Carbon dioxide emissions set to surge this year, IEA warns

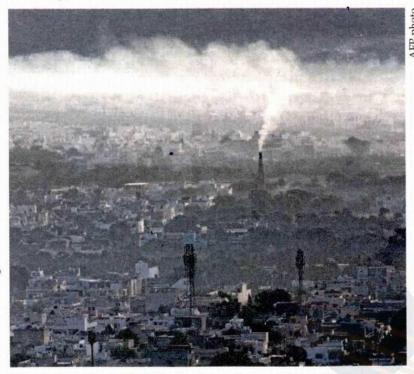
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Climate-changing CO2 emissions are set to surge by the second-biggest amount in history this year as the global economy recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic, the International Energy Agency (IEA) warned yesterday, days before a major climate summit.

The IEA estimated in its annual Global Energy Review that CO2 emissions will increase by almost 5 percent this year to 33 billion tons; largely reversing the decline registered last year as the pandemic idled swathes of the global economy.

The IEA also expects global energy demand to surpass its 2019 level.

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This photo shows smoke billowing from a factory chimney in Ajmer, India.