

## **Climate Action**

Sustainable Development Goal 13 (SDG 13 or Goal 13) is about climate action and is one of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals established by the United Nations in 2015. The official wording is to "Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts".

We require attention towards climate changes because it is directly impacting the lives of every individual on this planet. With the existing climate model, global temperatures are expected to rise as much as 3.2 C° by the end of the century. Not just this, due to the rise in temperatures, glaciers and snow belts are melting and causing an increase in the sea level which is resulting in floods and destroying properties throughout the world.

The latest challenge that we have to face is the increasing quantity of biomedical waste. Due to COVID-19, people have been using and throwing plastic masks which are becoming a hazard for all of us because of their non-biodegradable nature. There have been some instances in which doctors are using this biomedical waste to create bricks which are stronger than the normal ones. These bricks are then being used to form structures like hospitals. This is a commendable initiative which should be adopted in a wider scale. Measures should be taken for the organised disposal of biomedical wastes and the formation of bricks should be started on a large scale.