

# Indian Youth Declaration on Climate Change



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Climate change is the biggest threat to our generation's future, and urgent action is required.

I commit to working towards an India that:

1. Mitigates greenhouse gas emissions to protect India and the world from climate change impacts; specifically protecting biodiversity of all ecosystems, human health, coastal and vulnerable communities, and climate-induced displaced persons.
2. Makes a swift transition from a carbon intensive economy to a green economy, alleviating poverty, increasing employment in sustainable sectors, and working towards making India an economic superpower.
3. Is driven on a low carbon pathway to sustainable development by an ultimate atmospheric carbon dioxide concentration of 350ppm, and an India that is calling for international action on emissions reductions.
4. Meets energy security through a clean, renewable, and low-carbon energy supply, with sustainable and efficient consumption of energy across sectors and uses.
5. Provides every Indian with access to fundamental services, including energy, clean air and water, and healthy food.
6. Increases awareness and provides education to every Indian on climate impacts, adaptation and mitigation across all disciplines, at every level, both in rural and urban India.
7. Builds solutions from traditional knowledge.
8. Includes youth representation at a local, state, national and international policy level on climate change.
9. Has climate justice and climate equity across states, genders, ages, and socio-economic classes.
10. Has a clean, enriched, peaceful, and sustainable future.

I commit to:

1. Advocating this declaration
2. Engaging my friends, family and community members on this issue
3. Building a culture of sustainability
4. Taking action on climate change to the best of my ability; be it through individual change, community action, voting and/or consumer choice.
5. Leading India towards sustainability.

Signed