

### **Climate change likely to become a major threat to human life by 2050**

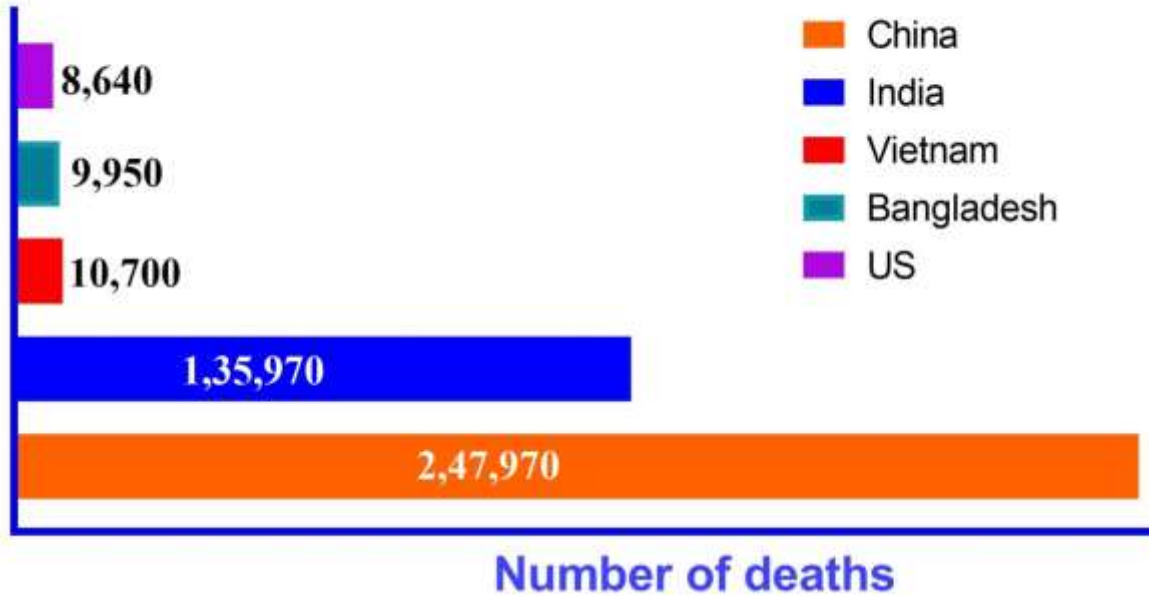
The COVID-19 epidemic has elicited unprecedented global response, unlike anything we have seen before. Government and businesses are taking on new roles to respond to the crisis for a complete re-organization of their operations, travel and social interactions. Transformative changes have been observed that were not possible two months ago. The human costs of the epidemic are horrifying, but the response is largely characterized by care, compassion and connection - and the speed of an unheard change.

The world is drowning in the shock of what is happening around and coming to terms with the new reality. Everyone must seize this moment as a unique window of opportunity to rebuild the society and economy. Scientists cautioned that we have 10 years left to avoid the worst consequences of climate change; this may provide an opportunity to fix the climate crisis before it is too late.

Bill Gates, in one of his lectures, spoken about the risk of a global pandemic during a 2015 TED talk. He said that if more than 10 million people die in the next few decades, it is most likely to be due to a highly infectious virus. We should be worried, but actually, we can build a good feedback system.

Climate change has also become a major threat to human life and urgently demands a comprehensive response. **A study published in the Medical Journal, Lancet, predicts 500,000 adult deaths due to climate change by 2050.**

## Deaths due to climate change by 2050



In the wake of the epidemic, the value of knowledge has also become evident. The advice of the epidemiologists has gone viral and doctors have been cast as the heroes. This may represent a turning point in the trend of the demise of the experts. We also need to listen to climate scientists and policy advisors to win the fight against climate change. Epidemics like these teach us to accept our vulnerability to the high-impact shocks due to climate-related disasters. This offers us the final chance to avoid a climate catastrophe and places us at an infinitely better position to prepare for such events.

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