

Ques- Why nations must utilize the Conference of Parties 26 (COP) effectively to address the enormous threat posed by climate change? Examine.

→ The United Nations Framework Convention for Climate Change (UNFCCC) holds the Conference of Parties (COP) every year ^{since 1995} except for 2019 due to Pandemic.

• The COP 26 ^{to be held at Glasgow in November, 2021.} has a number of agendas to discuss upon - that affect the world order -

- Reduction of Carbon emission level - 1.5°C than existing 2°C rise
- Carbon market exchange & the resultant effect on LDCs.
- Coping up with the economic losses of such carbon emission.
- Discussing about the urgent resolutions of compliance in Paris Agreement for Climate Change (2015) - to be achieved by 2025 & how to speed them up.
- Checking efficacy of the Nationally Determined Contributions NDCs

• Previously, the following steps have been taken keeping the 1990 Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG emissions) as the standard :- (Since 1992 - Earth Summit - 'prevent' climate change)

→ Kyoto Protocol - directed the industrial countries to reduce carbon emissions. Achieved → 5% improvement by 1990

→ The COP 21

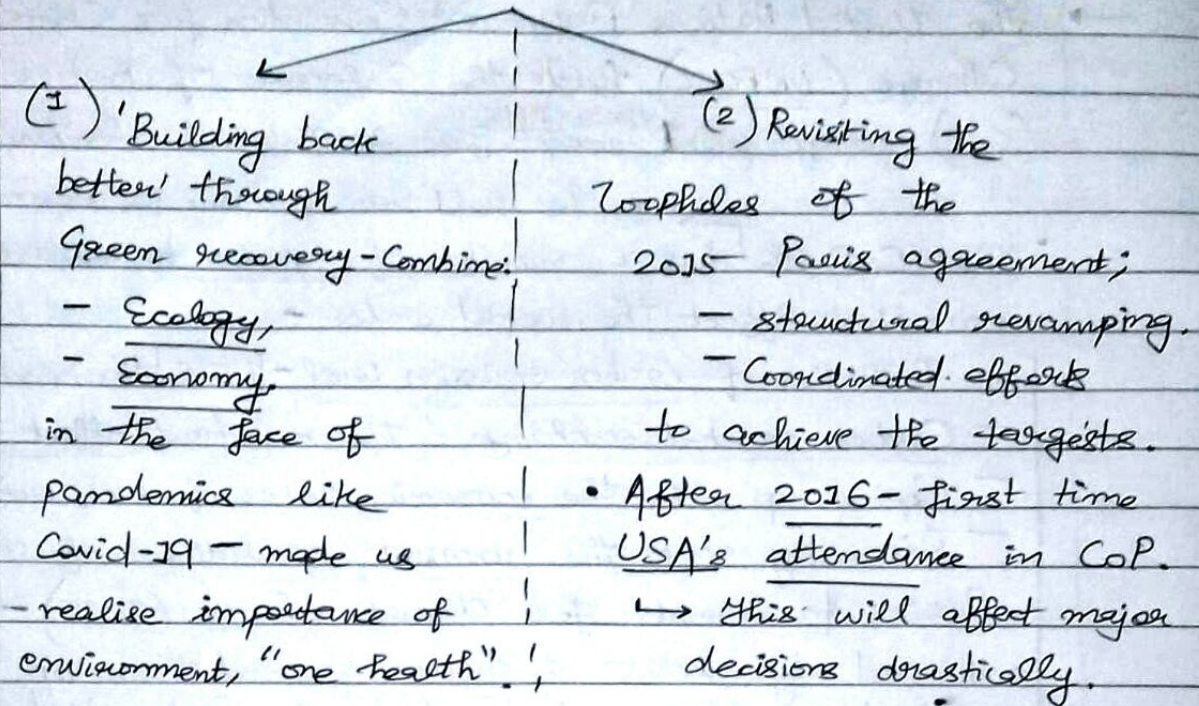
→ Paris Agreement - directed 195 party members to limit GHG emissions. Achieved → 38% improvement.

• Countries like UK (committed to reach zero emissions by 2050), Norway, France, New Zealand & re-entered USA - have a stake as responsible member nations of UNFCCC - to come off as climate leaders.

• De facto the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) aimed for the year 2030 have climate change & action

as a major goal, which all countries must strive to achieve holistically.

- Precisely, the importance of Cop 26 is two pronged-



- CONCLUSION-

→ Through global cooperation on a stage like UNFCCC, member nations can help curb the magnifying & negative effects of GHG emissions. Policy interventions, in letter & spirit is the need of the hour to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2050. Convention of Parties can, furthermore, address the ecological lacuna & economic impacts thereby caused by Covid-19.