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I am happy that the National Council for Climate Change, Sustainable Development and public Leadership is organizing an International Conference on Strengthening Climate Justice Initiatives in partnership with the Institute of Law, NIRMA University. I am particularly happy that the focus will be on farm families, since 2014 has been designated by the UN as the International Year of Family Farming. Climate change is a mega threat which will affect every segment of human economic activity. Therefore I hope the conference will provide a roadmap for enhancing the coping capacity of local communities under conditions of unfavorable changes in temperature, precipitation and sea level. I wish the conference great success.

The world is passing through unpredictable changes weather it is cyclone or heavy rain or drought or extraordinary snowfall. All these have already affected livelihood means of farmers who are at receiving end. There is main threat to food security and food for hungry millions. Strategies are needed how can overcome this challenge through strategic changes in developmental framework, policies and modern advanced technology with backup a legal framework which provides redressal if existing programme and rule framework either fail or do not reach out to them within time limit prescribed.

On this occasion, I extend my greetings and felicitations to the organizers and participants and wish the Conference every success.

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