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Batting for 'One South Asia' makes more sense



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Modi Surprises Climate Summit With 2070 Net-Zero Vow for India

The country is the world's third-biggest emitter and one of the most vulnerable to the impacts of global warming.

The News

PM Modi delivers India 'panchamrit' gift at COP26 to fight climate change: Five commitments in detail here

“In the midst of this global brainstorming on climate change, on behalf of India, I would like to present five nectar elements, Panchamrit, to deal with this challenge,” Modi said.

India launches Green Grids, OSOWOG and IRIS at COP26 on Day-2 of parleys

Modi said India will fully support this new project, and work closely with CDRI, other partner countries and the UN for its success

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The Observation

At the Climate summit this year, India has come up with multiple initiatives, however one can observe “the absence of a South Asian initiative on climate change led by India”...!!!

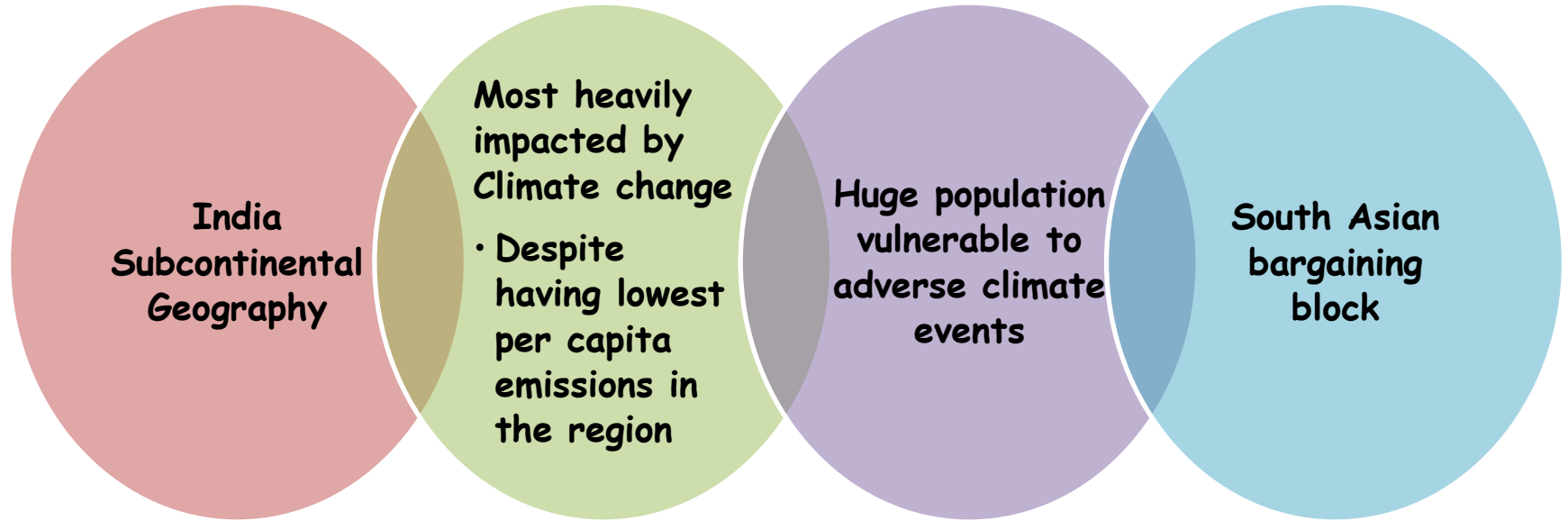
Why South Asian discourse missing?

South Asia least integrated region for trade

1. SAARC
2. BIMSTEC
3. BBIN
4. SASEC
5. BIMSTEC....



Can Climate Change unite South Asia?



India - Natural leader of South Asia..!!!

- When New Delhi speaks of the need for climate justice, global funding and climate adaptation technology transfer, **India's voice would only be strengthened multiple times if it speaks for South Asia as a whole.**
- If India fails to speak up for South Asia, its losing an opportunity. **Its neighbours are seeking help from other international partners...!!**
- **New Delhi has shown the path for the world in terms of fight against climate change. Can it unite South Asia over climate?**