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HIGHLIGHTS

- Atmospheric concentrations of carbon dioxide (CO2) hit 403 parts per million (ppm), up from 400 in 2015
- That growth rate was 50% faster than the average over the past decade, driving CO2 levels 145% above pre-industrial levels

The amount of carbon dioxide in the earth's atmosphere grew at record rate in 2016 to a level not seen for millions of years, the [United Nations](#) said on Monday.

It said this has the potential to fuel a 20-metre rise in sea levels and add 3 degrees Celsius to temperatures.

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It is the response of nature against the ills of mankind.

Rspv Murthy

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