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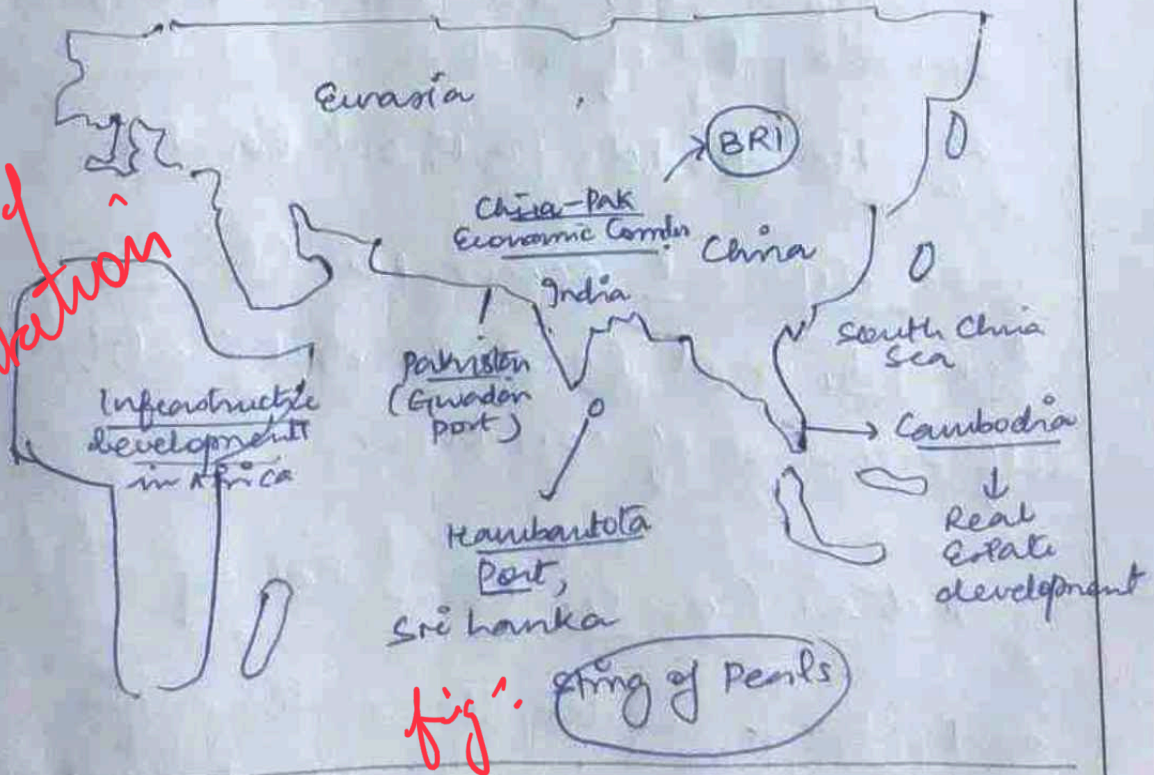
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China's policy has often been termed as "wolf warriors" strategy that involves aggression and clever techniques to expand geopolitical footprint.

China's Debt Trap Policy & Self-Reliance



Debt trap policy refers to excessive investments in countries by China which countries are then unable to repay, in return for which, China takes over capital / land as ~~collateral~~.

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China hogs the economy of the nation and holds a large influence in policies of the nation.

eg: Cambodia is heavily invested by China and is also very highly influenced by the nation.

Control & ownership of important regions goes to China - affecting sovereignty of nation

eg: Hambantota Port, Sri Lanka

Development occurs for Chinese benefit, not local benefit - affects self reliance of countries

## India's Counter-China Policy

Dialogue with China through bilateral talks, multilateral cooperation  
eg: SCO

India join hands with South East Asian Nations to develop diplomatically

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Economic & cultural relation with  
India-ASEAN  
Mekong-Ganga Cooperation  
• Act East Policy  
• Transport Corridors to counter  
Chinese BRI: International North  
South Transport Corridor.

India must engage in fields  
of environment, infrastructure,  
trade and culture to ensure a  
free and open Indian Ocean Region  
in the face of Chinese hegemony.

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Data Diplomacy refers to the use of data as a tool for enhancing bilateral or multilateral relations at the world stage.

## Significance of Data Diplomacy

• With the 4th Industrial Revolution, data is as much a resource as labour and capital.

• Growth in the cyberspace and development of social media giants like Google, Facebook, Twitter has revolutionized the importance of data.

• Data is power for various multi-national companies (MNCs) as well as nations/trade blocs.

• Data is used for various purposes eg: policy, trade & marketing, financial growth, networking, etc.



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• Sharing of data / openness of data can enhance partnership & trust amongst nations.

• Hiding data often leads to cyber security concerns and distrust.

*good coverage of points*

Challenge of Data Diplomacy

• Data privacy - inadequacy of international legally binding frameworks on data security apart from Budapest Convention on Cybersecurity.

• Data localization concerns - the sovereignty of a nation comes under question when MNCs demand data for commercial purposes.

• Use of data - Ethical Perspective - is data being misused? Who decides? Absence of court centred on data concerns.

• Absence of national data protection laws :- Recent bill in India scrapped.

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*or systematic measures*  
*like - digital data privacy protection bill features*

Diplomacy is essential for enhancing bilateral growth and establishing India as a global leader. However, the Puttaswamy Judgement declaring privacy as a fundamental Right is important to remember. Data diplomacy should not trump democratic rights of citizen.

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try to mention some stats in intro like about 9-10% Indian in Malaysia & Singapore

The Indian diaspora refers to the population of Indian origin individuals (NRIs, PIOs, OCs & Indian nationals) living outside of India.

## INDIAN DIASPORA & ASEAN

support your arguments by giving facts

① Indian Embassies, Consulates in ASEAN countries have Indian government servants posted on missions to enhance bilateral ties in politics and geconomics.

② Indian Council for Cultural Relations Centres work to enhance cultural ties.

③ Tourists in ASEAN nations  
↳ Angkor Wat, Cambodia is one of the most visited temples by Indians.

④ Archeological Survey of India note  
↳ Ta Prohm temple, Cambodia being preserved by ASI



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① labourers and professional workers from India working in ASEAN nations.

② Education - University Student Exchange Programme involves Indians going to ASEAN countries universities for higher education.

need for enhanced Indo-ASEAN ties

③ Cultural contact - People-to-people relations can be strengthened through merging of Indian and ASEAN cultures.

④ Act East Policy - extension of India's Buddhist corridor to indian buddhist states eg: Thailand, Cambodia.

⑤ Professional contacts with Indian diaspora : eg: Singapore Financial Sector india.

⑥ Environmental work in archipelagos of Indonesia, Malaysia, Brunei.

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Indo-ASEAN ties can be strengthened permanently through cultural integration. However, there is a growing need for geopolitical and geo-economic alignment if India is to be a regional leader and counter an aggressive China.

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Q4:-

BIMSTEC - Bay of Bengal  
Initiative for Multi Sectoral Technical &  
Economic Cooperation - <sup>2011</sup> a regional  
Asian grouping consisting of 7 nations:-  
India Nepal <sup>have</sup> ~~but~~ Sri Lanka  
Bangladesh Myanmar Thailand.

Initial Years of Domancy:-

- <sup>present</sup> <sup>fact</sup> <sup>→</sup> <sup>due to</sup>
- ① SAARC's predominance kept BIMSTEC in the background. <sup>94%</sup>
  - ② Dominant East India / Look East policy. [introduced by P.V. Narasimha in 1990s]. <sup>90% policy</sup>

However, with the coming of Act East policy and a Neighborhood First approach, BIMSTEC is seeing newfound growth.

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## PALMSTEC - A vehicle of Transformation

### ① Economic Transformation

- a) Trade enhancement through  
CEPA, CECA [Free Trade Agreements]
- b) Infrastructure development  
eg: roads, economic corridors,  
hydroelectric power, bridges
- c) Reduced cross border logistics  
costs
- d) Countering China's CPEC, BRI

### ② Political Transformation

- a) India as a regional leader
- b) trusted investor and democratic  
ideals of free and open Indian  
ocean Region
- c) encourage SAGAR - Security &  
Growth for all in the region as  
opposed to Chinese hegemony.

### ③ Environmental Transformation

- a) Sustainable fisheries and life  
below water (SDG 14) in  
Indian Ocean region.

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- b) safe disaster resilience infrastructure  
c) coral reefs / mangroves support,  
integrated coastal management system
- d) Support to island nations at  
threat from sea level rise.  
e) solar energy development
- ④ Cultural / social Transformation
- a) Enhanced people-to-people ties  
b) Reduced drug menace  
[Golden Triangle]  
c) Indo-ASEAN connect [Myanmar,  
Thailand]  
d) Spread of Buddhist culture &  
tourism.

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BRICS has the potential to  
transform Asia South Asia in all  
spheres and simultaneously set India  
up as a global power.

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Indo-Bangladesh relations stem from ancient India [ Pala universities like Odantapuri, etc spread to current Bangladesh region] all the way to British rule and finally its independence in 1971

## Recent Changes in Bangla-India Relations

### ① Betterment of Relations

a) Farrell Barge infrastructure cooperation.

b) cooperation under SAARC & BIMSTEC.

c) India's Look East Policy involves Bangla growth.

d) River/flooding management.

e) Bilateral trade mainly in textile exports from Bangladesh to India

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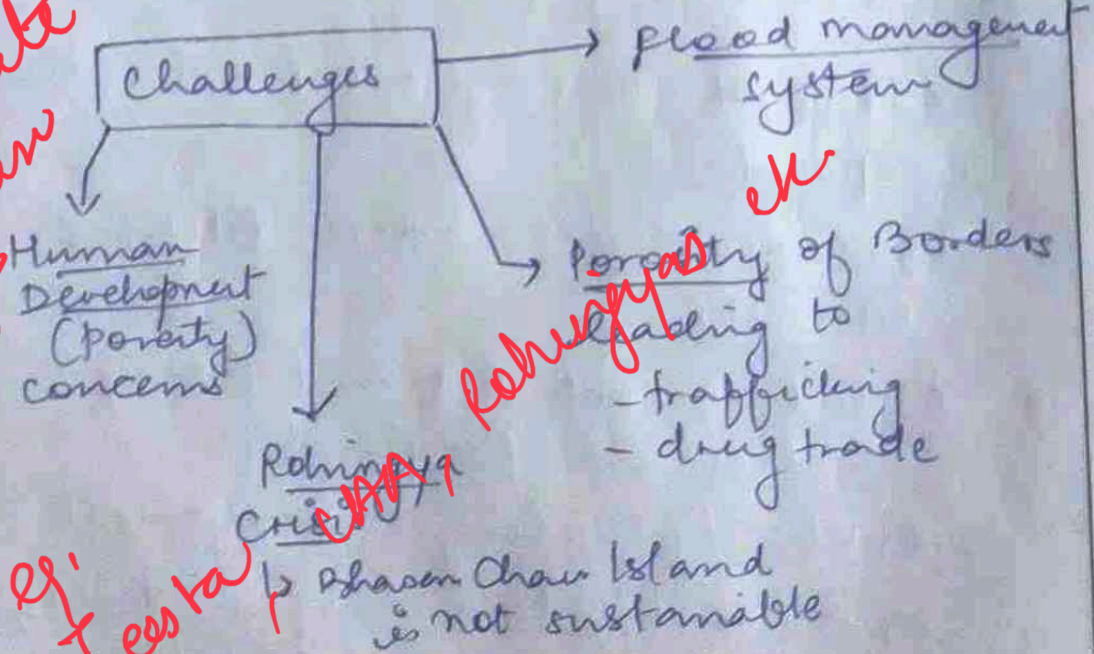
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## ② Sourcing of Relation

- a) CAA [Citizenship Amendment Act] labelling Bangladesh as a country that criticizes its minority population.
- b) Illegal migration - porous borders between India & Bangladesh.
- c) Drugs / weapons / insurgency growth.
- d) flooding of rivers and Teesta rivers dispute.

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India & Bangladesh must cooperate  
through various frameworks like

- Raisina Dialogue
- Bali Convention [Convention for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure]
- Bilateral Dialogue

to ensure peaceful and pragmatic  
relations that enhance ease of living  
& ease of doing business in both  
regions.

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Q6:-

Req some facts in intro - SL gov't failed to pay \$ 78 m debt

India was a major support to an economically & politically faltering Sri Lankan state in its recent crisis.

## Sri Lankan Crisis

quote facts / charts to support your points

• Sri Lanka recently faced a balance of payments [and dual gap] crisis.

• ~~It~~ Thoughtless political decisions to make agriculture completely organic → reduced agricultural yields → inflationary pressure and loss of livelihood.

• Easter bombings [terrorism] in 2019 caused a drastic fall in tourism in Sri Lanka - its major export service.

• COVID 19 rendered the economy helpless.



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• Crude oil prices <sup>of \$ 5 billion</sup> rose to international supply instability exacerbated the crisis.

*held funds*  
*like* → assistance of \$ 5 billion  
*1,000 mt of rice*  
*micro nitrogen liquid fertilizer*

India: The Stabilizing Power of South Asia

① India provided vaccine support through its vaccine diplomacy mechanism. VACCINE MAITRI

② Food grain export at subsidized level: wheat exports to Sri Lanka

③ Relief packages airdropped to Sri Lankan citizens.

④ Financial support through currency swap mechanism to forego commerc to dollars helped Sri Lankan reser balance.

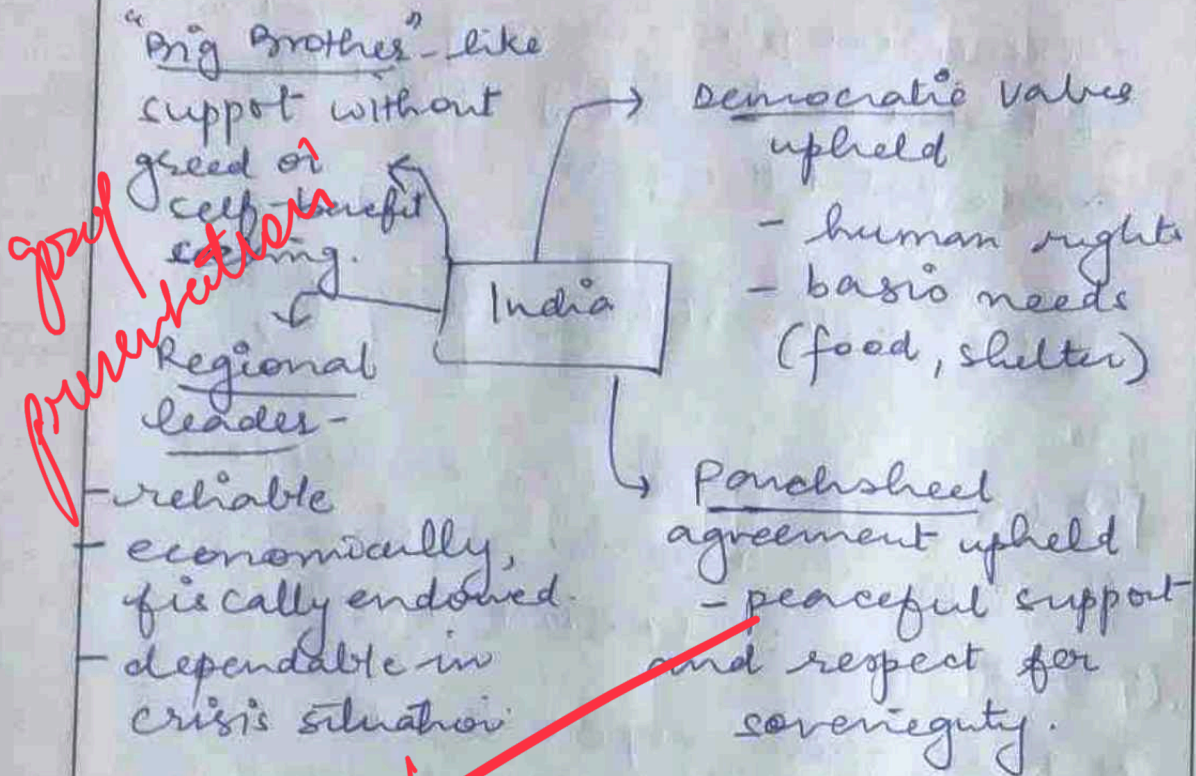
Thus, despite a turbulent past [LTT, Rajiv Gandhi assassination, etc.], India opted for peace and humanitarian support to a struggling Sri Lanka.

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India is often portrayed as a weak nation ridden by poverty. However, India has always trumped this perception by standing out in moments like these to establish itself as a dependable, democratic nation.

*well concluded*

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Excessive aggression against a particular nation is almost always met with equal if not even more aggression. Just like North Korea, Israel and Russia.

## NATO encirclement of Russia

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• NATO's expansion westward as a clearly hostile nation blatantly against Russia was seen as a threat by Russia.

No effective measures taken.

• This led to annexation of Crimea in 2014 to ensure defence

• This further caused Russia-Ukraine conflict in Luhansk + Donetsk region as well as a nuclear threat by Russian President Vladimir Putin.

It is highly unlikely that such an occurrence can take place between Quad & China.



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Weaknesses

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① Quad is trying to curtail Chinese aggression and there are fears of Chinese retaliation especially with rise in welt warrior policy & debt trap policy of China.

well covered points

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no fear of retaliation

no fear of stern gender

② However, Quad is not explicitly anti-China [as opposed to NATO].

③ Quad has been relatively inactive in the security sphere (a talk-shop).

④ New groupings like AUKUS (nuclear submarine pact) have replaced the Quad in posing an obstacle to China.

Thus, NATO and Quad are not necessarily comparable which also goes for Russia & China.

## Impact of Russia-Ukraine on India's multipolarity

① Veto by Russia in UNSC has raised talks over UNSC reforms, expansion of veto powers and permanent membership and ideas of double veto.

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- ① Geneva Convention & Hague Convention violations (and nuclear threat) have raised human rights concerns - of which India is a spokesperson
- ② Economic power - India supplied wheat to the world when Russia/Ukraine's exports came to a stop.
- ③ Need for energy supply diversification and establishment of new supply chains with a focus on multi-polar growth.

India is taking an independent stand - establishing itself as a non-aligned country and encouraging the politics of all alignment in international realpolitik.

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The Bretton Woods Twins is a reference to the IMF (International Monetary Fund) and the World Bank. The Bretton Woods Conference was held ~~in~~ at the end of WWII :-

## Global Order :-

### during Bretton Woods

- Communist vs Capitalist system
- extreme emphasis on protectionism
- large economic powers dominated / steered the world.
- Great Depression impacts very recent
- closed economies and emerging globalization

### Now

- largely mixed economy
- widely globalized / interconnected.
- Some recourse to protectionism after supply chain collapse during COVID.
- Rise of multipolarity, new forms of trade, trade blocs and organizations, rise of developing nations

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Why is Reform of Bretton Woods Institution Required?

- Trade crisis after COVID 19 pandemic
  - ↳ Global supply chain collapse created vulnerabilities
  - ↳ Overdependence on China
  - ↳ Rise of diversification & protectionist policies of self-sufficiency & self reliance.

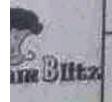
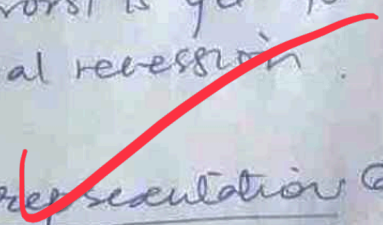
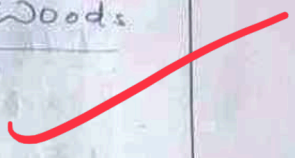
Russia - Ukraine Crisis

- ↳ Supply of oil causing global inflation
- ↳ wheat / minerals supply impacted
- ↳ IMF says: worst is yet to come in global recession.

• Need for greater representation & recognition of developing country needs

eg: agricultural / export / fisheries / food subsidies

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Elaborate this part more transparent

IMF and WB as well as WTO need to reform their structures to represent a multipolar world by addressing

- a) Environmental concerns
- b) Developing country requirements of energy security and global stability

→ ensure accountability  
→ crisis management

crisis prevention

Recent Nobel prize in Economics went to bank-based research spelling out the importance of economic stability - which is ultimately upheld by the Bretton Woods Institutions.

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Russia's invasion of Ukraine  
has put the entire world into  
a crisis situation ~~to~~ of a scale  
close to the Cold War era.

## Cold War Tested India's Strategic Autonomy

*Key  
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- ① ~~The~~ USA- USSR bipolar world  
order forced India to choose sides
- ② On one hand, Russia influenced  
India's economic planning. On the  
other hand, USA provided food  
security PL480 scheme (food  
imports).

③ India chose non-alignment :-  
choosing to remain neither military  
grouping, remaining independent  
and therefore sovereign.

④ Thus India became the leader  
of the 3rd World Nations from the  
very start of its independence under  
1st Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru.



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India's Strategic Autonomy is tested yet again under Russia - Ukraine crisis :-

① India has abstained from various votes in UNSC and UNGA as a symbol of its (continued) non-alignment in an increasingly bi-polar world.

② India continues economic relations with both USA and Russia.

↳ India has export (trade) surplus with USA.

↳ India is still receiving ₹400 million from Russia (despite CAATSA - US sanctions).

↳ Continued transaction in currency exchange (Indian to Russian, etc) and oil sales.

③ Recent statement by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has highlighted India's stand for peace and dialogue to resolve disputes as opposed to HR violations.

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Thus, India has opted for no single pole; it therefore continues

to prove its

- sovereignty
- steadfastness in the face of great power pressure
- principles balanced by geopolitical demands ✓

Once again, India has proved its international wisdom and independent approach in global politics.

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White formations like Orad, BIMSTEC and IDR help India engage with the Indo-Pacific region and maritime geopolitics, Indo-Eurasian ties are forming India's continental perspective.

add few lines about Eurasia important resources

## Challenges in Indo-Eurasian ties

- ① Geographical proximity - Europe and Western Asia are relatively far away as well as geographically separated by Hindukush mountain range and various deserts & seas.
- ② Chinese hegemony in Eurasia region  
eg: expansion of Belt & Road Initiative
- ③ Policy Orientation - India has been mostly focused in South & South East Asia (eg: Look East Policy).

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④ Cultural Isolation - India's cultural and heritage matches more with South Asia than Eurasia. ✓

500 points are covered

⑤ Pakistan - a geographic, political and historical obstacle that remains persistent in its blockage of India's extension to the west.

## Elements of India's Eurasian Strategy

### ① Economic Element

a) Infrastructural growth

eg: International North South Transport Corridor (INSTC) and TAPI pipeline (Tajikistan, Afghanistan, Pakistan, India) for gas transport. ✓

Presentations is fine

b) Development of telecommunication & satellite services through

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ORBIT and NISAR.

c) Port development - Bypassing Pakistan through Iran's Chabahar Port.

d) Connecting Indian Ocean to Caspian Sea in trade through

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## ② Political Element

- a) Greater engagement in Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)
- b) International Solar Alliance and Paris Agreement alliance

## ③ Environmental and Cultural Element

- a) Indian diaspora and people to people linkage (ICCR, embassy, etc).
- b) Hydroponics, minerals, solar and wind energy development
- c) nordic countries cooperation in energy.

An Indo-Caucasian policy is essential if India is to become a \$ 5 trillion economy and global power as well as to counter the dominance of China.

concluded  
very well

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