

# Pachauri gets PM support

## Says one error in IPCC report can't belie global warming

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Prime Minister Manmohan Singh today backed UN Inter-Governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) chief Rajendra Kumar Pachauri, expressing full confidence in the IPCC assessment process.

Lending support to the beleaguered UN climate change panel and its chief, Manmohan Singh said one error in the IPCC's 2007AR4 report did not change the science of global warming or the facts regarding harmful impact of greenhouse gases on the planet.

"Some aspects of the science that is reflected in the work of the IPCC have faced criticism. But this debate does not challenge the core projections of the

IPCC about the impact of greenhouse gas accumulations on temperature, rainfall and sea level rise. Let me here assert that India has full confidence in the IPCC process and its leadership and will support it in every way that it can," he said at an international summit on sustainable development - "Delhi Sustainable Development Summit" -organised by Pachauri-led TERI.

In support of Pachauri, under attack for IPCC's goof up on melting of Himalayan glaciers, Manmohan Singh said he had earned well deserved respect and international acclaim for his contribution in meeting challenges of climate change.

The IPCC, particularly Pachauri, has been under fire since revelations last month that the AR4 had mistakenly pre-

dicted Himalayan glaciers could disappear by 2035 as a result of global warming.

The controversy gave a new lease of life to climate skeptics, who have not just been questioning the process by which the Nobel Prize winning UN body publishes data but also the climate change science. The Himalayan blunder was followed by some more revelations, including those on Amazon forests and mountain ice, which were rejected by the IPCC.

Meanwhile, regretting absence of global consensus on climate issues, the Prime Minister asked industrialised countries to respond with bolder initiatives to contain their future emissions. He also asked the developed nations to recognise "more clearly" their historical role in the accumulative of green house gases.