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S Asia needs integrated approach to uplift

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South Asia needs an integrated socio- economic climate approach to handle the global warming and other climate challenges from a common platform.

This was recommended at a two-day regional conference on 'inclusive development and climate justice in South Asia' which ended yesterday in the city.

Representatives of other SAARC member states took part in the conference.

Information Minister Abul Kalam Azad was the chief guest in the concluding session of the conference held under the auspices of 'Imagine a New South Asia (INSA)' platform. Chairman of INSA national steering committee Prof Anisuzzaman and former adviser of caretaker government Advocate Sultana Kamal also spoke on the occasion.

Dr Qazi Kholiquzzaman Ahmed, chairman of INSA South Asia Regional Steering Committee, moderated the discussion.

The information minister said South Asia should work together to build a common destiny of the people to make it a prosperous region. Azad said the region is working to become closer and the INSA initiative is one such moves to encourage governments of the individual countries to forge closer ties in promoting trade, investment, socio-economic development and regional connectivity.

The conference recommended that South Asia should develop an integrated pathway to achieve sustainable development.

The development paradigm of the region should ensure equitable transformation of all people under a process in which nobody would remain excluded from mainstream development. The conference said the region should take lessons from the global economic crisis and protect its financial and economic system from the adverse impact of capitalism symbolised as



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neo- liberal economic system with adequate market regulatory mechanism.

Moreover, there should be adequate safety net for the poor and disadvantaged people, it said.

It called for promoting people-centric development of agriculture, rural non-farm activities and infrastructure and small enterprises.

The conference emphasised on developing region-wide economic management and the need for basin-wise water management and setting up of a South Asia Development Bank upgrading the South Asia Development Fund.

It also suggested creation of a South Asia Education Fund and operation of SAARC Food Bank.



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