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What is COP-28?

- COP28 is the 28th annual United Nations (UN) climate meeting,
 - COP-1 -Berlin, Germany 1995
- which took place from Nov 30 to Dec 12, 2023 in Dubai,
 United Arab Emirates (UAE).
 - COP29- Azerbaijan
 - COP 30- Brazil
 - This occasion is an international gathering where representatives from almost two hundred countries convene to speak about and negotiate actions and policies to fight climate change.



COPs are convened under the UNFCCC

UNFCCC

(United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change)

 UNFCCC was signed in 1992, at the UNCED (United Nations Conference on Environment and Development), also known as the Earth Summit

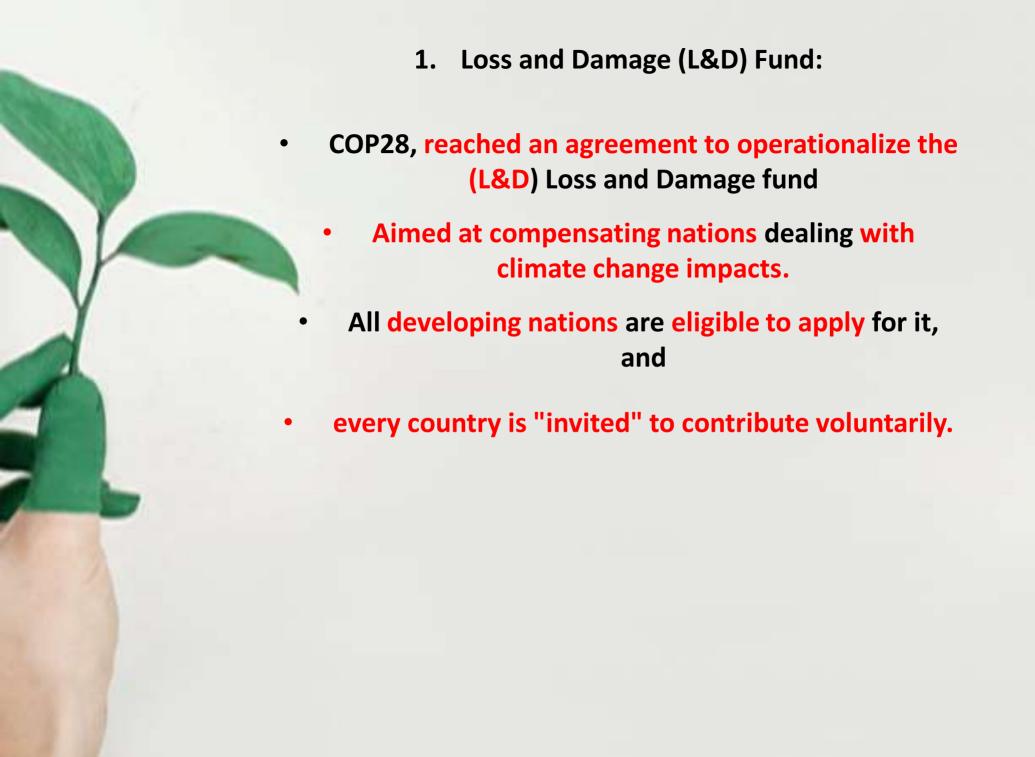
 COPs takes place every year and is the only multilateral decisionmaking forum on climate change with almost membership of every country in the world.

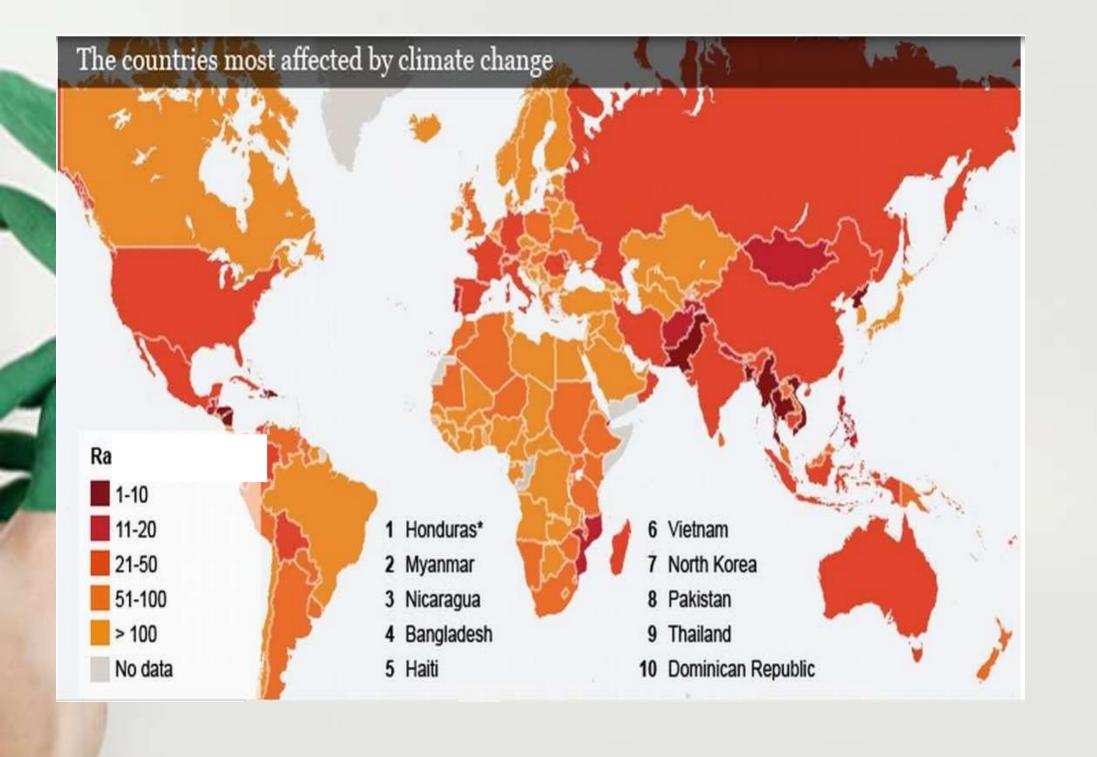


Objective of COP28

- The primary objective of COP28 is to address the urgent problems of
- climate change,
- reduction of greenhouse gas emissions,
- adaptation to climate change effects, and
- mobilizing monetary resources for climate action.

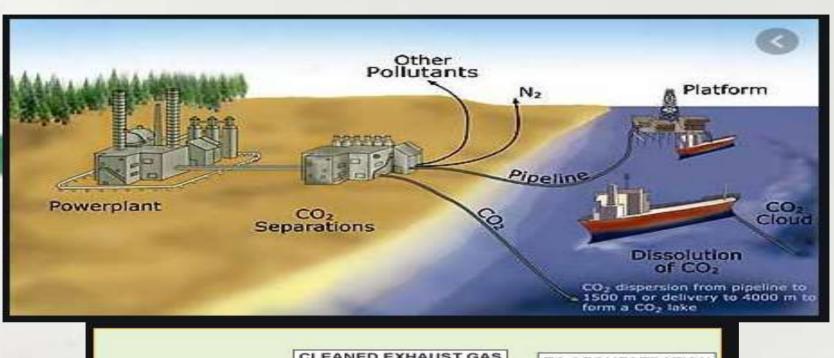


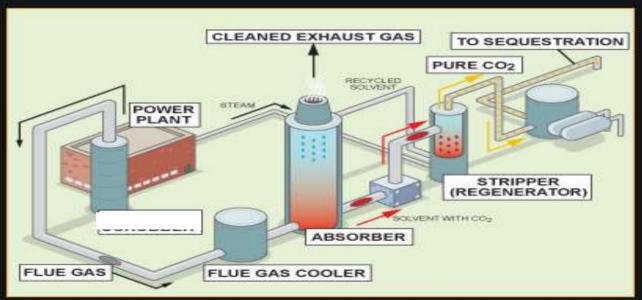


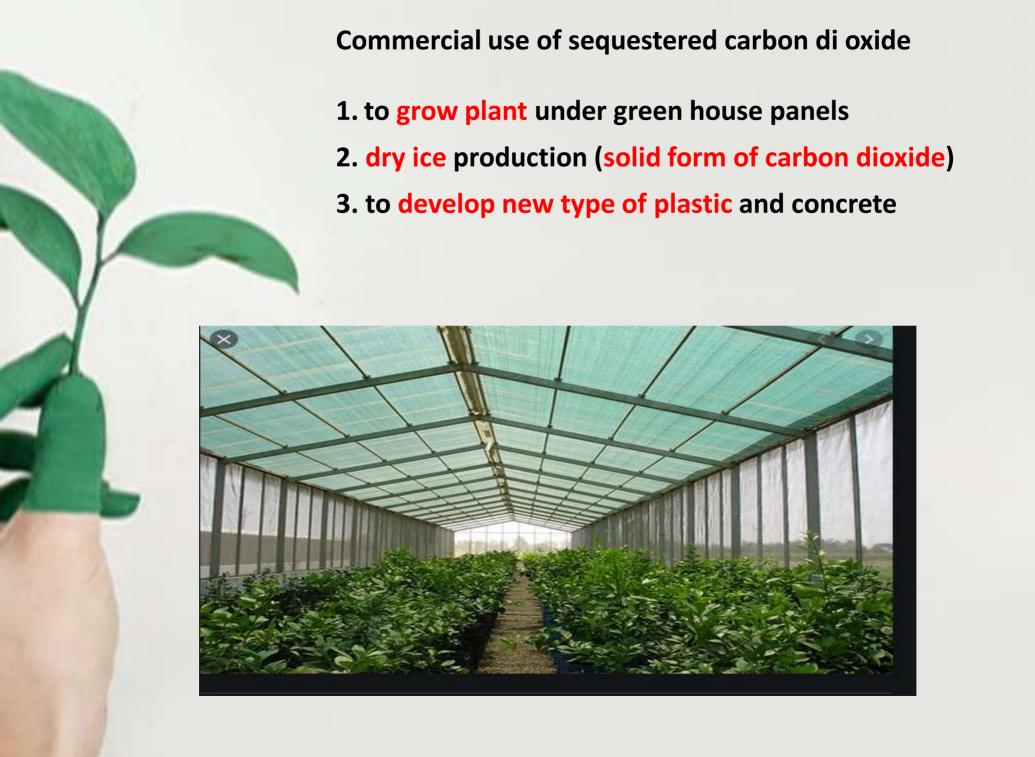


Loss and Damage (L&D) Fund will be used for: Transitioning away from fossil fuels in energy systems so as to achieve net zero by 2050 Tripling renewable power capacity globally and doubling the worldwide average improvements in annual rate of energy efficiency by 2030. Accelerating efforts towards the phase-down of unabated coal power. Accelerating low emissions technologies, low carbon hydrogen production, nuclear energy etc. including carbon capture and storage and utilization

Carbon Capture and Storage & Utilization



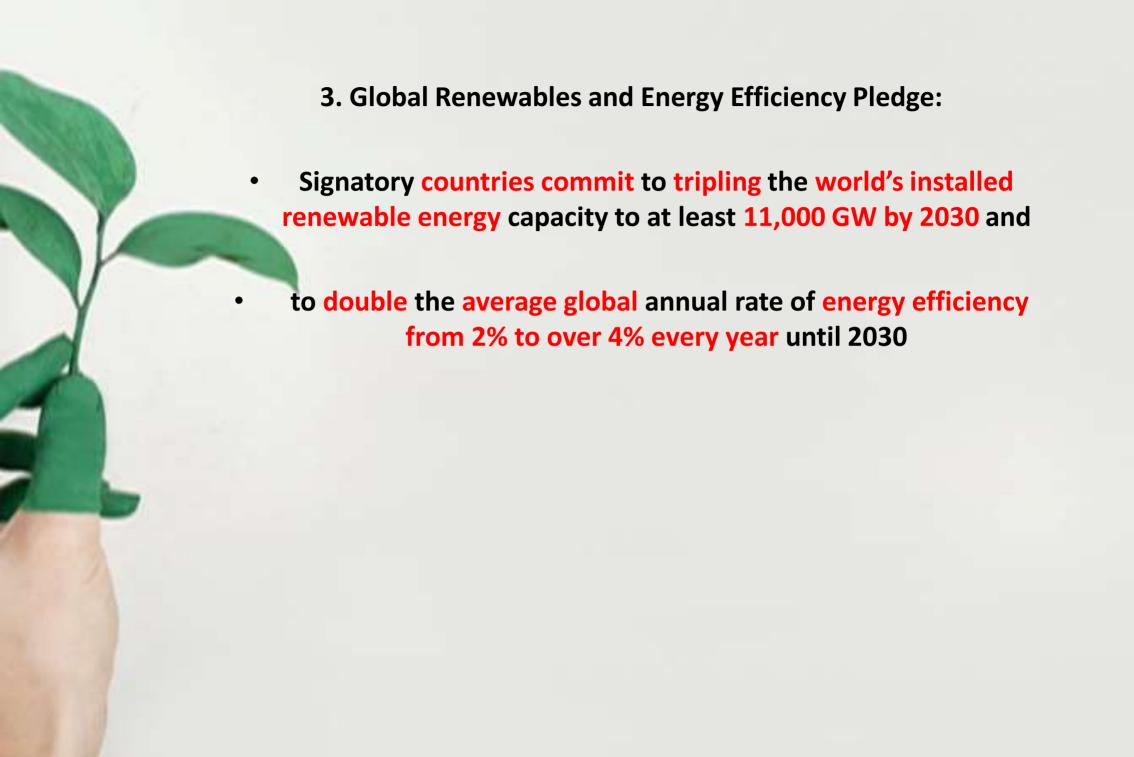






Countries agreed to Accelerating emissions reductions from road transport At COP28 nearly 200 countries agreed to "transition away from fossil fuels in energy systems", signaling a global commitment to moving away from fossil fuels. India contends that for its developmental needs it needs to continue using coal and stresses the importance of adhering to nationally determined contributions (NDCs).



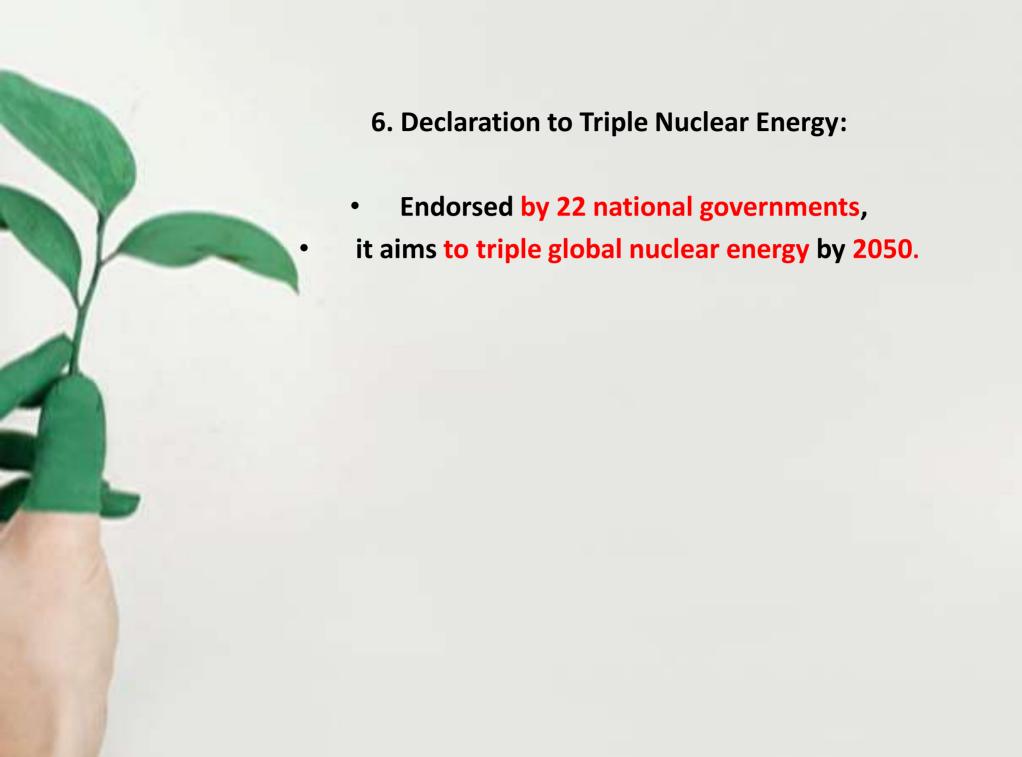


4. Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA):

The draft text on the GGA (Global Goal on Adaptation) was introduced to enhance climate change adaptation by increasing awareness of and funding towards nations' adaptation needs

- The draft text addresses critical issues such as
 - climate-induced water scarcity reduction,
- climate-resilient food and agriculture production, and strengthening
 - resilience against climate-related health impacts.





Global Stocktake (GST) text:

- The Global Stocktake text was released at COP28
- The Global Stocktake was established under the Paris Agreement in 2015.
- It is a periodic review mechanism with primary objectives to assess individual countries' efforts to reduce GHG (Greenhouse Gas) emissions and transition to renewable energy sources.
 - The stocktake occurs every five years, with the first-ever stocktake concluded at COP28.
- The stocktake is designed to hold countries accountable for green house gas emissions





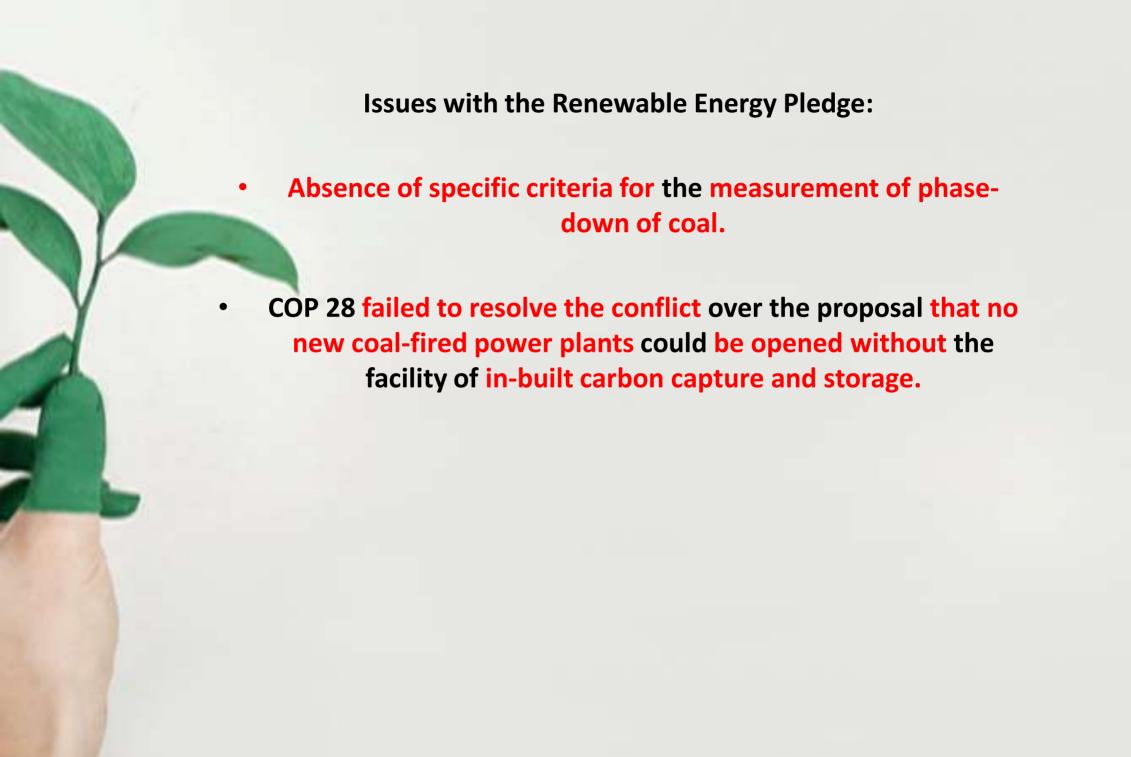
Lack of Ambitious Climate Action Plan:

Challenges in meeting urgent climate actions.

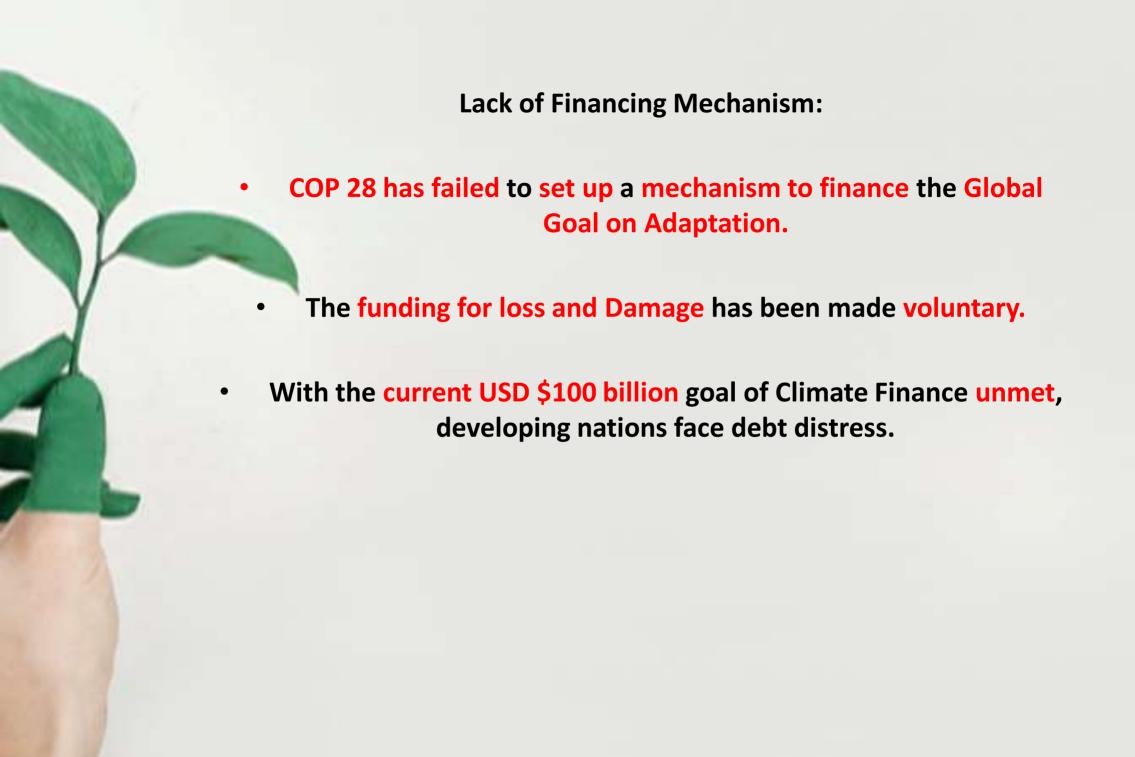
No binding ambitious climate action plan was launched.

Lacked clear timelines for fossil fuel phase-out

 Compromise on Absolute Phase-Out: The absence of mandating an absolute phase-out of fossil fuels underscores the compromises made to secure the agreement and challenging negotiations.

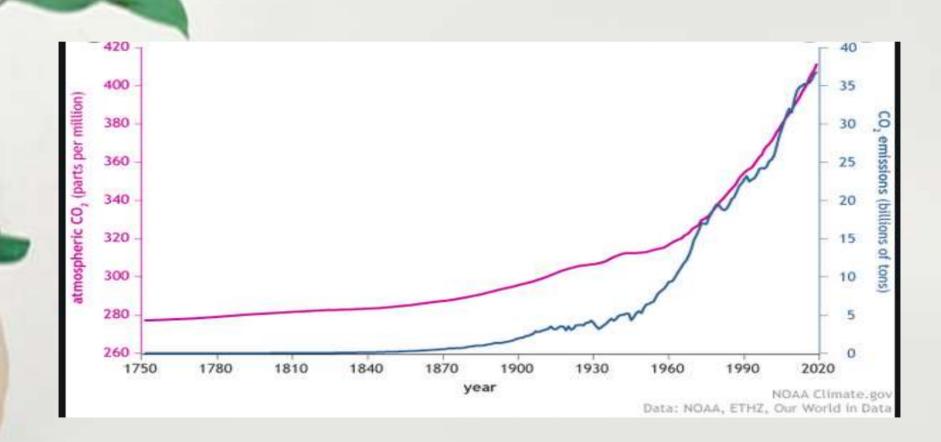






No mention of CBDR

• The term CBDR (Common But Differentiated Responsibilities) and Polluter's pay principle had been missing from the COP 28 draft.





Initiatives India opposes for climate action:

Coal phase-out:

 India's stand is firm on not phasing out coal-generated electricity in the near term, despite the commitments to expand renewable energy and non-fossil fuel energy.

Cooling Pledge:

 India is hesitant to sign a global pledge for reduction of cooling-related emissions at COP28, citing the need for affordable cooling technology in the world's most populous country.

Global Methane Pledge:

 India has continuously opposed initiatives of the Global Methane Pledge due to its potential effects on electricity supply and agriculture.



Global Renewables and Energy Efficiency Pledge:

 This pledge was not joined by India at COP28, emphasizing its own climate equity concept that addresses unequal burdens on countries.

Agricultural Emission Cuts and Food Security:

 India didn't agree with agricultural emission cuts and food security as agreeing to emission cuts from agriculture could have huge implications for food security in the country.

Loss and Damage Fund:

- objecting to the World Bank's temporary management of the fund and
- citing historical responsibility, India refuses to contribute to the Loss and Damage Fund.



Initiatives taken by India:

Global River Cities Alliance (GRCA):

• Led by the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) under the Jal Shakti Ministry, Government of India was launched at COP 28.

Green Development Pact:

 It Provides pathways for countries in their journey towards achieving objectives related to climate, environment, energy, and disaster resilience.

Green Credit Initiative:

- There are two main priorities of the initiative water conservation and afforestation
- It was launched at COP28 and aligns with Mission LiFE which aims to minimize per capita carbon footprint by promoting mindful utilization of recourses' instead of wasteful consumption.

Lead IT 2.0 (Leadership Group for Industry Transition):

• It was Launched at COP 28. It focuses on transfer of low-carbon technology and co-development and financial assistance to emerging economies.

Conclusion of COP 28

COPs require collective determination and unwavering commitment as they are crucial in the battle against climate change.

- Embracing forging genuine partnerships and determined contributions can build a sustainable future.
- Experts advocate for reform in global financial architecture to address structural issues in financing and support sustainable development.

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