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THE DEBATE DIDN'T CHALLENGE IPCC'S CORE PROJECTIONS, SAYS PM

# PM supports Pachauri

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As a litany of errors strike at the credibility of the intergovernmental panel on climate change (IPCC), its chief RK Pachauri on Friday found unusually strong support of his leadership from prime minister Manmohan Singh and many world leaders.

Expressing "full confidence" in the UN-led panel's reports and Pachauri, Singh said the debate didn't challenge IPCC's core projections.

Calling the mistake on vanishing of Himalayan glaciers by 2035 in the IPCC report unfortunate, world leaders said they would not like to live with a false notion that climate change was not happening and it was not affecting people.

"Some aspects of science reflected in IPCC's work have faced criticism. But this debate does not challenge IPCC's core projections about the impact of greenhouse gas accumulations on temperature, rainfall and sea



PM Manmohan Singh with Teri chief RK Pachauri in New Delhi on Friday —PTI

level rise. India has full confidence in IPCC's process and its leadership and will support it in every way that it can," Singh said at the inauguration of the 10th Delhi Sustainable Development Summit.

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Singh said, "The Energy Research Institute (Teri) has, under the able and far-sighted leadership of RK Pachauri, earned well-deserved respect and international acclaim for its contribution to the global effort in meeting the twin challenges of energy security and climate change."

Singh's support came a day after Yvo de Boer, executive sec-

retary of the United Nations framework convention on climate change (UNFCCC), said there was only one error that has been substantiated on Himalayan glaciers but the report was robust.

World leaders also expressed support for Pachauri.

"People who took delight in chastising IPCC's report for its prediction on melting of Himalayan glaciers by 2035 have completely missed the point. We in Bhutan feel and see for ourselves the rapid change in surroundings," Bhutanese prime minister Jigme Thinley said.

Similar words of support came from visiting Norwegian prime minister Jens Stoltenberg and Finnish prime minister Matti Vanhanen who said, "Though some IPCC recommendations have been a subject of criticism, in principle I welcome the criticism. I congratulate Pachauri for taking prompt steps to correct the mistakes made in the report."