



A GREEN NOTE

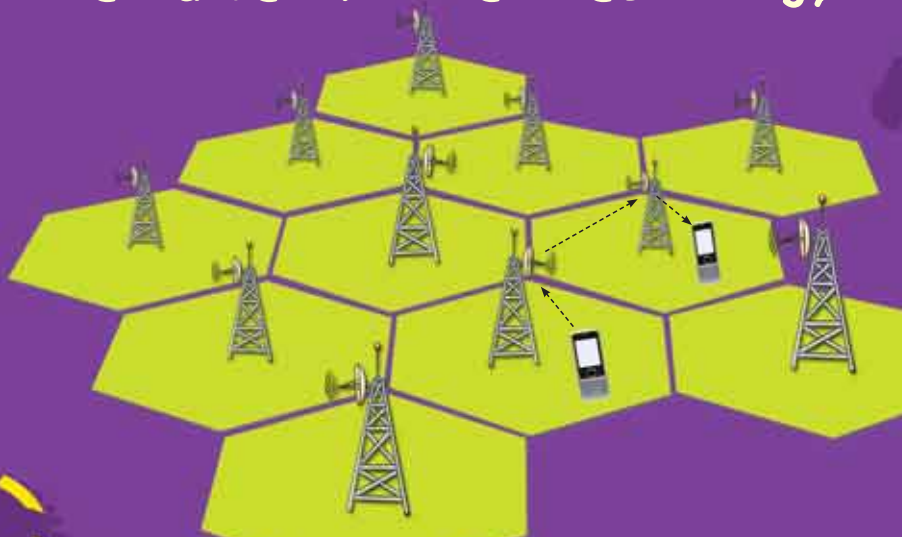
A MESSAGE TO CHILDREN
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A note from Dr R K Pachauri

Human society has reached a stage of prosperity, which was not expected several decades ago. Yet, we have a large number of people living in poverty and barely able to keep alive. It appears that they have not been touched by human progress at all. At the same time, what we regard as progress has resulted in damage and destruction of our natural resources and caused serious problems such as human-induced climate change, which threatens all forms of life in the form of sea-level rise, heatwaves, floods, droughts, and melting of glaciers in different parts of the world.

All of this provides a strong reason for us to change the way we have been pursuing human activities and what we have mistakenly believed as human progress. For instance, we must now use renewable sources of energy, eco-friendly methods of production and consumption, make efficient use of water in every activity, and protect biodiversity.

It is in the hands of the children to try to change their own lives towards greater protection of the environment and all our natural resources. They can also take active part in changing the thinking of adults. Children can take a lead in organizing actions at the community level, which support conservation of resources, recycling of waste water, and greater use of renewable sources of energy.

This series of children's books is aimed of providing children knowledge on what needs to be done in all these areas. I hope those who read these books will not only enjoy them greatly but also feel inspired to implement actions that are described in these pages, so that we create a beautiful, peaceful, and healthy future for the human race.



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