

India Calls for Closing Climate Gaps

Prelims: Current events of national and international importance | Environment

Why in news?

Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change has called for closing gaps in climate action, fulfilling existing commitments and accelerating the implementation of the Paris Agreement at the upcoming COP31 climate conference.

- **Pre-COP31 Meeting** – Co-hosted by Australia, Fiji and Tuvalu.
- **Purpose** – A preparatory meeting held before the annual UN Climate Conference and aims to build consensus and discuss priorities for COP negotiations.
- **COP31** – Scheduled to be held in Antalya, Türkiye, in November 2026.
- **Key Messages by India**
- **Focus on implementation** – India stressed that the success of the conference should be measured by concrete progress in implementation, the delivery of support to those in need and the scaling up of existing climate solutions.
- **Beyond New Targets** – The COP31 should not be judged merely by new declarations or targets, but by whether climate actions produce tangible results on the ground.
- **Need to Close Climate Gaps** – COP31 presidencies' emphasis on consensus, decision-making and implementation highlighted several gaps that continue to hinder climate progress and understanding of the gaps
 - between scientific knowledge and traditional practices,
 - between practices and ethics, and
 - between available resources and the needs of communities.
- **Areas Requiring Priority Action** – Emission Reduction, Climate Adaptation, Climate Support.
- **Means of Implementation** – Highlighting the long-term objectives established under the UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement, stressed that achieving the goal of limiting global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees Celsius would require adequate means of implementation.
- **Importance of Capacity Building** – India called for strengthening the capacities of countries to undertake climate action, sharing successful climate initiatives annually and disseminating best practices related to mitigation and adaptation.

Reference

[DD News | India Calls for Closing Climate Gaps, Fulfilling Commitments Ahead of COP31](#)



SHANKAR
IAS PARLIAMENT
Information is Empowering