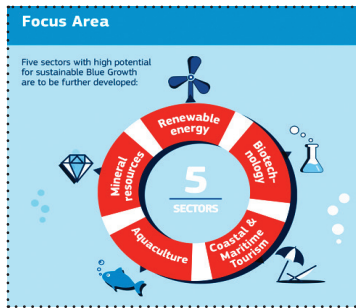


Blue Economy-Wave 13

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First time reinforcing India's commitment to the national development agenda and SDGs, the country's Parliament has organized several forums to develop policy and action perspectives on elimination of poverty, promoting gender equality and addressing climate change. The NITI Aayog, with the Prime Minister as its chairperson, is to provide the overall coordination and leadership. The institution has carried out a detailed mapping of the 17 Goals and 169 targets to Nodal Central Ministries, Centrally Sponsored Schemes and major government initiatives. Most sub-national governments have carried out a similar mapping of the SDGs and

targets to the departments and programmes in their respective states. A noteworthy example is the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) which is the world's largest financial inclusion programme.

Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, an ancient Indian phrase meaning "the world is one family", pithily captures the spirit of India's approach to all aspects of life including economic development. **The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are, thus, part and parcel of the country's longstanding tradition and heritage.** Indeed, the goals substantially reflect the development agenda of India, as Prime Minister Narendra Modi



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himself noted in his speech at the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit in September 2015.

To quote PM Narendra Modi, "Much of India's development agenda is mirrored in the Sustainable Development Goals. Our national plans are ambitious and purposeful; Sustainable development of one-sixth of humanity will be of great consequence to the world and our beautiful planet."

India and Policy on Blue economy Thru SDG:

By harnessing blue resources, the issues of poverty, food insecurity, unemployment and ecological imbalance can be effectively tackled. Research and innovations in marine biotechnology, higher access to seabed resources, investment in marine ICT and proper integration of coastal tourism and other services could play a crucial role in injecting stimulus for creating additional economic activities in the IORA region

It would be interesting to see how our national policy develops

itself after the Blue Economy made into BIG news. It was not only the Policy relevance but what transpired in Rio conference puts us on Target of achieving something.

The United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development or Rio+20 took place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in June 2012, where member states decided to launch a process to develop a set of Sustainable Developmental Goals (SDGs). They also agreed to establish a high-level political forum (HLPF) for sustainable development. The Rio+20 eventually evolved into the SDG 2016 and was known as **Agenda 30**, specifying a 15-year implementation time plan up to 2030. The SDGs are being steered under the aegis of UN's Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

I liked the work system of Process to develop a set of Sustainability development goals, most of us would agree that developing something happens on its own and there is no process needed. Wrong, the Goal based development is process oriented and Target oriented.

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