

## **Global Warming**

Global warming is a slow but regular increase in temperature of the earth due to the presence of excessive greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. This gradual heating up of the globe is posing great danger to the mankind. Ever since the world paced fast towards industrial development, the menace of global warming started spreading its kingdom.

The main cause of global warming is the presence of greenhouse gases like Carbon-di-oxide, Methane, Nitrous oxide, ozone etc. in the earth's atmosphere. These gases and other air pollutants do not allow the heat of the sun returned by the earth's surface to pass through. As a result, the temperature of our planet moves northwards regularly.

Now the global warming has attained such a level that frequent respiratory diseases and extreme weather conditions are claiming lives in huge numbers every year. Amongst the most dreaded effects of the global heating are the rising sea level, risk of famines and floods, alteration in precipitation patterns, diseases like COPD, lung cancer etc.

The most challenging task the world is facing today is how to control global warming. Developed nations raise fingers towards developing and underdeveloped countries. Individuals, instead of knowing about the dangers caused by burning of fossil fuels and overuse of plastic, turn a deaf ear to any kind of government instruction.

If human race is to survive, it will have to wage a collective war against this dreaded peril. Let us vow to decrease the consumption of coal, petroleum and natural gas. Besides, we should limit the consumption of conventional electricity to minimum. We will do good to mankind by following a system of waste management and reducing the use of home appliances like air conditioners and refrigerators. Unless we take to such habits we cannot dream of doing away with the perils of global warming.