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With 30 years ago, India thrived in economic reforms, did so with knowledge that increased pace of economic growth would have adverse impacts on the environment. Growth would intensify the use of natural resources and add to pollution of our water bodies and air. This fact was known because the already rich world, that had initiated the idea of economic growth through innovation and free markets, had understood that the only way it could sustain this kind of growth was by exploiting and abusing interminable resources to the emerging world. The first shock came by mid-1990s, when air of Delhi turned foul and black. The misinformation boom had brought us there. In the next two decades we have seen much more of the toxicisation of the earth’s air, land and food, and what does it do to our health. It is part of the economic growth story as we know it. It is for this reason that there have been repeated conflicts over the need for development of our industry and the environment. The resolution is often flawed by the use of short term reforms that are required to make decisions have to be proximate and disabled and disabled. Requiring and rebuilding institutional governance is one of the next reform agenda.

India is a 30 years record that has taught us that we cannot have green shoots and clean shoots, it is affordable and inclusive. We know that you cannot be green without affordable sanitation for all; or we cannot have clean air and clean lungs, without mobility systems that will move people and not vehicles. We also know today investment in natural capital - trees and water - will build resilience and create the climate-resilient India. This is how India needs to reinvent the growth story for the future. It has to be based on the needs of all and not few; it has to protect the environment because it is the survival base on which life exists. It cannot be a matter of either or it is imperative.

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