**UPSC Syllabus Topic: GS paper3- Economy- changes in industrial policy and their effects on industrial growth.**

## Green Industrial Strategy: Nurturing Sustainability and Innovation

### Understanding the Green Industrial Strategy

**Definition:**

- A coordinated approach to economic growth emphasizing sustainability and innovation.

**Objectives:**

- Secure substantial funding (estimated at $5-7 trillion yearly globally) to meet environmental goals and promote sustainable development.
- Reorient industries towards green technologies and practices.

**Key Components:**

- Long-term investment in clean growth.
- Fostering inter-sectoral collaborations.

**Exemplar Case:**

- Germany's transition to a circular economy in its steel industry.

### Benefits of a Green Industrial Strategy

1. **Promoting Sustainable Development:**
    - Aims to meet the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals, requiring substantial investment in sustainable initiatives.
2. **Economic Growth:**
    - Green industries potentially worth over $10 trillion globally by 2050, driving innovation and creating jobs in renewable energy and sustainable agriculture.
3. **Enhancing Competitiveness:**
    - Investing in green technologies and industries helps countries maintain and advance their competitive standing globally.
4. **Energy Security:**
    - Shift away from fossil fuels reduces dependency on imported fuels, enhancing national security.

### Issues with Green Industrial Strategy

1. **Financing Gap:**
    - Achieving Sustainable Development Goals requires $5-7 trillion yearly, posing a significant funding challenge.
2. **Long-term Uncertainty:**
    - Investors need confidence in policy stability over decades, hindered by political and policy fluctuations.
3. **Coordination Across Sectors:**
    - Effective strategy requires robust collaboration across different supply chains, complex and difficult to manage.
4. **Need for a Just Transition:**
    - Ensuring a fair transition for all workers and sectors requires careful planning and execution.

### India's Initiatives in Green Industrial Strategy

1. **Renewable Energy Production:**
    - Aiming for 500 GW capacity by 2030.

2. **Innovation and Infrastructure:**
    - Launched E20 fuel, emphasized biofuels, and developed waterways for greener transport logistics.
3. **Green Credits and Policies:**
    - Implementing green credit, PM KUSUM Yojana, and vehicle scrapping policy.
4. **Ethanol Blending and Incentives:**
    - Achieving 10% ethanol blending in petrol ahead of schedule, targeting 20% by 2025-26.

**Way Forward for Global Adoption**

- **Mission-driven Industrial Strategies:**
    - Adopt strategies centered on green innovation and sustainability across all sectors.
- **Public-Private Partnerships:**
    - Foster collaborations to channel investments towards ambitious green objectives.
- **Unlocking Green Industry Potential:**
    - Unlock a $10 trillion green industry potential for economic growth, environmental sustainability, and an equitable transition.

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## India's Sovereign Credit Ratings and Concerns with Methodologies Employed by CRAs

**Credit Ratings Overview:**

1. **S&P Global and Fitch:**
    - Rating: BBB (lowest investment grade).
2. **Moody's:**
    - Initial Upgrade (November 2017): Baa2.
    - Later Reversed (June 2020): Baa3 (lowest investment grade).

**Concerns Regarding Methodologies Employed by CRAs:**

1. **Subjective Factors Dominance:**
    - CRAs rely heavily on subjective qualitative factors like good governance and democracy.
2. **Governance Indicators Concerns:**
    - Governance indicators explain only 68% of India's rating.
    - Macroeconomic fundamentals (GDP growth, inflation, debt levels) should be key determinants.
3. **Limited Impact of Economic Improvement:**
    - Improvement in economic fundamentals may not significantly impact credit rating due to the heavy reliance on subjective factors.

**Way Ahead for India:**

1. **Fiscal Consolidation:**
    - Reduce government debt-to-GDP ratio (currently at 82%) to 2006 (77.2%) and 2010 (66.4%) levels.
2. **Data Quality Improvement:**
    - Address the absence of Census or household consumer expenditure survey results post-2011-12.

- Enhance data accuracy and transparency through required surveys.

**Conclusion:**

India needs to focus on improving fiscal health and data quality to ensure credit ratings more accurately reflect its economic fundamentals, reducing reliance on subjective factors and governance indicators.