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1. India's G20 Leadership is an ideal opportunity for New Delhi to build on effective platform for South Asian Region. Analyze.

World is facing multiple threats due to geopolitical tensions, COVID-pandemic etc, causing food, financial crisis. India as a president of G20 must lead from front, to address these issues.

Priorities of India

priorities eg: Life style for environment, green development, inclusive development etc; reflect priorities of global. → motto 'vasudeiva kudumbakam'.

South Asian Region

majority of problem - South Asia is facing all of global problems. eg: Inflation → 斯里兰卡经济危机, floods, damage, economic losses in Pakistan.

Opportunities

1. G20 tringa (upcoming) → Indonesia-India-Brazil
(developing nations)

~~not~~ This provides shift of focus to include priorities of South Asia & other developing countries as whole, not included in the forum.

These need collective effort from G20, as a forum.

Challenges

1. post pandemic recovery, climate change induced disasters, financial crisis etc.

2. ^{majority in} South Asian region - energy generation is from fossil fuel. $\Rightarrow$ results in

63% of Green house gas emission

3. Health infrastructure focus after pandemic.

Global cooperation $\Rightarrow$ financial assistance for

loss & damage. eg. Recent Conference of parties-27

~~has~~ brought 'Loss & damages fund' $\Rightarrow$ G20 must ensure this reaches intended countries.

4. Major stakeholders in Multilateral

institution are South Asian countries - necessary for economic development and good governance.

Way ahead

India being sole country from South Asia in G20, must address these issues. Recent initiative 'voice of global South summit' to 'listen to developing countries not in the form is a measure in right direction', to address 'voice of billion'