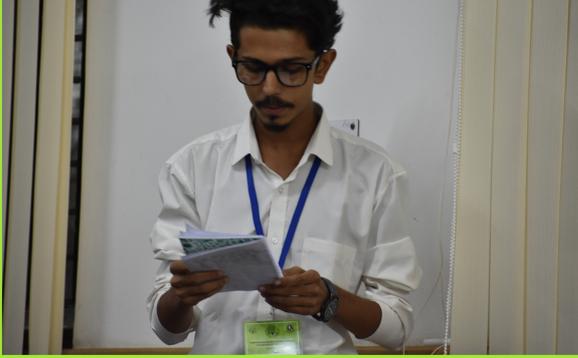
-Aditi Mishra

The delegate of Israel raised the motion on the issue 'Challenges and Progress made by Countries with regard to Sustainable Development Goals'. With majority of the delegates seconding the motion, the floor was open to discussion.

The session began with the delegate of Afghanistan reassuring member states that the country has enough land to accommodate projects for the environment while touching upon National Urban Policies. Furthermore, delegates talked about cordial relations between Afghanistan and Australia pertaining to continuing engagement with Afghanistan in the areas of security and development cooperation, and economic reform through bilateral, regional and multilateral dialogues. Australia very aptly spoke about how the relationship between rates of progress isn't directly proportional to the degree of issue, while quoting river Ganga. The delegate of UAE stated "environment protection also leads to sustainability" while Chile, a middle income country, highlighted on its government's functions towards the sustainable development goals. Pakistan traced back its progress to 1992 when the country established its own Agenda 21, providing figures to support the initiatives taken while stating the act of terrorism posing as a serious threat to the nation.

South Korea emphasized on paving way for Asia to stand out as a green nation followed by Norway's focus on climate change mitigation while proudly sharing the successful initiative taken in 2016, towards biodiversity. Ireland aims to achieve renewable source of energy by 2030. With UK's speech on wanting to set out bilateral and multi-lateral developmental relations with countries, the formal session came to an end.





## **In the chaos of developing and developed, vulnerability took the show**

**-Pushendra Chourdiya**

Issues come first and the nation comes next- the 6th largest economy of the world, Italy, urged all nations to join hands for a solution. The unrelenting inequality in the sphere of income, growth and development have reached the saturation point and now the high donations from America, UK, IMF and the World Bank need to be placed at the right spot. Ukraine upholds the constant infringement of international law by unauthorized access of Russia which decelerates the growth of developing nations, and we have to act upon it as one voice.

Oneness is also vital to share the resources and manage them sustainably; Ireland gives power to the statement and is ready to share its technology to help electrify the developing countries with UAE willing to dispatch financial help to the poor countries. UAE is also concerned about the global demand of oil and petrol which Venezuela thinks can be met with the introduction of hydrogen cars. Travels up to 300 miles in one go they are better than any other car on roads today. In the row of increasing concerns about climate change Egypt and South Korea supports Vietnam which is a victim of pathetic climate in the west.

Integrated world leads to better life and we have to act indifferent on terrorism, proclaims Pakistan and its neighbor Afghanistan with 2% GDP growth hails for support from developed nations on the same. Let the underdeveloped taste peace and harmony.

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