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CLIMATE NEWS FROM HOME AND BEYOND

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Your bi-monthly climate connection is here!

As 2026 progresses, this edition brings together important developments highlighting both progress in clean energy transitions and the growing urgency of climate risks. From community-driven renewable energy initiatives that are strengthening energy independence to global signals showing accelerating investments in clean power, these stories reflect how climate action is increasingly being shaped by policy support, technological innovation, and local leadership.

From India, we highlight the country's strengthened climate commitments, including new emission-intensity reduction targets and continued expansion of non-fossil fuel energy capacity. These developments demonstrate how national strategies are balancing economic growth with sustainability priorities. At the same time, global trends show encouraging momentum, with renewable energy deployment expanding rapidly across regions, reinforcing the economic and environmental case for a low-carbon transition.

We also reflect on the growing scientific warnings about rising global temperatures, seasonal climate variability, and increasing extreme weather risks. Climate data continues to show warming trends, highlighting the urgent need for mitigation, adaptation, and stronger resilience efforts. Alongside these developments, local initiatives such as CAG's Climate Action Month also show how awareness and collective action continue to play a critical role in strengthening climate engagement.

This is our bi-monthly dispatch of updates and insights on renewable energy, climate change, and sustainability.

Across borders

The Alliance for Tribal Clean Energy is working with Tribal Nations to support their transition to clean and regenerative energy systems as a way to build climate resilience and energy independence. The initiative focuses on providing technical expertise, policy guidance, and financial pathways to help communities develop renewable energy projects such as solar and microgrids. By strengthening local leadership and ownership in energy planning, the programme aims to create sustainable economic opportunities while reducing fossil-fuel dependence. The initiative demonstrates how community-driven clean energy transitions can support climate justice, strengthen local economies, and promote long-term environmental sustainability.

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From the corners of the country

India has announced a new climate commitment to reduce the emissions intensity of its economy by 47% by 2035 compared to 2005 levels, as part of its updated climate pledge under the Paris Agreement. The country also aims to increase the share of non-fossil fuel electricity capacity to about 60% over the next decade, building on its earlier achievement of reaching 50% clean power capacity ahead of its 2030 target. Despite rising absolute emissions due to economic growth, India continues to emphasise its low per-capita emissions and the need for developed countries to take greater responsibility in global climate action. The announcement reflects India's continued focus on expanding renewable energy and improving energy efficiency as part of its long-term low-carbon development pathway.

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From around the world

Recent global trends show encouraging signals in the transition towards clean energy, with record deployment of renewable technologies across multiple regions in 2025. Countries such as Australia and members of the European Union have significantly increased the share of electricity generated from renewables, while Africa recorded rapid solar capacity growth. China’s clean energy expansion is also emerging as a major driver of economic growth, while India continues to expand its non-fossil fuel power capacity ahead of its targets. These developments highlight how policy support, investment, and technological innovation are accelerating the global shift away from fossil fuels. Together, these signals show that the clean energy transition is not only an environmental necessity but also an economic opportunity shaping a more resilient low-carbon future.

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Global warnings

Global seasonal climate forecasts indicate a high probability of above-average temperatures across many regions during April–June 2026, continuing the long-term warming trend. Climate models suggest warmer conditions across large parts of the Northern Hemisphere, which could increase the risk of heatwaves and weather variability. Rainfall patterns are also expected to vary, with some regions likely to face drier-than-normal conditions while others may experience higher precipitation. Scientists also note that ocean-atmosphere conditions are shifting towards neutral ENSO conditions after recent La Niña impacts, which may still influence global weather. These forecasts highlight the importance of early warning systems, preparedness planning, and climate adaptation measures to reduce risks to agriculture, water resources, public health, and vulnerable communities.

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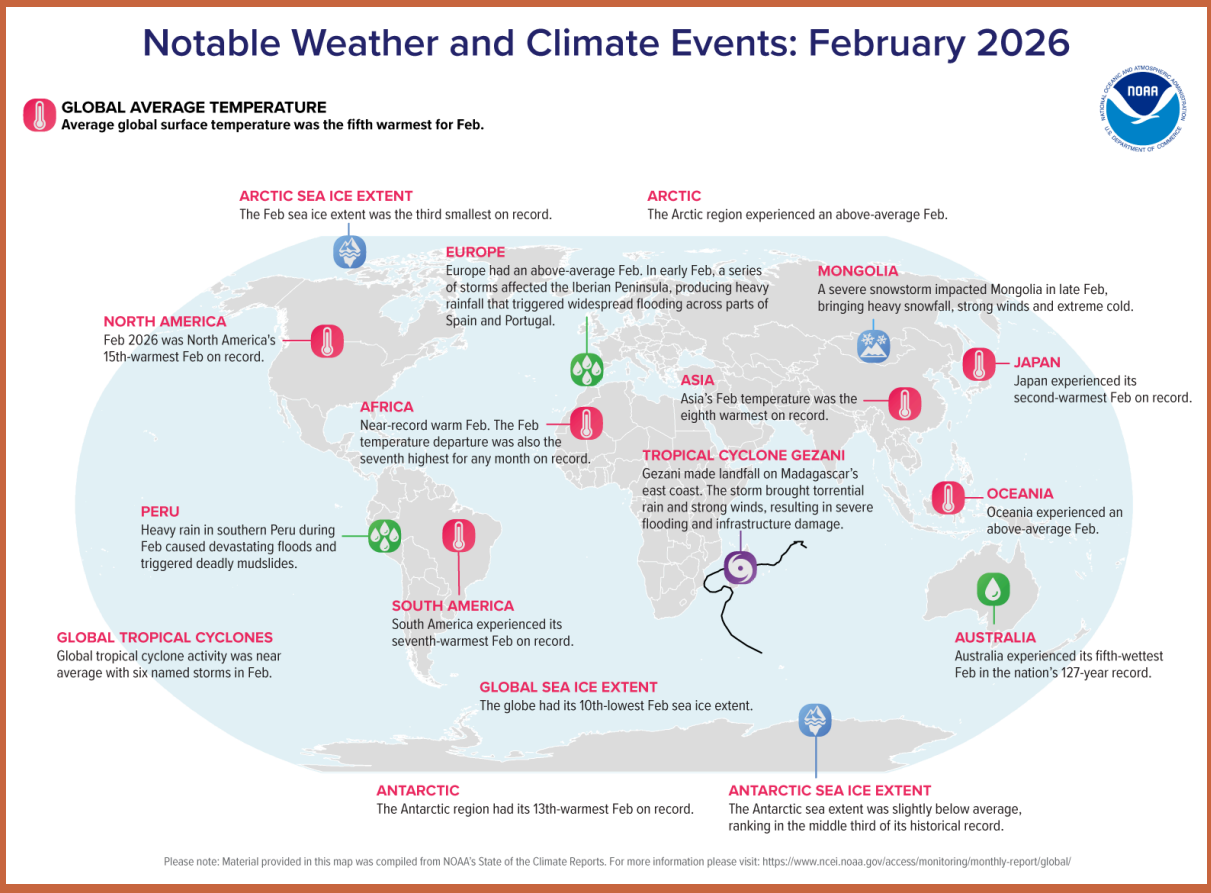
In a nutshell



Global climate data indicates that February 2026 temperatures remained well above historical averages, continuing the long-term warming trend driven by rising greenhouse gas emissions. Scientists note that recent years consistently rank among the warmest on record, highlighting the accelerating pace of climate change. These findings emphasise the urgent need for stronger global climate action, emission reductions, and sustained mitigation efforts to reduce future climate risks and protect vulnerable ecosystems and communities.

Know more

Nugget

Do you know that India’s average temperature has already risen by about 0.9°C (2015-2024 vs 1901-1930), with some regions warming at 0.2°C per decade? Heat extremes are also rising, with 5–10 more warm days per decade, increasing climate risks.

Know more

Climate Action Month - Report 2025

Climate Action Month 2025, organised by CAG, was an incredible success, reaching over 8,000 individuals, including students and the general public. Throughout the month, a series of engaging events took place across schools, colleges, public parks, and other venues. These events creatively conveyed the urgent message of climate change through a variety of artistic expressions, such as music performances, mime acts, flash mobs, and puppetry. The month served as a powerful platform for raising awareness and inspiring action on climate issues.

Know more

Climate Connection is an initiative of Citizen consumer and civic Action Group (CAG) to assist and inform local communities, grassroots NGOs, environment and consumer groups, village representatives and media representatives on how to embrace renewable energy, navigate energy transition, mitigate climate change, and protect the environment they live in. We create change by developing and disseminating information resources on air pollution, climate change, environment and policies surrounding these issues.

Your donation helps us expand this mission and bring reliable climate information to more people who need it most.

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