India–UN Development Partnership Fund

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Why in News?

Recently, the Indian Permanent Mission to the UN in New York hosted the Board of Directors meeting of the India–UN Development Partnership Fund.

- **Established in –** June 2017 by Government of India.
- **Total Commitment –** 150 million USD.
- **Fund Managed by –** United Nations Office for South–South Cooperation (UNOSSC).
- **Objectives –**
  - Promote *South – South cooperation.*
  - Align with the *2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.*
  - Prioritize *Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries, and Small Island Developing States.*

South-South Cooperation (SSC) is a collaborative framework where developing countries (the Global South) share knowledge, technology, skills, and resources to achieve common development goals

- **Scope & Coverage –** All **17 SDGs** of the United Nations are covered.
- **Projects –** 36 projects in 37 countries within first 2 years; 21 under implementation.
- **Thematic Areas –** Climate resilience, renewable energy, gender equality, health, education, livelihoods, infrastructure, water & sanitation, agriculture.
- **Commonwealth Window –** Focuses on Commonwealth developing countries, leveraging shared institutional and cultural frameworks.
- **Proposal & Implementation Process – Concept Note –** Submitted by partner country (strategy, features, budget).
- **Submission –** To Permanent Mission of India (UN, New York) or UNOSSC.

- **Review –** By Board of Directors.
- **Project Document –** Prepared by implementing UN agency in consultation with UNOSSC.
- **Approval –** Within 3 months.
- **Implementation –** UN agency + partner government; monitored monthly.
- **Oversight –** Regular review by UNOSSC, Government of India representatives, and partner governments.
- **Significance –** The India-UN Development Partnership Fund strengthens India's role in South–South cooperation, demonstrating India's commitment to SDGs and global governance.

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