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Scientists predict climate change effects

NEW YORK: Harvard University researchers say climatic changes will significantly alter the health of humans and ecosystems worldwide.

The study indicates the changing climate has the potential for abrupt and widespread economic consequences.

"We found that impacts of climate change are likely to lead to ramifications that overlap in several areas, including our health, our economy and the natural systems on which we depend," said Dr. Paul Epstein, the study's lead author and associate director of the Center for Health and the Global Environment at Harvard Medical School.

The study outlines effects of climatic change with regard to infectious diseases; extreme weather events; and ecosystems such as forests, agriculture, marine habitat and water. Economic implications, as well as possible near-future affects, are projected for each case.

The study warns that warming and extreme weather can affect the breeding and range of disease vectors such as mosquitoes. Scientists also note increasing levels of carbon dioxide may be contributing to the rising incidence of asthma due to increased pollen production.

The study -- released during a Tuesday news conference at the American Museum of Natural History in New York -- was co-sponsored by Swiss Re and the U.N. Development Program.

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- ▶ Bird flu scare takes toll in Pak poultry business
- ▶ Vaughn and Clooney battle for coveted role
- ▶ Culkin's father living in poverty
- ▶ Manmohan Singh to flag off Nankana Sahib bus on March 24
- ▶ Asif Ali Zardari's properties confiscated
- ▶ EADS builds professional mobile radio network in Beijing
- ▶ Early 20th century oleograph exhibition, a treat for Chennai's art lovers
- ▶ Essar Oil set to commission refinery in July
- ▶ Parliamentary panel raps CIL for outsourcing work
- ▶ Fire breaks out in battery factory
- ▶ Lowering cholesterol early in life beneficial against heart disease later
- ▶ Survey: racism between Israeli Jews, Arabs
- ▶ NIT: Louisville 74, Missouri St. 56
- ▶ India, Pak agree to check human trafficking, fake currency, illegal immigration
- ▶ NBA: Detroit 82, Miami 73
- ▶ 'Weeping Madonna' investigated in Italy
- ▶ Will Smith takes a 'Thief' to Hollywood
- ▶ Stefani left out in the cold
- ▶ 15-year-old allegedly blackmailed for sex
- ▶ Willis moves to the top of Trump Tower
- ▶ Australia issues emergency cyclone grants
- ▶ NHL: Dallas 4, Minnesota 2
- ▶ Sharon Osbourne tops celebrity mom poll
- ▶ NBA: Boston 110, Toronto 96
- ▶ Author Jade Snow Wong dead at 84
- ▶ Fiji PM in a spot after alleged racist remark
- ▶ NIT: Michigan 71, Miami 65
- ▶ NHL: Florida 3, Washington 2
- ▶ NBA: Indiana 95, Chicago 85
- ▶ NBA: Cleveland 120, Charlotte 118 (OT)
- ▶ 12 U.S. tourists killed in Chile bus wreck
- ▶ NIT: Old Dominion 61, Hofstra 51
- ▶ NHL: Carolina 4, Buffalo 3
- ▶ NBA: Philadelphia 115, Atlanta 106
- ▶ Border skirmish casts shadow on Khaleda visit
- ▶ NHL: Philadelphia 6, NY Rangers 3
- ▶ NBA: Orlando 111, New York 87
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- ▶ New Edition to perform at Essence Fest
- ▶ Chopper service for Amarnath pilgrims to be made operational
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- ▶ Police raid Nepal leader's house, snatch communication devices
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- ▶ Estrada denies taking kickbacks
- ▶ Fla. students may get tax break on books
- ▶ Skakel wants high court to hear his appeal
- ▶ MTV Video Music Awards return to New York
- ▶ Parolee heads back to pen for theft
- ▶ NBC exiles its 'Four Kings'
- ▶ Fmr. Chicago priest charged with kid porn
- ▶ Exercise can help in reducing menopausal symptoms
- ▶ Muslim group calls for madrasa regulation
- ▶ 'Casino Royale' sequel appears likely
- ▶ Alford says he is staying at Iowa
- ▶ Radio industry revenues to touch Rs. 12 bn by 2010
- ▶ Barmaid accuses Hank Jr. of assault
- ▶ Demand for Arabic classes grows
- ▶ 100-year-old retires after working for 76 years!
- ▶ Man gets skinned by porn scammers
- ▶ World's tallest man searches for love
- ▶ DVD for infants is criticized
- ▶ Soriano makes \$10 million decision
- ▶ Fish advances past first round
- ▶ NCAA Tournament resumes Thursday night
- ▶ ESA satellite flood mapping service begins
- ▶ Ethiopian HIV/AIDS initiative to start
- ▶ Roy Williams named coach of the year
- ▶ Orissa liquor tragedy: four lose sight
- ▶ Woods skips practice to be with dad
- ▶ Rajasthan BJP MLAs to come under scanner
- ▶ USA routed in preparation for World Cup
- ▶ Country moose, city moose
- ▶ Media campaigns encourage parents to talk about sex
- ▶ Madagascar expands its conservation policy
- ▶ Doors still open for negotiation on Baloch and Wana crisis: Musharraf
- ▶ Sensex recovers in early trade
- ▶ Spain's ETA declares a permanent ceasefire
- ▶ Chetan, Sridhar in last eight
- ▶ Children must be the focus in battle against AIDS: United Nations
- ▶ Bush pushes Iraqis on government
- ▶ Caterpillar chief warns of protectionism
- ▶ Parliamentary panel raps CIL for outsourcing work
- ▶ Fossil of new dinosaur species is found
- ▶ NASA launches ST5 Satellites
- ▶ Chavez slams U.S. on Iraq, Iran
- ▶ Dharmendra reveals secret about Vyjayantimala
- ▶ Chinese president to visit White House
- ▶ Biography provides fresh perspective to 'The Nehrus'
- ▶ Nuclear deal injects India into daily discourse in US
- ▶ 83-year-old bludgeoned to death in Himachal
- ▶ Government plans Coal Videsh on lines of ONGC Videsh
- ▶ Nepal king continues crackdown on opposition leaders
- ▶ Trans-border vintage car rally reaches Dharamsala
- ▶ Six killed as Nepal Maoists try to loot money
- ▶ No tourists as government sheds crocodile tears for dilapidated reptile centre
- ▶ Body clock could be re-set: study
- ▶ PNB training Punjabi farmers in modern farming techniques
- ▶ Tackle your cholesterol early to avoid heart disease
- ▶ MIT moves closer to morphing
- ▶ S&P to launch U.S. metro housing indexes
- ▶ HRPT gets \$309M in asset sales
- ▶ Man fleeing police dies in Texas sinkhole
- ▶ Wal-Mart recalls 643,000 chairs
- ▶ More Yukos officials are charged
- ▶ Convict claims he's theft victim
- ▶ Indian weightlifters in dope scandal at Melbourne
- ▶ Bird flu study shows human cell barrier
- ▶ Medical resident sues over pregnancy leave
- ▶ Rupee tumbles further against USD in early trade
- ▶ Meditation for personality development, the new mantra
- ▶ 50 indicted in alleged cocaine operation
- ▶ Auction of 'Minsk' military theme park in China a damp squib
- ▶ Study shows how cells recover from stress
- ▶ U.S. stocks get a bump from GM news
- ▶ Mumbai rape case: Police to conduct identification parade
- ▶ Energy futures prices mixed on Nymex
- ▶ Study: Soil erosion threatens human health
- ▶ Lulu flags-off first double-stack container train
- ▶ What's in a name? Ask Slobodan Milosevic
- ▶ Sale of ticket starts for first one-dayer between England and India
- ▶ Nunchuck flasher arrested with a fight
- ▶ Law for rehabilitation necessary for displaced tribes: Shivraj Patil
- ▶ Study: Plants can be divided into species
- ▶ Bihar weavers protest to draw government's attention to their plight
- ▶ Would-be record bass not getting honors
- ▶ President Kalam to present 'Nirmal Gram Puraskar' award
- ▶ Pantyhose snag cross-dressing robber
- ▶ Accused terror plotters face British trial
- ▶ Scientists look for biosignatures
- ▶ Sierra Leone athletes missing from Games
- ▶ Ferry sinks off northern British Columbia
- ▶ Experts to repair 30-pound chocolate egg
- ▶ Cat hits branch on 80-foot fall from tree
- ▶ India expected to have met United Nations target on TB detection: WHO

- ▶ CROSS CURRENCY RATES - THOMAS COOK
- ▶ Wild chase captures Central Park coyote
- ▶ FOREX - Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation
- ▶ Report: Sky not falling on auto suppliers
- ▶ Sociology goes to the movies
- ▶ China shuts down websites in crackdown on Internet piracy
- ▶ UAW, GM agree on severance program
- ▶ United States to push forward fissile materials cutoff treaty: Burns
- ▶ Argentina fires drinking water supplier
- ▶ Rep. stalls Kentucky jockey insurance bill
- ▶ Israel: Indian farmers on strike
- ▶ 500-foot ambulance ride cost \$673
- ▶ No double standards in dealing with Iran and India: Bush
- ▶ Gaza brewer to launch Hamas beer
- ▶ Teacher sues board over flautulent chair
- ▶ Estrada denies taking kickbacks
- ▶ Charges against Bears player dropped
- ▶ Survey says one in three in France racist
- ▶ Key accused in illegal telephone exchange racket held
- ▶ First-ever meeting of SCR held to discuss security aspects
- ▶ High-ranking monkeys: snobbish behavior
- ▶ Delegation visits Sonia
- ▶ Europe sees more Russian gas disruptions
- ▶ Harris promises 'widow's mite' to campaign
- ▶ DSK to undertake real estate project in the United States
- ▶ Study identifies brain's reward mechanism
- ▶ \$30,000 found in Katrina-deluged home
- ▶ Govt 'misleading' public on BML link canal: INLD
- ▶ Accused terror plotters face British trial
- ▶ 2nd hovering car spotted on Google Earth
- ▶ 15 injured in clash
- ▶ 25,000th tipper rolled out
- ▶ Gopalakrishnan takes over as Chairman of CII Karnataka
- ▶ AMOS inks pact with ISRO for supply of high tech collimator
- ▶ Govt considering retrenched employees case with "sympathy"
- ▶ DNA separates hemp from marijuana plants

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