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1. with respect to G-20 presidency, India can learn a lot from Indonesia's achievements. Elaborate.

G20 grouping with both developing & developed country, compose 80% of GDP globally. Current host is Indonesia.

### Indonesia's achievement

Think 20 (T-20) summit hosted by Jakarta. It is an 'Idea bank' with academia's global expert for open trade and sustainable investment partnership.

### Lessons to India

Indonesia's engagement with Regional partners in Asia & Pacific.

a. ASEAN/ ASEAN+6 East Asia Summit, 15-member RCEP  
21 member - APEC, APF ASEAN free trade  $\Rightarrow$  Increased people to people ties across Asia & Pacific

b. India-Asian engagement

i) Australia - becoming largest destination for Indonesian students

ii) Japan - becoming largest investment partner in global supply chain after Singapore.

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## Issues with India

1. Lack of engagement with Global experts, academics
2. 5th largest economy but yet less investment in Groupings like G20 & WTO.
3. Even pharma & IT, ~~has not~~ have been active in engagement
4. Big trade agreements but less coverage at Sectoral level.

## Lessons to be learnt

1. Engaging with Regional community. eg: pharma & IT strong business & engagement during covid. will enhance & deepen ties in Asia Pacific.
2. Inviting JOPA & BIMSTEC members to G20.
3. <sup>Recent</sup> changes as opportunity - Japan initiative  $\Rightarrow$  Economic and Research Institute for ASEAN & East Asia (ERIA) opening for India
4. Digital solution - leadership in global south. with written rules on Digital, implementation is <sup>the</sup> task.
5. Commerce ministry - target  $\$$  \$2 trillion trade. can be achieved through engagement

India must chose 'Multialignment' Strategy in these groupings, to change perception of coalitions to multilateral engagement in changing geopolitics & also address concerns of global south