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City student is climate change strategist

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April 14: A student of Jain College of Engineering from the city will be one of the leading strategists at the first major global climate conference after COP15 to be held in Cochabamba, Bolivia from April 19 to 22.

Ravi Theja Muthu will be part of the youth group developing strategies and recommendations that countries like India should abide by in order to mitigate

the issues of climate change.

An off-shoot of the Conference of Parties (COP) held at Copenhagen in December 2009, the primary objective of the latest conference is to present the issues of the least developed countries with regard to global warming. According to Ravi Theja — who is currently the only representative from South India — the conference will unite the 170 nations in getting the developed and develop-

ing nations to reduce their emissions without being concerned about financial gains alone.

The Peoples World Conference on Climate change (PWCCC) is an initiative to discuss proposals for new commitments to the Kyoto Protocol that will expire in 2011. After that, getting countries to commit to legally binding emissions will be impossible," said Ravi who is also the coordinator for Indian Youth Climate Network in the city.

Main objectives of PWCCC

1. Analyse the structural and systemic causes of climate change and propose substantive measures
2. Discuss and agree on the draft Universal Declaration of rights of Mother Earth.
3. To agree on proposals for new commitments to the Kyoto Protocol
4. Work on the organisation of a people's world referendum on climate change
5. Analyse and draw up a plan of action to advance the establishment of a climate justice tribunal