



Important Terms at COP 26

Why in News

Recently, five terms came up frequently at the [26th session of the Conference of Parties](#) to the [United Nation Framework Convention on Climate Change](#), or COP26.

Important Terms

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NET ZERO

Amount of greenhouse gases (the ones that cause the Earth to heat up) released in the atmosphere



Amount of these gases removed from atmosphere, through processes like photosynthesis, or physical removal using futuristic tech

The Vision

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- At Glasgow meet, PM Modi pledged Net Zero for India by 2070

MITIGATION

Refers to the reduction of greenhouse gases — the only way the rise in global temperatures can be halted in the long term

- At Glasgow meet, one of the main discussions was to increase the ambition of mitigation actions



ADAPTATION

All the ways in which human beings, and others, need to adapt to climate change and extreme weather patterns — making agriculture resilient, flood defences, etc

- At Glasgow meet, developed countries were asked to at least double their contribution for adaptation efforts in the developing world

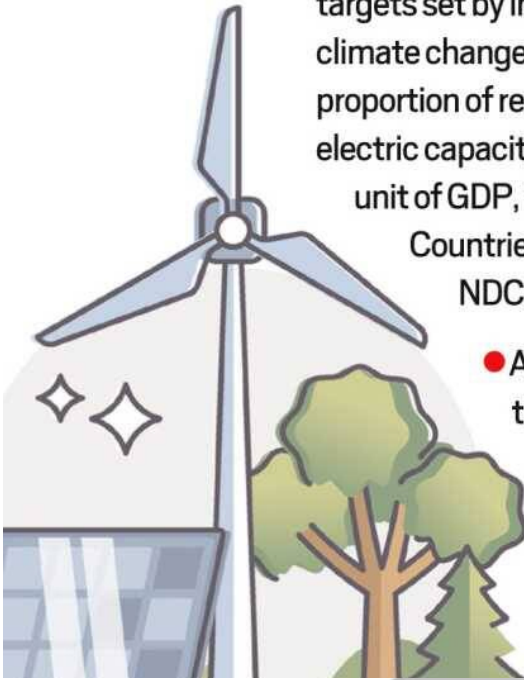


NDCs

Nationally Determined Contributions or targets set by individual countries to fight climate change. India's NDC: increasing proportion of renewable energy in installed electric capacity, decreasing emissions per unit of GDP, increasing forest cover.

Countries have to update their NDCs every five years

- At Glasgow meet, countries that had not submitted their NDCs for 2020 were asked to do so by 2022



CLIMATE FINANCE

All the money required to fund the actions needed to fight climate change. Money is needed for mitigation, adaptation, and to monitor actions countries are taking to keep global temperatures from rising beyond 2 degree Celsius from pre-industrial times.

- At Glasgow meet, developing countries asked developed countries to mobilise at least US\$ 1.3 trillion every year from 2030 onwards

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