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- Lord Northcliffe

Blue Economy-Wave 15

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Goal 13 – Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.

Goal 14 – Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.

Goal 15 – Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss.

Goal 16 – Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.

Goal 17 – Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalise the global partnership for sustainable development.

expeditious penetration of the SDGs, the Government of India released a draft Three- Year Action Agenda covering the years 2017-18 to 2019-20 on 23 April 2017.

A number of the initiatives have focused on the importance of gender equity in the context of the SDGs. These include the National Women's Legislators' Conference as well as the second BRICS Women Parliamentarians Forum.

The Forum observed that women parliamentarians can make a significant contribution towards shaping public opinion in favour of the new global development goals. The Forum brought out the 'Jaipur Declaration' expressing its commitment to the SDGs.

India has implemented the Goal and status can be seen in Voluntary national review. Some of the noteworthy national initiatives are the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) which is the world's largest financial inclusion programme. By leveraging PMJDY, Aadhaar (biometric identity system) and mobile telephony, the government has disbursed a cumulative amount of INR—RS 1.62 trillion (USD 25 billion) to

329 million beneficiaries through Direct Benefit Transfers.

State governments too have been playing a significant role in advancing the national development agenda. Feedbacks on Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (Clean India Movement) and Skill Development have been incorporated real time to calibrate national policies.

The National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog), chaired by the Prime Minister, is responsible for overseeing the implementation of the SDGs. NITI Aayog has mapped the goals and targets to various nodal ministries through its Target Mapping plan.

SDG and Blue Economy:

After the SDGs were adopted, the National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog), the premier policy think tank of the Government of India, was assigned the responsibility of overseeing their implementation.

UN has following to say about the blue economy and sustainable model of BE thro SID (Small Island states) and Coastal least developed countries.

(To be continued...)



Indian Initiatives towards SDGs

India has been proactive in implementing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The slogan SabkaSaathSabkaVikas, which translates as 'Collective Effort and Inclusive Growth' has been the Prime Minister's clarion call for India's national development agenda. To ensure

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