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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS - 1

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Q1:-

Indo-Nepal relations go back into history and were recently reinforced by PM Narendra Modi's visit to Lumbini, the birthplace of Buddha.

Write Contextual heading

unique relationship

* Buddhist history - Gautam Buddha travelled from Lumbini, Nepal to Gaya, India, thereby connecting the 2 nations culturally.

Good points are mentioned

* India-Nepal transit requires no passport or visa - election card is sufficient for travel.

* Indian Army - Gorkha regiment is a Nepal-based regiment.

interdependencies between the nation

* India and Nepal's geography has resulted in geopolitical and geo-economic interdependencies & issues.

Give a brief overview of India-Nepal Relationship in Intro part

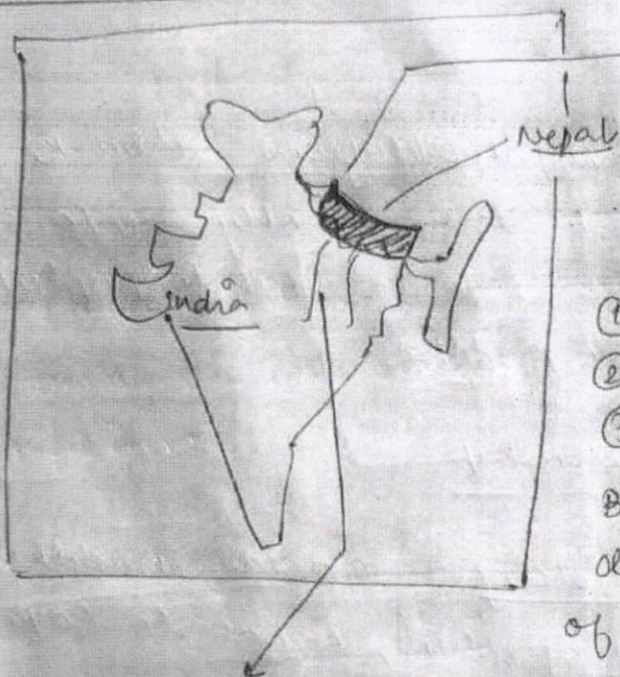
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① Territorial dispute between India, Nepal & China.

- ① Himpryadhura
- ② Kalapani
- ③ hipulekh

Based on the debated origin of the Kalapani river.

② Rivers ~ overflow & flood damage during monsoons.

- Gandak • Kosi

These rivers bring silt from Nepal's highlands and clog & flood rivers downstream - leading to livelihood and agricultural damage.

③ Geographic dependence

- a) Nepal is landlocked
- b) Both share borders with an aggressive China.

c) Himalayan range poses security challenges (maneuverable terrain is absent).

low
Explain strategic location of China poses India?

Explain recent problems in Indo-Nepal Relations.
Issues related to China's borders etc.

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measures to leverage Interdependency

- ① dialogue and discussion on territorial disagreement.
- ② monsoon Management Plan, bilateral flood management mechanism.
- ③ developmental projects :- West Seti Dam
- ④ International level collaboration
a) BIMSTEC
b) BBIN
- ⑤ Enhanced people to people contacts
eg: extend India's Buddhist circuit to Nepal
- ⑥ Cultural Diplomacy Efforts
ICCR, Indian High Commission activities.

Nepal is an essential neighboring country that India must take along to ensure its position as a democratic leader of South Asia.

Explain with implication of the measure mentioned

Grand points

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Conclusion is fine

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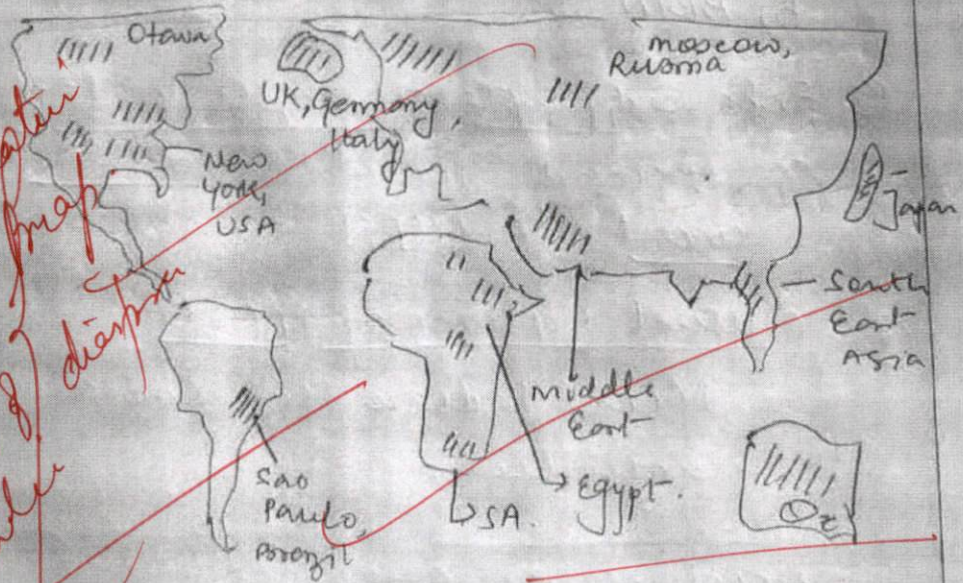
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*Introduce Indian
Diaspora contextually
linking
question*

The Indian diaspora refers to
Indian citizens ~~residing~~ or Indian
origin citizens ~~residing~~ in foreign
nations.

major destinations of Indian
Diaspora

*good presentation
through
map
of locations of Indian
diaspora*



The Indian diaspora is well spread
across the world, with most residing
in the US, middle East & Europe.

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Diaspora As A Strategic Asset

① Political entity - Indian diaspora constitutes a significant voter population that has to be considered in countries during election.

a) Indian Origin Vice Pres: Kamala of United States. Harris

b) Howdy Modi event with huge diaspora turnout in America.

c) Contestant / nominee for UK PM, of Indian origin.

② Cultural diplomacy & soft power extension

a) Indian Embassies, High Commission and Consulates work to foster good relations.

b) ICCR - Indian Council for Cultural Relations enhance cultural exhibition in the resident country.

③ Consumer Base - Market Demand

a) Indians are consumers, help domestic

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industry growth

5) Diaspora is also investor/risk taker,
enhance GDP of nation.

④ Economic Power

a) Source of remittances - wealth
for India

b) Labour Force in host nation

Diaspora Engagement through

Pravasi Bhartiya Divas and recognition

of work of diplomats posted abroad
act as ambassadors for Indian
diaspora and sense of pride at
being Indian.

Good
Conclusion

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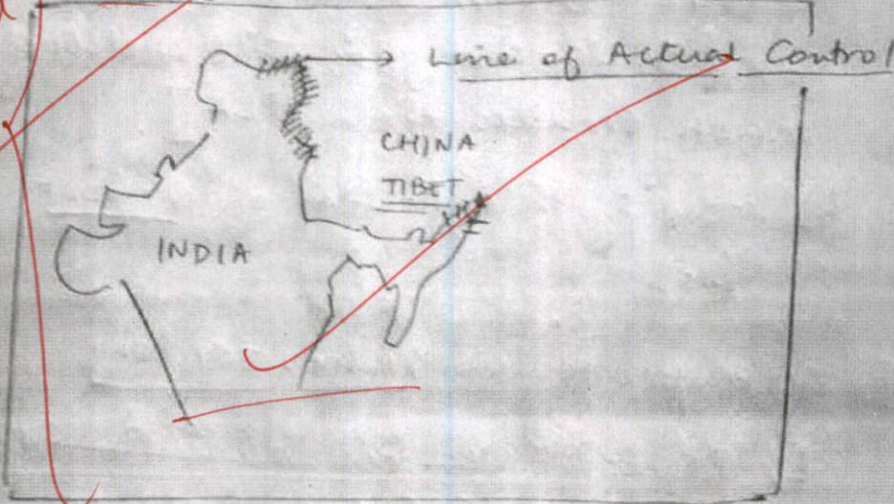
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Q3:-

Indo-China relations have
constantly been a source of trouble
and distrust. The developments at the
LAC signify the same.



LAC, India's Security Vulnerability

① Infrastructure development

eg: roads to mountain tops
bridge across Pangong Tso

② challenge to security:-

a) fast transport of weapons/
personnel / surveillance systems in
case of heightened action

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b) Greater deployment of troops
instead of demilitarization

© Encourage race to over-deployment
counter measures

a) costs high to India

[India's army is still relatively
much smaller than PLA]

b) Security threat - fear of 2-front
war

© developments in Indian territory

↳ China-Pakistan Economic Corridor
passing through Gilgit-Baltistan,
Pakistan Occupied Kashmir.

↳ Affects India's sovereignty.

India requires a 2 pronged policy:-

a) Revision of Tibet Policy :- enhanced
dialogue with the autonomous
region & resettle territorial/boundary
disputes.



Relevant arguments
are discussed but
also mention about
Tibet just integrating into
China
1959 - Tibetans uprising
- Tibetan Refugee shelter by PM Nehru
- Invitation to Dalai Lama in
official event
etc.

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उम्मीदवारों को
प्रश्न संख्या में
लिखनी है।

Explain the reasons why India needs to remind its Tibet policy

Indo-China diplomacy - bilateral dialogue, peaceful non-aggressive border action.

India & China must recall the Panchsheel Agreement that puts each nation's peace & sovereignty as priority in any international dialogue.

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Q4:-

Good linking about
SCO with
recent context

The Shanghai Cooperation Organization
is a China based multilateral
regional grouping consisting of :-

- China
- India
- Russia
- Kazakhstan
- Tajikistan
- Pakistan

Recently, India assumed the
Presidency of the organization & led
talks on Central Asian development.

SCO as a channel for Central Asian

Outreach :-

① Political outreach

Relevant explanation
of political
outreach

a) Afghanistan (Taliban) situation
and its political outcome can be
discussed amongst SCO members
as neighbours of the Heart of Asia.

b) Indo-Pakistan relations - a
platform for cooperation.

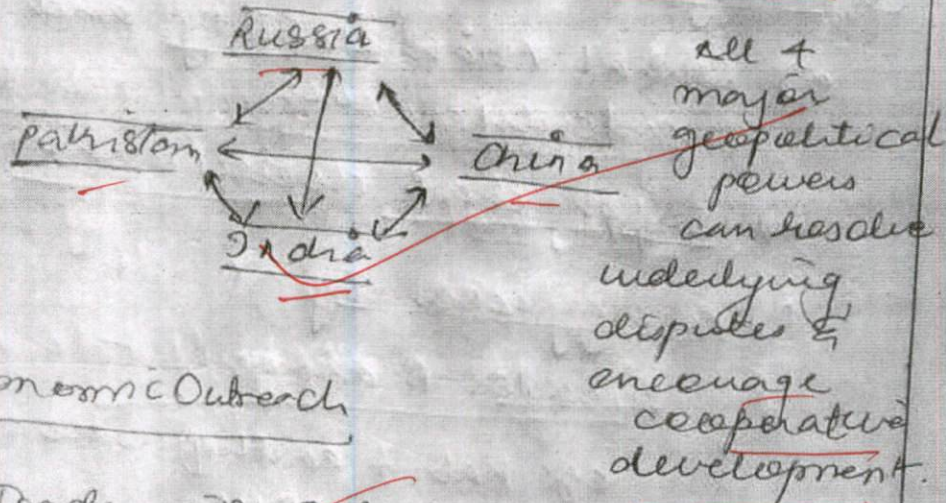
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c) Central Asian Quadrilateral Relations:-



② Economic Outreach

a) Trade with Central Asia

b) Natural raw material procurement

eg: uranium from Kazakhstan
Russian oil

Poly metallic nodules /
precious minerals from China

c) Transport - International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC)

- interconnectivity with Central Asia as well as Eurasia / Europe.

d) port development with Pakistan along

TAPI corridor [Tajikistan, Afghanistan, Pakistan, India].

Good points are mentioned but ignore it

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③ Strategic Outreach

a) Central Asian stability and interdependence

supply chain diversification

c) energy security

d) Disaster Management

eg: Kabul earthquake support
along with CDR

Central Asia has long been ignored by India. If it is to be a global power, India must forge friendships & trust with the nations of Central Asia whilst ensuring political, geoeconomic & strategic maturity.

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Remarks
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Starting of intro is
Good briefing
about Cultural
diplomacy

Indian diplomacy in South
Asia has majorly been based on
cultural diplomacy which involves
social and historical ties. It is now
time to transition into Economic
diplomacy to promote its development
interests.

Need for Economic Diplomacy in South Asia

① Chinese hegemony

eg: China is investing in Cambodian
real estate and services industries
heavily, alongside RCEP agreement

② Chinese infrastructure - debt

trap diplomacy has led to a
string of pearls around India in the
South & the Belt & Road Initiative
in India's North - thereby circling
the nation.

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*Explain some of Successful
projects done by India in
neighbouring countries*
— Salma Dam — Afghanistan
— Mangla Dam — Pakistan
— Project in Bhutan
— Haiming Project in Solu
govt funds
are mentioned

- South Asia is a productive region
in various fields
- agriculture & agripreneurship
 - industrial (manufacturing & intermediate goods) growth
 - services sector / trade, etc.
- Economic Diplomacy Opportunities
- 1) Mekong Ganga Delta Cooperation
 - dam construction
 - disaster management
 - fisheries industry development through connection with PM Matsya Sampada Yojana
 - 2) Indo-ASEAN efforts to leverage strengths despite RCEP rejection.
 - FTAs with singular countries
 - Renewable energy investment
eg: solar power (ISA), hydroelectricity, hydrogen power.
 - Agricultural markets support
eg: milk and dairy market.

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③ FDI in South Asia alongside transport development and regional integration

eg: BBIN transport corridor

Act East Policy

Neighbourhood First Policy

[Infrastructure development]

④ Financial Cooperation [services sector]

eg: India can learn from Singapore's arbitration centre and apply to GIFT City, Gujarat - India's 1st IFC.

Free+Open Indo Pacific

a) SAGAR - Security & Growth for All in the Region

b) BIMSTEC + SAARC to promote regional development and social capital investment.

India has great scope for enhanced regional growth and mutual development in South Asia - especially through economic diplomacy.

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Beginning is fine &
into with overview
of UN Security Council
Reforms

The United Nation Security Council
is one of the six organs that
make up the United Nations Organisation.

Features of UNSC

- ① Major security body
- ② 5 permanent members :-
 - USA • UK • France • China
 - Russia [each has veto power.]
- ③ 10 Non Permanent members - rotate every 2 years.

Relevance of UNSC in 21st century

- ① The world is no longer a bifurcated system of nations. Such a world existed during WWI, WWII and Cold War.



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② Emergence of regional powers and the rise of a multipolar world order.

③ UNSC's veto powers are a remnant of the past world order; there is need for greater representation & power sharing.

④ Veto makes resolution incapable
eg: Russia can veto any resolution against its use of force against Ukraine.

⇒ Thus, UNSC has become an arbitrary & powerless body.

Reforms are required before it meets the same fate as League of Nations in WWII:-

① The G4 [Group of 4] - Brazil, India, Germany and Japan demand permanent membership.

② Other nations also feel need for greater representation, eg: Argentina, Pakistan, Italy and South Korea.

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(3) Need to expand veto power to other members.

(4) Consensus based decision making / majority.

(5) Need to make decisions enforceable - otherwise nations flagrantly disregard international convention.

(6) Greater deployment of Peace Keeping missions.

The UNSC is losing its hegemony in the world order because of its dissimilarity with the state of affairs. As the world's largest democracy, India must work hard as part of TRUKA to ensure better representation at the UNSC.

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Introduce with briefing about
that
organisations have about

~~Quad~~

India is a member of both the

~~[Japan, USA, Australia] and SCO~~

~~[Russia, China, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Pakistan]~~

These groupings are somewhat contrasting
and clashing.

Ambiguity in foreign policy

- Quad and SCO have somewhat clashing
aims:

Quad

- military grouping
for a free and open
Indo-Pacific

implicitly counters
the growth of China's
hegemony in the
region

- US-centred (which
is a strategic
"enemy" state of Russia
and China)

SCO

- Central Asian focus
for regional cooperation
- Involves China in
and its the process
of development -
implicitly encouraging
Chinese growth.
- Russia + China
collaboration -
strategically opposite
to the USA.

Good distinct
features or aspects
are mentioned

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Quest for multipolarity

• Despite the opposing claims and India's seemingly ambiguous foreign policy, membership of both Quad & SCO seek to attain entirely different and coherent aims

Quad

- Major Aim :-
- free open Indo-Pacific
- Enhanced cross-ocean cooperation with focus on disaster management, defence etc.
- Technology transfer and renewable energy cooperation between developed nations.

SCO

- Better Central Asian coordination, cooperation
- focus on various regional concerns:-
 - terrorism (RATS)
 - connectivity (INSTC, TAPI)
- Regional geopolitical concerns regional
 - Indo-China cooperation
 - Indo-Pak cooperation
- management of Indo-Pak-Russia-China formula.

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Thus, simultaneous membership of Quad
and SCO showcases India's foreign
policy goals of :-

- ① all-alignment - India does not
take sides in international politics.
- ② Attempt to align all nations to
its views of open and free democratic
global growth.

India does not seek to challenge
a specific nation. It seeks cooperation,
peace and development with all,
as per the Panchsheel values and in
the process aims to achieve leadership
at the global stage.

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Q8:-

Beginning of intro is fine with brief about G-7 and its objectives

The G-7 or Group of 7 is a grouping of 7 developed ^{countries} nations of the world seeking to ensure economic & geopolitical stability while ensuring sustainable growth especially in the face of Chinese assertiveness.

China's Aggression - A Common Concern

① India/Nepal/Bhutan border concern:- territorial disputes at LAC [Pangong Tso lake Standoff], Arunachal Pradesh claims along with BRI, String of Pearls

Relevant points are mentioned

② Economic assertiveness
→ supply chain collapse due to overdependence on Chinese intermediate goods during COVID 19 pandemic
→ US-China trade war [2018-19-20] and rising protectionism led to rising prices of consumer goods globally.

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① Russia - China nexus makes for a formidable geostategic opponent for the West.

→ UNSC veto and resolution passing is difficult against Russia for Russia-Ukraine war violations.

→ NATO is facing not just Russia but also China in its expansion eastward.

GF and India

② It is time for the West to acknowledge the importance of the border crisis (Indo - China) and support India in resolving it.

③ Countering BRI and South China Sea excursions through infrastructure development and cooperation with Canada, USA.

④ Renewable Energy cooperation with UK, Japan to reduce energy insecurity in India.

Good Context
with relevant
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① New Supply Chains based on transfer of Indian labours to west, outsourcing of service sector jobs to India - reduce dependence on China.

② Heavy capital intensive industry support. eg: semiconductor industries

③ Indo Pacific Joint partnership for maritime and defense cooperation eg: addition to AUKUS, DIIT with USA, combined G7-India strategy.

China's growth is a common concern of developed nation of G7 and India. Effective cooperation & mutual support can reduce this geoeconomic-political and strategic threat.

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Blatting of goods
also mention about
Ottawa Declaration 1996
which Arctic Council
formed -
Less under

Good points

The Arctic Circle refers to the North Pole region consisting of upper parts of Russia (Siberia), Greenland, Canada and the Nordic as well as Baltic states.

Space for Great Power Rivalry

① Thawing of icebergs makes this region a channel for transport of goods/ services.

eg: Russia can transport goods from east to west (Europe) through Arctic route.

② Tax and transport route capturing is an effective economic profit opportunity - everyone is vying for.

Energy Security dependence

eg: Nord Stream 1 and 2 in Baltic Sea between Germany & Russia.

Explain the energy security dependence

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Also mention about the richness of Arctic region like - perpetuating hydrocarbon etc.

① Research station set up by various nations to enhance economic output from the resource.

Strategic Significance for India

Good points are discussed

② Research station in the area can contribute to scientific knowledge eg: Arctic / tundra biome ecosystem.

③ The Himalayas are called the 3rd Pole of the World. Research on Arctic can help enhance understanding of Himalayan ecosystems.

Explain the importance also

④ Cooperation w/ Nordic/Baltic states - knowledge sharing (eg: renewable energy, etc.) as well as Canada, Russia.

Engagement of India in Arctic Circle

⑤ One research station: Himadri in Arctic Circle

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Q. India's Arctic Policy :-

And Components
are mentioned in
India's Arctic
policy

- peaceful research
knowledge and benefit
sharing
- understanding of common
resource
- non-pollution / non-degradation

mention about
Ind Arc. - for
research and
study purpose
Commit

Conclusion
full

The Arctic Circle is an
essential space for environmental
discourse. Great Power rivalry
may lead to unwanted exploitation.
It is up to nation to decide and
understand their common but
differentiated responsibilities CDR
in managing this global common.

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Q10.-

Good briefing
about the
Ocean Summit

Relevant points
are discussed
under
the sub
of context

India recently participated in
the One India Summit alongside various
other UN nations - a reminder of
the need to address climate change
through maritime dialogue & diplomacy.

Climate Change & the Oceans

- ① Global warming has negatively
impacted oceans and life below waters
[SDG 14].
- ② Ocean acidification due to excess
carbon in the atmosphere.
- ③ Bleaching of corals due to temperature
rise and acidification.
- ④ Melting icebergs, rising sea levels,
release of freshwater into oceans
affecting spanning of species and
ocean-dependent ecosystems.
- ⑤ Monsoon shifts - ITCZ moving north/
south & getting stronger.

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MARITIME DIPLOMACY

① One Ocean Summit - a reminder that oceans are 1 body, a common resource requiring common effort.

② One Water Approach - conservation of all kinds of water, including ocean water.

③ Economic diplomacy :- Blue Economy [understanding the ocean as a living, breathing entity that needs to be sustained while providing economic output.]

→ Blue Bonds - ocean-friendly investments.

④ Geopolitical cooperation on maritime security through bodies like BIMSTEC, Indian Ocean Region Cooperation, Indo-Pacific cooperation.

⑤ Disaster management [eg. CDRI] and infrastructure development to support below-sea level regions eg: Bangladesh.

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⑥ National, Regional and International
Cooperation to

- Valid points
are mentioned*
- reduce pollution
 - reduce pressure due to unsus-
tainable fisheries/aquaculture
 - enhance coastal management
and environmentally-friendly
livelihood
 - chance species growth
eg: Ohio Ridley turtles

*Concluding
well*

As PM Modi has reiterated,
we must adopt "LIFE" - Lifestyle
for Environment as part of SDG 13
[Climate Action] and as part of
our responsibility to Mother Earth.