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## ENVIRONMENT LAWS AND CLIMATE CHANGE

In today's time, climate change has been a major issue and to improve it, we require environmental laws which would help to reduce those things which effect it adversely. We require some stringent laws which would help to protect and improve the climate change and make people understand its value. There should be some campaigns that would give knowledge to the people about the importance to protect the environment. Recent studies shows the main cause of climate change : “release of greenhouse gases, particularly carbon-di-oxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) and methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) into the atmosphere and it includes the human activities such as change of land use and combustion of fossil fuel. The adverse impact of climate change in the form of decline in rainfall and rise in temperature has resulted in increased severity of livelihood issues in the country. The change of climate exemplifies the systems that are already under tremendous pressure due to rapid industrialisation, urbanisation and economic development. Climatic change is one of the most important global environmental challenges facing humanity with implications for food production, natural ecosystems, freshwater supply, health, etc.”<sup>1</sup>To make them understand, i personally think that we start from the children, for example there should be a subject about it which will give all the information about the changing climate and protection of the environment. There are lot of things which people are doing for their own benefit and the economy but they are not seeing the greater image and how it will lead to their own loss. For ex: deforestation, air pollution, water pollution and lot many things which affect the environment. As they are cutting forests to make it convenient to travel but due to this the home of animals is being

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<sup>1</sup> ipleaders, Climate change and its impact on the environment July 21;  
<https://blog.ipleaders.in/climate-change-and-its-impact-on-the-environment/>

snatched from them. Also the cutting of forests is leading to great loss as it is affecting the nature which leads to flood and forest fire. Global warming is increasing due to climatic changes. And when we talk about air pollution, more vehicles, factories and the farmers who put fire on their unwanted fields leads to huge amount of bad pollution which is affecting the ozone layer. It has come to that point, that people have to wear masks. If it is this situation at the present times, then we can imagine what our future holds for us. There was a case, “The Bhopal disaster or Bhopal gas tragedy was a chemical accident on the night of 2–3 December 1984 at the Union Carbide India Limited (UCIL) pesticide plant in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, India. In what is considered the world's worst industrial disaster,<sup>[3]</sup> over 500,000 people in the small towns around the plant were exposed to the highly toxic gas methyl isocyanate(MIC).<sup>[4]</sup> Estimates vary on the death toll, with the official number of immediate deaths being 2,259. In 2008, the Government of Madhya Pradesh paid compensation to the family members of 3,787 victims killed in the gas release, and to 574,366 injured victims.<sup>[1]</sup> A government affidavit in 2006 stated that the leak caused 558,125 injuries, including 38,478 temporary partial injuries and approximately 3,900 severely and permanently disabling injuries.<sup>[5]</sup> Others estimate that 8,000 died within two weeks, and another 8,000 or more have since died from gas-related diseases.”<sup>2</sup> After this case, more focus was brought to environment laws and more laws related to this was passed to protect the environment. But in present time, there is need for more stringent laws that people should follow. There should be focus on improving the waste rather than reducing the waste because people will do what they want to, we cannot do something to reduce it majorly but what we can do is how to improve it. For ex: Instead of focusing on how to control the use of plastic, there should be focus on how to reuse the used plastic. Protecting the nature should be the almost priority like other important things. So by concluding, i think that it is necessary to make some stringent laws regarding this , because if we see the bigger picture, we are ruining the environment and it will be loss to us and our coming generations. People should understand the depth of this issue and

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<sup>2</sup> wikipedia, Bhopal Disaster Jan 24; [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bhopal\\_disaster](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bhopal_disaster)

take some measures regarding this rather to wait for the worst upcoming consequences and then realising that this is having a big effect on humans, animals and nature. So, protecting our environment and nature should be our priority at this moment.