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1. India's G20 presidency can help in promoting actions to facilitate the transition towards a sustainable blue economy. Explain.

world bank - 'Blue economy' - sustainable use of ocean resources for economic development, livelihood, jobs and also protect health of ocean ecosystem

G20 - countries & ocean economy.

These countries occupy 45% of coastal areas and 21% of Exclusive Economic zones (EEZs)

Why there is need for 'Blue Economy' conservation?

Intergovernment panel on climate change → points out Increased sea level rises & ocean acidification

others → marine pollution, unsustainable extraction.

India's initiatives - 'Blue economy'.

1. Sagarmala → by ministry of shipping - for port led development

2. Deep ocean mission → for sustainable extraction of marine resources.

3. plastic waste management rules, 2022 → to ban - single use plastics & extended producer responsibility to ocean ecosystem.

Role of India's $\boxed{G20}$ presidency to conserve 'Blue economy' -

1. India's principle → LiFE [Life style for Environment]
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focuses on mindful use of resources

2. Blue economy has been chosen as a $\boxed{\text{Key focus area}}$ under - Environment & climate sustainable group in G20.

Other (previous) focus

Osaka forum → to prevent additional pollution - marine litter to zero by 2050.

$\boxed{\text{way forward}}$

'Blue economy' - has immense potential. not only ~~for~~ economically, also environmentally. India as G20 president, has right place to push for conservation efforts