

## Editorial

World is now facing a lot of uncertainties on the climate action plan. USA seems to have backed out of the Paris accord while China seems to have very much on board along with EU nations. If USA goes ahead with coal mining projects as it appears now, then once again USA will become largest source of CO<sub>2</sub> emission replacing China. It will do no good for global efforts and it also makes no sense to ask countries such as India, Indonesia and Brazil to agree for reduction quota on a fixed time frame.

On the water front, it appears that El Nino may become active in July-August thereby, making the south Asian monsoon uncertain in terms of quantum of precipitation vital for these agricultural economies. Already before the onset of regular summer, most parts of south Asia are facing temperatures in the range of 40+ degree C in late March/early April. So both on water and air front, we have nothing positive to look forward to in the immediate future. We can all hope for the best at least in the later part of the current year if it rains normally defying projections!

Happy reading.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'V. Subramanian', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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