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Governor S.K. Singh inaugurates the SACEP meeting at a city hotel on Thursday as CM Vasundhara Raje looks on.

Tell kids about global warming: Governor

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GOVERNOR SUSHIL Kumar Singh on Thursday said ecological balance was the biggest concern in the world today. While calling for creating awareness about the global warming and change in atmosphere, he said children should be educated on this subject from the beginning. Teachers of universities, colleges and schools and media have to play their important role in spreading awareness, the Governor added.

Singh on Thursday was addressing the 11th meeting of South Asia Cooperative Environment Programme (SACEP). Governor, Chief minister and Union forest and environment minister for state Namonarayan Meena inaugurated the meeting by lighting the lamp.

Singh said coordination between the development and environment could exist only when collective efforts were made. Considering poverty to be the biggest hurdle in environment conservation, the Governor requested policy-makers to concentrate on eliminating poverty along with worrying about environment.

Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje said

two constituents namely integrated economic development and environment conservation were important for long-term and permanent development. While mentioning about the natural calamities in this area in the last some years, she said the balance between the economic growth and environment conservation was the need of the time.

SACEP chairman and union forest and environment minister for state Namonarayan Meena highlighted the need for a common strategy and working in more effective manner to find out solution for environment related problems in South Asian countries. SACEP could prove be a better platform for the technique of setting ecological balance and its management.

Later, the Governor released a book called 'Marine Litter in the South Asian Seas Region'. In the meeting, he expressed concern over the disturbing ecological balance, stress on laid on increasing regional cooperation among SAARC countries. Apart from India, environment ministers and secretaries of Afganistan, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal and Sri Lanka participated in this meeting.