

## COP 26 CLIMATE CONFERENCE



### Issue

The COP 26 UN Climate Change Conference will be hosted in Glasgow (UK) from October 31 to November 12.

### Background

The conference is likely to bring together various parties to accelerate the climate action plan. It will strengthen resolve to handle threat of climate change.

### Details

- This edition will be the 26th Conference of Parties. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) had recently published its assessment report on Earth's climate.
- The report warns of heat waves, droughts, extreme rainfall and sea-level rise in the coming decades due to climate change.

### History

- The Conference of Parties is held under the United Nations Climate Change Framework Convention (UNFCCC) that took place in 1994.
- The COP meeting is held every year since 1995. The UNFCCC has 98 members including India, US and China.
- The first COP was held in Berlin in 1995. The famous Kyoto Protocol was adopted during the COP3 held in Kyoto, Japan, in 1997.
- Another important COP took place in 2015, in Paris, France. It was COP21 and aimed to work together to limit global warming to well below 2.

### Functions of member states

- Taking measures to mitigate climate change
- Cooperating in preparing roadmap for handling the impact of climate change
- Promoting education, training and public awareness regarding climate change

### Goals of COP 26

- Secure global net-zero by mid-century and keep 1.5 degrees limit within reach
- Adapt to protect communities and natural habitats
- Work together to deliver
- Mobilise finance

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