

## The Human face

**D**ear Friends,  
Climate Change, Global Warming, Sea level rises, melting polar caps, sustainable development ... the fullisade of terms thrown at us - the hapless, are showing no signs of abatement. With corporate India largely restricting itself to the star properties from where they deliver their sermons on "going green", the din that is created is forcing our focus away from the actual issues at hand. Those of the sufferings that it all will entail and ways of mitigation, if possible even reversal.

In our mad haste to go green, we have sadly pushed into the backburner the real issue - the human face of suffering induced by climate change. This issue is dedicated to something we have consciously chosen to ignore. It is dedicated to the untold sufferings that "Climate Refugees" will be subject to. It is a paradigm shift from the customary brochures with pretty pictures yodeling about global warming. It seeks to take a hard look at the real tears and will hopefully spark a debate leading to ways of wiping them.

Has it occurred to anyone that the countries that have contributed the most to global warming are the ones with some of the most stringent immigration laws? I mean, if we can have carbon credits, why can't we think of carbon asylum? Why not tax the pillagers to mitigate the suffering of the hapless villagers? Isn't it a tad bit ironic that those who urge us to save the tiger will be slamming their doors shut on the teeming millions rendered homeless as a result of their conspicuous consumption?



On the other end of the spectrum, a land not known to those who will be forced to leave their home and hearth and migrate, just to remain alive, is readying to elect its leader. As the US of A sets the electoral process rolling, we bring for you a glossary of terms that you will be bombarded with in the coming months. Not many of us are aware of the various nuances of the electoral and political process of the United States and I hope that the terms will be of assistance in following the great race to the White House.

We also have for you all the other regular features and I hope that you find the topics covered interesting enough to keep turning the pages.

With Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SAG' followed by a flourish.

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