

Government set to add 3 'missions' to tackle climate change impact

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NEW DELHI: Seeking to expand its activities in different sectors to achieve the country's updated climate action targets, the government has decided to add three new 'missions' — on coastal ecosystem, human health and sustainable transport — to implement its existing National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC), taking the total number of such dedicated missions to 11.

Besides, the government has also asked states to tweak their action plans on climate change and sync them with the NAPCC and the country's updated target under the Paris Agreement. India had submitted its updated voluntary climate action plan — termed 'nationally determined contribution' (NDC) — to the UN climate body in August.

“Three new missions aim to address the impact of climate change on coastal and marine ecosystems, human health and transport. Though India's NDC does not bind it to any sector-specific mitigation obligation or action, activities through dedicated missions would help us achieve our goal to reduce overall emission intensity,” said an environment ministry official.

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At present, India has eight such missions to simultaneously advance the country's development and climate change related-objectives of adaptation and mitigation so that different sectors could contribute towards low-carbon growth path and prepare itself to face the challenge of climate change.

The existing eight missions to implement NAPCC include one each on solar, enhanced energy efficiency, sustainable habitat, water, sustaining the Himalayan ecosystem, forest (Green India), sustainable agriculture and strategic knowledge for climate change.



Among three new missions, the environment ministry will be the nodal agency for the National Coastal Mission whereas the health ministry would look after the National Mission on Human Health and Climate Change, and the road transport & highways ministry will take care of the National Mission on Sustainable Transport for Climate Change.