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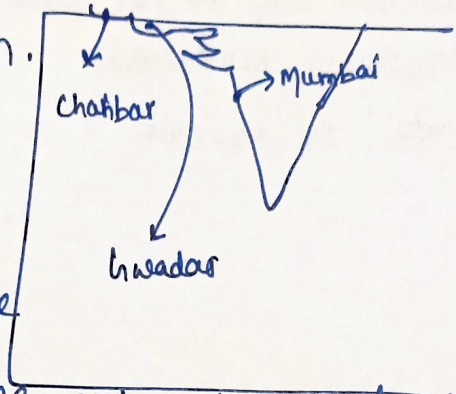
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1(a). Chahbar port is located at the Hormuz strait in the persian gulf's mouth. It is located in Iran.




The strategic importance of Chabahar port for India is immense because it provides the entry to central asian region which are landlocked. As the part of Ashgabat agreement, Iran and 13 more countries are co-operating on this.

Further, Chabahar port will provide access to Afghanistan by bypassing Pakistan, it will connect through Delaram- Zarang Highway. It will ensure round the year connectivity for India to provide humanitarian



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assistance.

Further, the strategic importance also from the point of security. It will provide an eye over Gwadar port of Pakistan which is just hundreds of km from Chabahar. CPEC wants to counter India's influence via String of pearls. But India is also responding using necklace of diamond strategy.

However, challenges remains due to slow progress on the port. Also due to Iran's soft corner to china by providing Bandar-e-Jask port (350 km away) to them.

Yet, recent 10 year deal with Iran boosts the strategic co-operation between both despite Eric Garcetti's criticism.

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1(b). United Nation was the best innovation of 20th century and best bargain on earth as per Jaffrey Sachs.

India was the founding member of UN who joined it in 1945. Since then, India has participated actively.

First incident came when India's Krishan Menon lead the election in South Korea-1953 to have a peaceful resolution over the disputes in Korean crisis-(1950-1953).

India have participated through becoming non-permanent members 8 times since then. Recently, it served by getting 187 out of 190 votes. This shows India's multilateral personality as per Teresita Scheffer.

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India has been the largest contributor to the peace-keeping forces accounting 2.5 lakh forces till date. It has participated in over 50 missions and lost 170 plus soldiers. Currently, it is serving in 8 nations including Abei-region.

Even, India became the first nation to deploy all women contingent in Uberia. India has also won the dag-hammerkjold award.

However, India has not got its due respect and position despite its contribution.

Thus, India should be one of the permanent members as per Kofi-Anan Model, or G4-model.

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1(c).

AN Ray noted that Latin American countries have been the last frontier in the India's foreign policy.

It had faced the "out of sight- out of mind syndrom".

But in the recent decade, both are coming closer with rising India's Interests

India is interested in LAC for capturing its market with 60 crore populations with high per capita income.

Further, the venezula accounts 20% of the oil reserves- the highest in the world. So, from the energy security's view, LAC is critical. They even have the ABC- Lithium triangle and 40% of world's copper.

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Another Interests to get the co-operation of LAC on the global forums while reform-agenda.

Eg: For UNSC - reforms or world Bank reforms etc

Moreover, the interests accounts the cultural diplomacy such as yoga, ayurveda. cricket diplomacy with the carribeans. Diaspora politics with indentured labours who had migrated.

However, the trade just account $50 Billion vis-a-vis chinese $400 Billion. The tyranny of distance is another challenge

Thus, R. Venkatraman noted that there is a potential of $100B trade by 2025, both are now closer than ever.

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1(d). Recently concluded Ministerial conference-13 was inconclusive with no formal consensus between members.

India as a founding member since its inception in 1995, demanding several key reforms ranging from trade to non-trade issues.

Firstly, India wants the change in agricultural agreement's amber box polly which is discriminatory against developing country by allowing 1986- base year.

secondly, India wants 25 year moratorium for the new fishery agreement to ban the Illegal and un-regulated fishing. But WTO is providing just 2years.

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Thirdly, India wants the dispute settlement body back on track after trump's denial to appoint members.

Fourthly, on the issue of compulsory licensing under TRIPS agreement to allow the use of patents for the use of generic medicines.

Fifthly, the e-commerce agenda on which decisions are still pending and do not have a consensus.

Thus, India's demand is in line with developing countries demand to ensure better and free trade.

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1(e). Indo-Pacific Economic Forum (IPEF) has been USA led economic bloc created after the withdrawal from CPTPP. IPEF is as an alternative framework to existing trade deals. It provides 4 pillars approach to deal among the nations. It is interesting to note that, it is not a free-trade bloc unlike others blocs such as CPTPP or RCEP.

However, in IPEF, there is no compulsion to join all the groupings of pillars. So, India has not joined the trade pillar but joined the rest three.

Therefore, this

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IPEF bloc is unique in its framework to provide technological support and provide a platform to discuss the trade issues in the Indo-Pacific region.

This provides opportunity to make the global supply chain resilient in case of any future pandemic where countries have already created initiatives like supply chain resilience initiative (SCRI).

However, due to lack of free trade rules, this is just a rhetoric illusion to tackle the chinese rise. But it lacks in substance.

Thus, IPEF need to be reviewed to manage the global trading rules.

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3(a). Indo-Japan relationship has been historically linked since centuries when Bodhisena visited Japan in 752 AD. current phase of relationship has been termed as 'cherry blossom' by Kanwal Sibal.

Both nations have been co-operating on diverse issues since LPG reforms as India also became a trading nation (Rosecrance). The major drivers of the relationship are:-

Firstly, the economic co-operation between both the nations after having CEPA and trade worth $ 18 Billion. Japan contributes its largest share of official development aid to India. This was called by PM Modi as biggest investor for India's growth.

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for example, MAHSR, western dedicated freight corridor are being developed with the Japan's aid.

secondly, the strategic sector, where both have signed ACSA to share their military bases for logistics help (eg: Djibouti and Andaman Nicobars). Also conducts military exercises together like Shinyu maitree and Malabar, etc

Thirdly, recent participation on semi-conductors to co-produce the fab in India under 'Make in India' and Japan's society 5.0 vision.

Fourthly, the Indo Pacific rhetoric are getting strategically

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relevant for both the nation to tackle the rise of Chinese century in South China sea. Thus, both prefers free and open Indo-Pacific

Fifthly, they participates on other sectors such as health, forums like QUAD, G-20 and supply-chain resilience.

However, relationship is just miles wide but inch deep as per PM Modi. Also, the complex interdependence with china ($300 B trade) raises concerns for India.

Yet, Jaishanker calls Japan's participation is important for India's vision of multipolar world and multipolar Asia

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3(b). Ambassoder Mohan Kumar called Indo-france relationship has total convergence without any friction points.

Both have signed strategic patnership in 1998 just after India's nuclear test. It shows the importance of relationship. France has been the most reliable friend of India in the west.

As Venkatesh verma noted that both are mirror image to each other because both has same vision of strategic autonomy and multipolar world order.

Therefore, they participates at multiple level to ensure their strategic patnership.

At strategic-military level, France

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is the second supplier of weapons to India. For example- they have provided Rafale jets and recently agreed to provide Rafale-marine too. Even they are providing Safaran jet technology - 100%. unlike USA, on the economic front, the strategic presence can be seen where France generates 3 lakh job in India with its establishments.

As a resident power in Indian ocean with Reunion Island, France has interest in Indo-pacific and both have signed a pact to co-operate with sister cities (Andaman- Reunion).

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They are even vouching for the Quad membership with extention of the grouping as Jim Mattis too supported it. France even provides strategic support to India on space sector, as they have earlier helped India to launch their satellites from French Guyana.

eg: INSAT-2 satellites.

However, with growing chinese presence in Europe with its BRI. India needs to manage the Europe as well as France on issues like Ukraine crisis.

Thus, PM Modi called the era of INFRA ie India-France with infrastructure.

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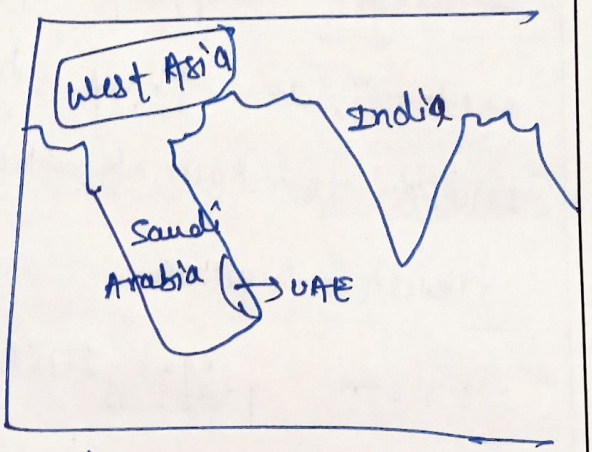
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3(c). West Asia lies in the extended neighbourhood of India as per Kautilya's Mandal Siddhant (C Raja Mohan). The term "West Asia" was coined by Alfred Mahan.




India and West Asia has been historically linked since Mesopotamian civilization. But currently India's interest was based on 3E ie energy, expatriates and economy.

As the largest oil producer, they supply the crude oil to India. But in the recent decade especially after the 2014, the relationship has

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become more multi-dimensional. The cultural diplomacy and personal diplomacy (Raymond Cohen) can be witnessed now.

eg: Netanyahu - Modi (personal bondings).
Salman - Modi

There are several India's interests in west Asia. The labour exports from India and their safety as per diaspora politics (Gabriel Sheffer), it accounts 11 million Indias which sends 60% of Indian remittances.

Talmiz Ahmed noted that India wants to stop the influence of Pakistan in mis-using OIC from spreading any anti-India stand and another interest to have strategic autonomy over Kashmir issue.

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Adam Mahleh called Arab States are source of Khalizi capitalism with huge petro-dollars. India can use this opportunity to tap the sovereign wealth fund of Saudi and Israel.

However, the recent developments in the West Asia has put all the engagements on a standstill. The recent Israel-Hamas conflict has made the project like IMEC corridor on a backfoot.

The grouping called West Asian quad (I2U2) is also getting affected which was started after the Abraham Accord 2020.

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Another implication will be the Indo-Israel and Indo-Iran relationship, which creates divergences between India-Iran as India did not support cease-fire. It called for just humanitarian pauses.

Though India is playing strategic balancing and game of realpolitik (Kissinger) to manage its geo-political interests by supporting two-state solutions.

Yet, India need to be cautious in the great game region to maintain its Strategic autonomy.

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5(a). New Economic International order was put forward by NAM in Algiers conference in 1973.

It was further accepted by 6th special session of UNCTAD in 1975. In all this India was the major player because that time NAM was the grouping of third world that was lead by India.

India was inspired by Dadabhai Naroji's book "The Poverty and Un British rule in India" where he put forward the drain of wealth theory. Such Indian concept was used to defy the present economic international order which is



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based on the biased rules and asymmetric economic structures such as WTO, UN, IMF or World Bank.

Therefore, India wanted to establish a new economic order which was also strengthened by OPEC oil crisis in 1973. It aimed to create social justice among nations, Sovereign equality, transfer of capital and tech, creation of new currency.

They were even inspired by dependency theory of Wallerstein, to promote autonomous national development.

However, it also got challenges due to divide between third world. But recently, put under old baggage after the Cornwall Consensus.

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5(b).

Paris Club is an informal group of OECD countries. It consists of USA, Japan, France, Germany etc

India is an observer nation who sometimes participates. This club provides money to the BOP-crisis-countries.

eg: recently, it provided money to Sri-lanka to come out of the economic crisis.

Further this country who have got the money also gets support from IMF in getting the bail-out.

eg: India had advocated for Srilanka's bailout in 2023.

Therefore, the Paris Club provides the

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financial support to the nation and help in the emergency situation. Its importance can be understood with simple role of financier who come to rescue in the time when no one comes to rescue

However, due to its informal groupings, sometimes they donot come to rescue as it is evident from the poverty of African nations like somalia and Sudan.

Thus, Paris Club should also focus on African nation as they are the continent of future (Shyam Sharan) with 17% population.

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5(b). Fareed Zakaria noted that there is rise of Post-Pax americanna where rise of rest while decline of west is getting witnessed.

As the current world order is in flux, India wanted a "new world order" based on multipolarity. As Shyam Saran in his book "How India sees the world" writes that India sees itself as a "Jambudweep" unlike China's middle kingdom.

However, there are challenges of India's emerging new world order. It is especially from our northern neighbour. China's ambition to create a Chinese century and to become

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a hegemon in not just Asia but for world. It can act as a barrier in creating a multi-polar world as evident from South China sea disputes.

Further, the regional instability in South Asia creates a major challenge for India to prove its capability as a swing state.

Therefore, S. Jaishanker in his book "The India Way" writes that with the help of Japan, India can create a multipolar Asia and eventually a multipolar world.

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5(d). SCO was created in 2001 based on Shangai spirit among 6 nations that extended to India, Pakistan, Iran later on to accomodate changing dynamics.

The significance of SCO for India in achieving its objectives are mainly based on connect central Asia policy and look north policy. As this grouping has 4 central asia countries, it provides a direct engagement for India.

India's presence in the grouping where China is there ensures that the hegemonic position is tackled strategically.

eg: Diplomatic signally as

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per Robert Jarvis was seen during recent summit when India did not visit the summit by its PM.

India even denies the BRI implementation in India and criticises it before china for violating the sovereignty and territorial integrity of India.

eg: S. Jaishanker told Butto during FM meet in 2023 in India that terror and talk can't go together.

Thus, SCO remains a strong body to tackle 3 issues (evils) such as separatism, extremism and terrorism using SCO-RATS.

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5(c). Vienna - convenetion on Diplomatic relations was signed in 1961 to provide the diplomatic rules and regulations.

It was signed to ensure protection of ambassador and their conducts in foreign nations.

eg: diplomatic bags will not be checked at the airport. It was evident during Chinese ambassador visit during G-20 in New Delhi.

Further, Article - 11 of vienna convention allows nations to resize their number of diplomats in other countries and also reduce the foreign diplomats in India.

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eg: recently, India recized their diplomats in canada after the Nijjar killings. It was done to ensure safety of Indian diplomats

However, it was criticised by canada and led to ~~out~~ removal of Indian diplomats.

Therefore, the Vienna convention provides the minute details about conduct of ambassadors to ensure transparency and strategic autonomy.

Thus, Vienna Convention ensures that accountability and responsibility remain with the Nation.

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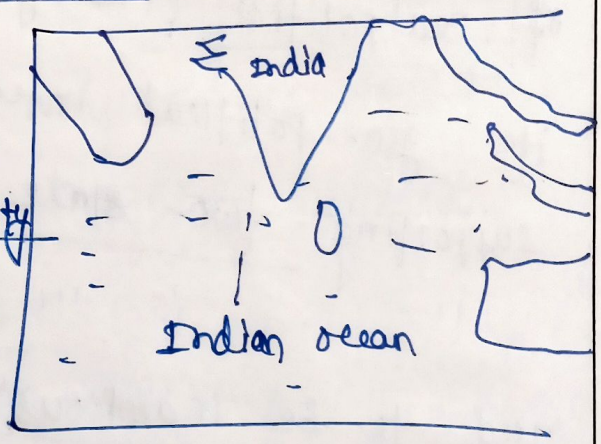
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6(a). Indian ocean is the key to seven seas (Alfred Mahan), whoever controls the Indian ocean can control the whole rimland nations.

Indian ocean accounts 50% of the world's oil trade, and India being the major power in the region. So, India have major interests such as:-




Firstly, to be a net security provider in the IOR.

Secondly, PM Modi discussed the maritime panchsheel where he gave 5 interests of India.

① Reduce any barriers in the trade

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② solve the disputes through dialouges.

③ Tackle any threats in the region like pirates. (Somalia)

④ Protection of maritime resources, etc

Thirdly, India through its SAGAR initiative aims to create the sustainable management of the biodiversity and also establish peace and security in the region.

Even India is advocating for extra-regional powers in the IOR to tackle the Chinese strings of pearls. eg: France, UK

through this, India wants to be net security provider. Its role will be to tackle the threats from any traditional and

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non-traditional threats like terrorism and organised crimes.

India will create safe white-shipping in the IOR with its initiative like IFC-IOR with the help of Indian navy.

eg: protect from drug smuggling human trafficking etc

For this, India is aiming to create safe environment with its participation in IORA, IOC, IONS and other regional organisation.

Thus, India should maintain its necklace of diamond strategy to remain major power vis-a-vis rising China's ambition.

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6(b). Manoj Joshi calls Indo-China relationship is based on 4C- namely co-operation, competition, conflict and containment. Initially, relationship became strained due to Indo-China war (prison dilemma as per Zhao Ghancheng). But after Rajiv Gandhi visit in 1988, it improved, however again under scanner after Galwan clash- 2020.

The co-operation is mainly based on complex-interdependence (Joseph-Keohane) which is economic in nature. But the issues remain here too due to huge trade-deficit over $100 billion out of $136 billion.

The major issues are due to unequal trade relations where China dumps their

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manufactured ~~their~~ goods at low prices. It also restrain Indian goods to enter into chinese market by creating non-trade ~~tarrif~~ barriers.

Further, the defiet is also due to China's import of raw materials from India at unequal prices. As India exports its coal and iron ore to china.

These economic issues are transcended into the containment and competition when India banned 220+ chinese apps in India. It further banned chinese investment in road projects for India.

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Recently, India made a rule that those countries sharing boundary with India can only invest using government route and not automatic route.

India also opposes the Chinese Marshall plan (BRI) as it violates our territorial integrity in Jammu-Kashmir (POK) region through CEPA.

Thus, as an era of interdependence both countries can use the route of dialogues to solve the economic issues. Already they are using stag hunt at WTO. This can lead to peaceful solutions.

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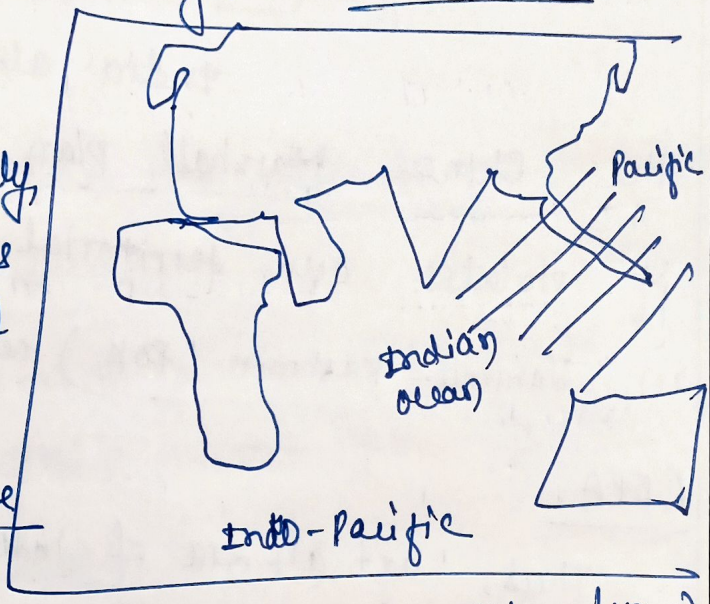
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6(c).

Indo-Pacific regions accounts 38 countries with 63% of the population and 65% of the GDP. It is made up of two ocean regions - Indian and Pacific.




Initially, the idea was put forward by Japanese PM Shinzo Abe who was inspired from Dara Sikoh's writings (1655).

Currently, the rhetoric of Indo-Pacific has taken its final shape with creation of AUKUS and QUAD. this in course has led to change in India's approach that indicated the adaptability.

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India was initially reluctant to join any grouping as it was following non-alignment. However, in the current state of flux in the world order, India has adapted rapidly. It has changed its stance from strategic autonomy to strategic balancing cum strategic alignment.

In this process, India has joined Quad, trilateral groupings like JAI (Japan-Aus-India), supply chain resilience initiatives etc. It is even conducting malabar exercise with the Quad members along with having 2+2 dialogues.

The rising discourse of Indo-Pacific is seen in S. Jaishankar

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and Vijay Ghokhale's word that the Indo-Pacific is going to be the place of great game as it is the Asian century.

In this process, it can also lead to Thucydides trap (Graham Allison) because China's and India's interests are rubbing against each other in the region.

Further, with Chinese increasing presence through global security initiate in the south-china sea. India is focusing more on "free-open Indo-Pacific" with Japan's vision for the same and South Korea's new Southern policy. USA is also coming

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into play with its "Pivot to Asia" policy.

Such adaptability in Indian foreign policy is unprecedented as Delhi was earlier unable to come out of Dogmas of Delhi (S. Jaishanker). But now Indian foreign policy has become more proactive, flexible and pragmatic as per Achal Malhotra.

However, in such adaptability India should must look towards its own backyard where regional instability is growing after dramatic departure of Sheikh Hassina (Suhasini Haider).

Thus, Indo-Pacific is the most recent discourse which has energized the Indian think tanks.

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8(a). PM Modi calls everyone knows who is India best friend (referring to Russia). Even Ashok Sajjanhar called Russia as "All weather friend" whose relationship is time-tested.

Relationship took shape during 1971 war when both signed the treaty of friendship. But in recent years amidst the changing global order and political dynamics, especially after Ukraine crisis and growing Chino-Russia axis. India must have managed a stable relationship with Russia.

Stanley Johnny argued that recent visit of PM Modi to Russia amidst war shows the strategic

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autonomy of India. Though it was criticised by Eric Garcetti (American ambassador). But this visit ensured that this is not just a zero sum game but a positive sum game.

eg: Russian oil export to India stabilized the global oil price.

Further, both managed to maintain a pragmatic and respectful partnership because India remained neutral on the war of Russia-Ukraine. It even abstained from UNGA ceasefire approaches.

Recently, the peace-talk in Switzerland happened where India denied to sign the declaration because Russia was not

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the party. This shows India's strategic autonomy at the International level.

As per Suhasini Haider, both increased their energy trade tremendously accounting India's 42% oil imports from Russia now. It has increased the trade to $65 billion.

However, recent PM Modi visit to Ukraine can upset Russia because such strategic balancing can backfire. As Russia still supply half of India's arms (SIPRI report).

Thus, India needs to be little bit more careful in handling such situation. It will be best, if India can bring the peace in Ukraine.

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8(b). Comprehensive and progressive agreement for trans-pacific patnership (CPTPP) is a regional trade grouping among 12 countries.

It was initially led by USA but "Trump administration withdrew" from the grouping citing unjust trading bloc. Recently, IPEF was created as an alternative to this.

But, this grouping is still alive and recently joined by United Kingdom. India is still not the member of this bloc. If India joins the CPTPP, it can have multiple significances such as:-

Firstly, it will become a member of free trade bloc. Currently, India has not

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been in any groups such as RCEP. India withdrew RCEP citing Chinese hegemony and dumping of cheap goods.

Secondly, it will provide a larger market for India's goods and services to be sold in latin american nations like Chile, peru etc.

Thirdly, as India aspires to be a great power in the Indo-Pacific, it can provide the platform to put its views among the regional powers.

Fourthly, in the absence of USA, India can be

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the leader of this bloc with UK coming on the board.

However, there are challenges in joining CPTPP because India's entry will lead to dumping of cheap goods that will negatively India.

Further, the tyranny of distance between countries like Chile and Peru will make trade costlier than near blocs such as ASEAN and IPEF.

Thus, India should liberalize itself enough (Raghuram Rajan) and it should not just sit on the fence and wish to be a great power.

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8(c). India has announced its "nuclear doctorine" in 2003, after the long 5 years of Pokhran test of- 1998.

Currently, India is facing several challenges in its neighbourhood. Starting from east, Myanmar faced a military coup in 2021 by Tatmadaw. They replaced the democratic regime led by Aaun san Su Kyi (NLD) and put her into prison. Thereafter, there has been civil war.

In the near east, recently Sheikh Hasina's government was toppled by a students protest. Her dramatic departure and arrival in India has made



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situation tense (Suhasini Haider) as now Bangladesh government is demanding her extradition.

Moving little south, Maldives and China are coming together to collaborate on the infrastructural projects in the backdrop of "India out". Even, Maldives ordered to remove all Indian troops.

other neighbours are already under the turmoil such as Sri Lanka's economic crisis in 2023, Nepal's political crisis, Afghanistan's taliban regime and as usual Pakistan's deep state.

Therefore, in this political instability, India's "no-first use doctorine" came as a major balancer. As the doctorine

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provides that:-

① No-first use policy

② Massive retaliation

③ Nuclear deterrence against chemical and biological weapon

④ Civil command by PM

⑤ No use policy against non-nuclear weapon states like Nepal.

The No-first use policy stabilizes the region because it prevents the arms-race and escalation by the adversary as per Raja Menon.

Manpreet Sethi argued that NFU provides the cheap solution as the onus of esclation is always on the adversary, and

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also there is no need to have a trigger on the weapon always.

C. Raja Mohan in his book "Crossing the Rubicon" called the nuclear policy of India as nuclear abhorence. SS Menon argued that "First use policy" would have destablized the South Asia. He even quoted K. Subramanian that nuclear weapons are for perception than posture.

This doctorine makes India a responsible power because it still wants complete disarmanent of nuclear weapons. However, challenges remain from China and Pakistan as both have weapons.

Thus, both need to be responsible to use the weapons.