

COP26- A BRIEF INTRODUCTION

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The 2021 United Nations climate change conference usually referred to as COP26 was held at SEC Centre in Glasgow, Scotland, United Kingdom. It happened to be the 26th climate change conference, from 31 October to 13 November 2021. The main highlight of the conference was the promise made by 110 leaders across the world. All the leaders promised to “end deforestation by 2030”. The conference was conducted in order to discuss the ways to reduce the effect of climatic changes. The pledge against deforestation included 19.2 billion dollars of private and public funds. A similar vow was taken, back in 2014 with an aim to “end deforestation by 2020” which somehow seemed to fail miserably. Deforestation contributes a lot in the climatic changes because forest inhale harmful carbon dioxide and exhale oxygen to us. UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson said, “end the rule of humanity as nature's conquerors and instead become nature's custodian”.

The countries who signed the pledge included Canada, Brazil, China, Russia, Indonesia, The US, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the UK. All the signing countries cover around 85% of the world's forest. The governments of 28 countries also promised to remove deforestation from their global trade of various agricultural products and food. Around 30 of the world's biggest financial companies like — Schrodgers, Aviva and AXA pledged to not invest in activities related to environment. The UK and India launched a fund to help the small states and small island states to prepare them to deal with disasters relative to climatic changes.

The Prime Minister of India announced to achieve net-zero carbon emission by 2070 in the COP26, demanding around one trillion dollars to meet the finances required. Prime Minister Narendra Modi also raised the Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) to achieve around 450 giga Watt non-fossil energy capacity, 2500 giga Watt by 2030.



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