

ENCOMPASSES OF BLUE ECONOMY CONTRIBUTION TO THE GROWTH OF THE INDIAN ECONOMY- AN ANALYTICAL STUDY

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Abstract

This analytical inquiry centres on the crucial importance of the Blue Economy in driving economic expansion within the Indian context. It begins by highlighting India's vast marine resources, encompassing fisheries and renewable natural resources like offshore wind and tidal energy. The utilization of these resources is seen as a means to generate employment, ensure food security, and drive innovation.

Additionally, the study examines how to maritime transport facilitates international trade and connectivity. India's extensive coastline and strategic maritime positioning offer opportunities for enhancing port infrastructure and trade routes. Initiatives such as Sabarimala and coastal shipping developments and evaluated for their impact on bolstering India's trade competitiveness and economic resilience.

The Blue Economy's role in promoting tourism and coastal development is another aspect under scrutiny. India's diverse marine ecosystems and cultural heritage present potential for marine-based tourism, contributing to regional development and livelihood improvement for coastal communities.

Environmental sustainability is a crucial consideration within the Blue Economy framework. The study explores strategies for responsible ocean governance, marine biodiversity conservation, and pollution mitigation, emphasizing the need to balance economic development with environmental preservation.

Furthermore, the analysis delves into policy frameworks and institutional mechanisms aimed at fostering Blue Economy initiatives in India. It evaluates the effectiveness of current policies in promoting sustainable ocean management and suggests interventions to optimise socio-economic benefits while safeguarding marine ecosystems.

In conclusion, the study emphasizes the multifaceted contributions of the Blue Economy to India's growth and resilience. Through sustainable utilization of maritime potential and alignment with global best practices, India can harness the Blue Economy as a catalyst for inclusive and sustainable development in the future.

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Introduction

In the foreseeable future, ocean-related policies and strategies will be increasingly influenced by the concept of the "blue economy." This term, now prevalent across various sectors such as fisheries, renewable energies, and conservation, underscores the pressing need to sustainably harness and equitably distribute benefits from ocean resources. This shift in focus reflects a growing awareness of the detrimental impacts of current practices on both the environment and communities.

To truly understand the essence of the blue economy and its vision, it is crucial to delve into its origins, fundamental goals, and the pathways to achieving positive outcomes. By placing oceans within the framework of our social-ecological systems, we can grasp the scale and urgency of the challenges they confront.

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