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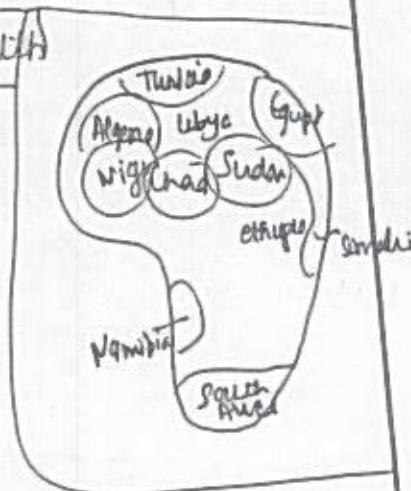
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Africa

Africa one of 7 continents is Resource Rich Region with gold, diamonds, iron ore, hydro potential - India has trying to build strong ties.

Last decade of Asia's growth

- ↳ Japan - Asian power
(eg) technology
- ↳ South East Asia
(eg) Singapore
- ↳ India - 5th largest economy
(3trillion\$)



Africa

Next few years of Indian influence on Africa →
are thought to be predominant →

- ① Rising pop economic powers
(eg) South Africa registering good GDP.

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- ① good demography dividend due to young population.
- ② Technological advancement in Africa
- ③ Rising MNCs in Africa.

Indias influence in Africa →

- ① Part of Asia Africa growth corridor
- ② India is 3rd largest trading partner of Africa.
- ③ Technical Aid (eg) ITC English proficiency course by India
- ④ Signing MoUs - Youth Affairs
- ⑤ Soft Power Peak - Celebrating M. Gandhi's contribution
- ⑥ maritime security & anti piracy measures.

Challenges → ethnic conflicts
tusi v/s HUTI tribes
maladministration
Chinese footprint.

India is trying to Build Asia - Africa unity, further disaster aids, mock drills may help.

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Q.2)

Role of WHO

WHO was established in 1948 to govern global health order. India is part of it.



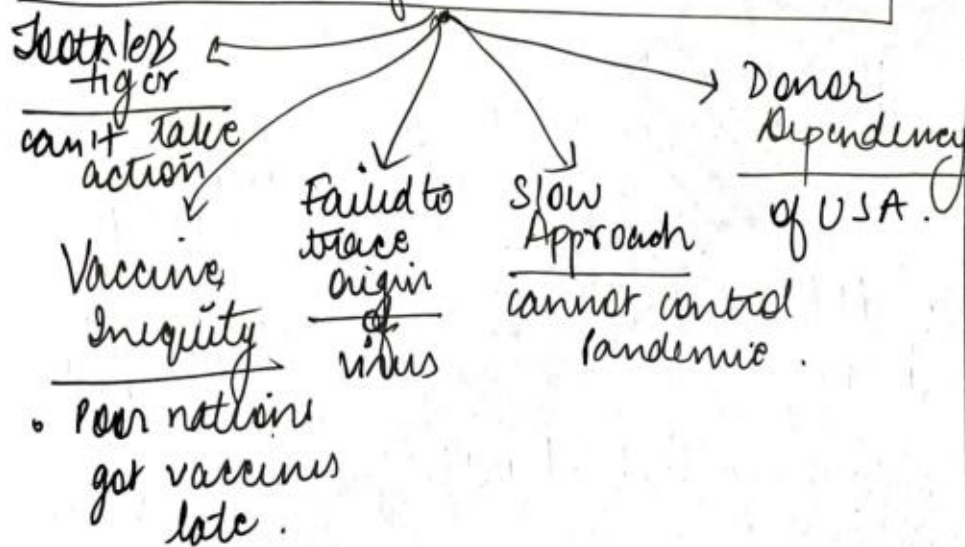
Role of WHO during Covid → Positive

- ① Devising Protocols
- (eg) Track Test Treat } 3T's Approach

- ② Conducting virology studies
- (eg) various strains studied - Omicron Delta

- ① Direction for Vaccine development
- ② Equitable distribution of vaccines, Medicines ^(eg) to Africa, Latin America
- ③ Develop epidemiological facilities like laboratories.

However Role of WHO criticised as



WHO however has succeeded in eradicating sufferings due to Covid, however transparent functioning Based on Rules required.

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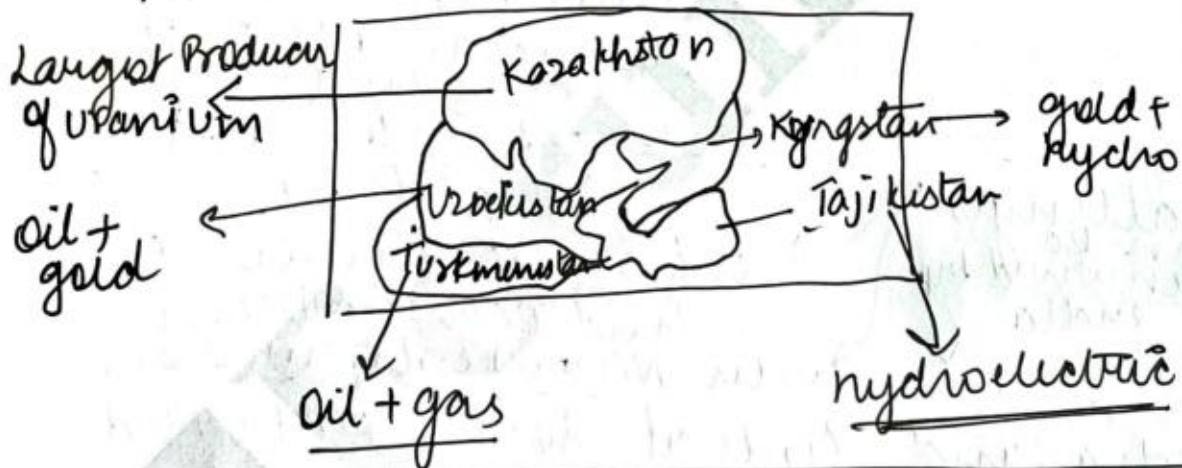
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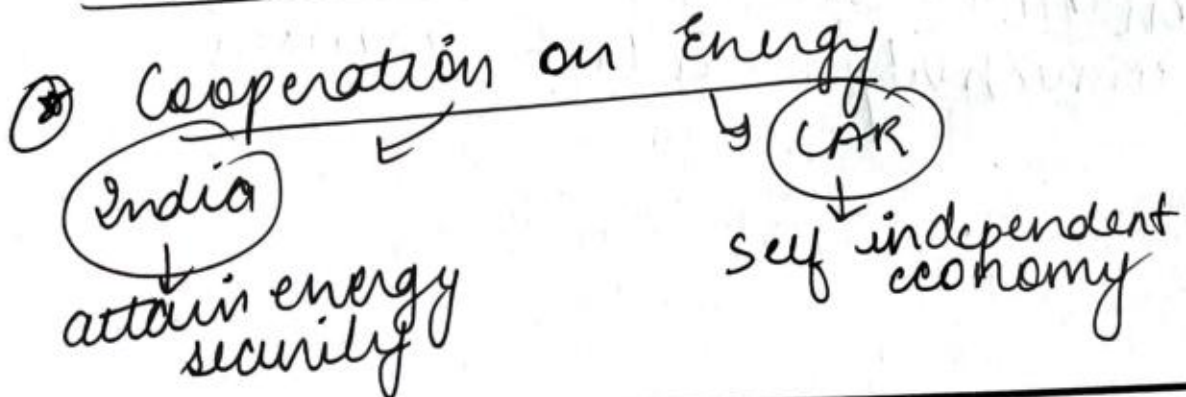
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Central Asian Republics

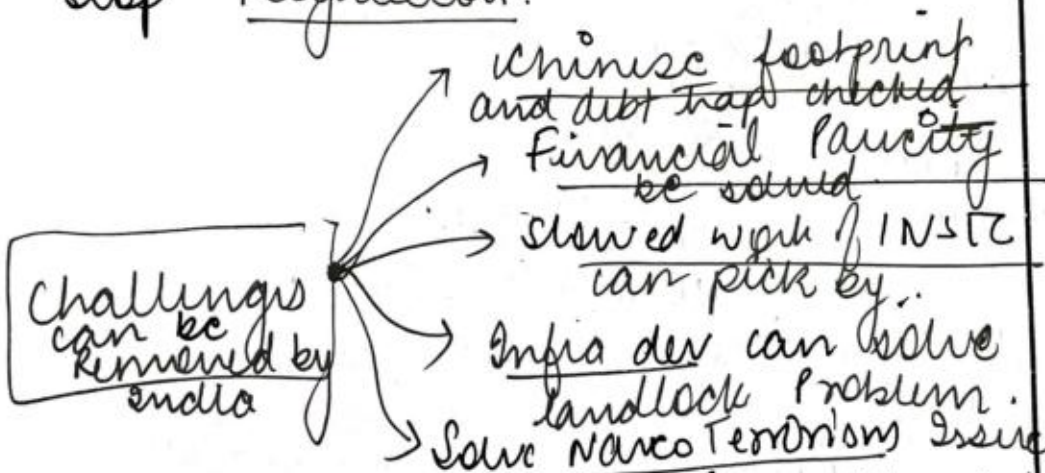
Central Asia - "heart of Asia" including 5 states - however faces landlockedness
 - India being rising power can help cope!

Opportunities in CARs

India's engagement can navigate opportunities in Region as



- ① Hydroelectric engagement can make Region → Net Supplier of energy to world; India can source cheap energy.
- ② Tapping gold silver Resources can help Region Rise faster + India will also Reduce gold Imports
- ③ All these generate Jobs to CARs, stop migration.



India and Central Asia celebrated 30th anniversary of diplomatic relations in 2022. Further focus on 4Cs - Culture, Commerce, connectivity, contact required.

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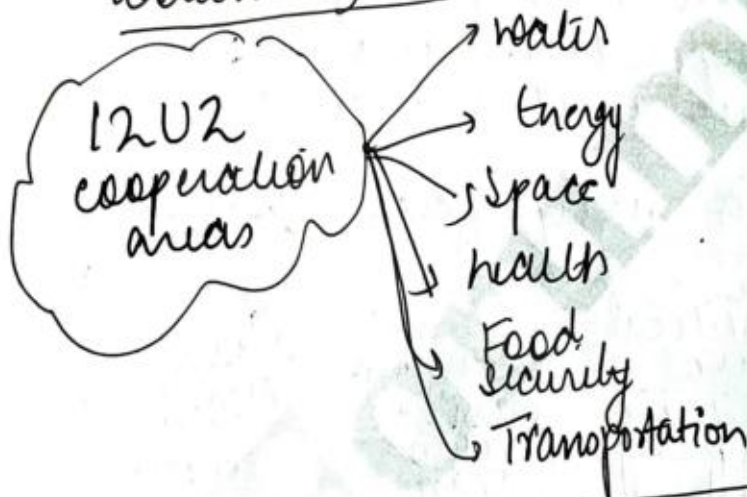
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Q.4)

How will I2U2 grouping transform
India's Position in global Politics?

Ans

I2U2 (India, Israel, USA, UAE)
is grouping for multisectoral
cooperation - also called 'West
Asian QUAD'.



It will transform India's Position
in global Politics as →

- ① Emerge as leader of global south
- ② solve food inflation
by food parks - UAE, USA to
fund.
- ③ ensure Peaceful Trade

Shoals like Bab el Mandab → made choke zone

④ work for Global cause

(eg) water crisis - India may propose Rainwater harvesting

⑤ Increase stature in Global right table and Power as I. Gandhi said "India can't be ignored in world".

⑥ Super Look West Policy

(eg) Better cooperation with Israel on defence matter - UAVs.

However India may face issues

Looked
as
anti china
grouping

Geopolitical
fun
Israel use
grouping
against
Iran

Strengthen
Russia -
china -
Iran
axis

Intra
middle
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conflicts

I2U2 provides another opportunity to solve global and domestic issues to India. Further timely trade deals, R&D transfers needed.

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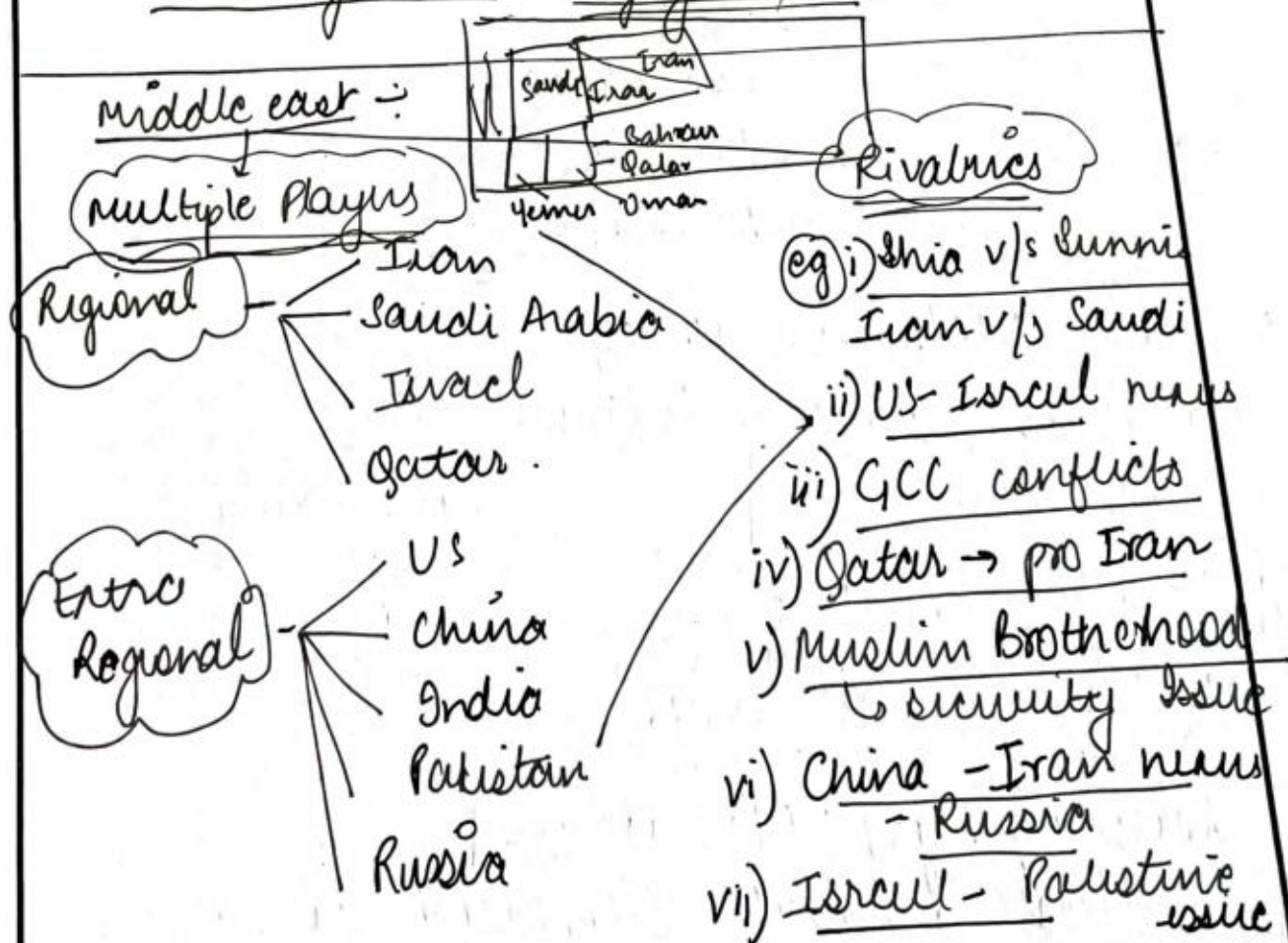
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Q.5) Middle East . . .

Ans:

Middle East - centre of oil and energy resources is pivotal to India for energy security, diaspora. This is leveraged by Look West Policy of India and "Middle East is also looking east" - Sanjay Bave.



India's Policy towards the changing middle east →

① Look west Policy

India favours middle east in its diplomatic outreach to

- Protect diaspora (eg) 25000 Indians in Lulu group
- Prevent Discrimination (eg) Gafala system

② De hyphenation Policy

- (eg) ties with Israel-Palestine depend on merit of their own.

③ multilateral cooperation

- (eg) I2U2 or West Asian Quad
- food parks proposed

④ Tri directional Policy

Maintain good relations with Saudi Arabia

- oil dependency
- energy security

(eg) Iran

- (eg) counter china - Pakistan axis.
- (eg) Israel
- (eg) Heron drones

⑤ soft Power

- (eg) decuraging
- (eg) Indian festivals celebrated in UAE

- ① Building Anti Terror sentiment
 (eg) against terror attacks by fringe elements like ISIS.
 → said in "No Money For Terror Conference"

Challenges Remain for India in
Middle East as →

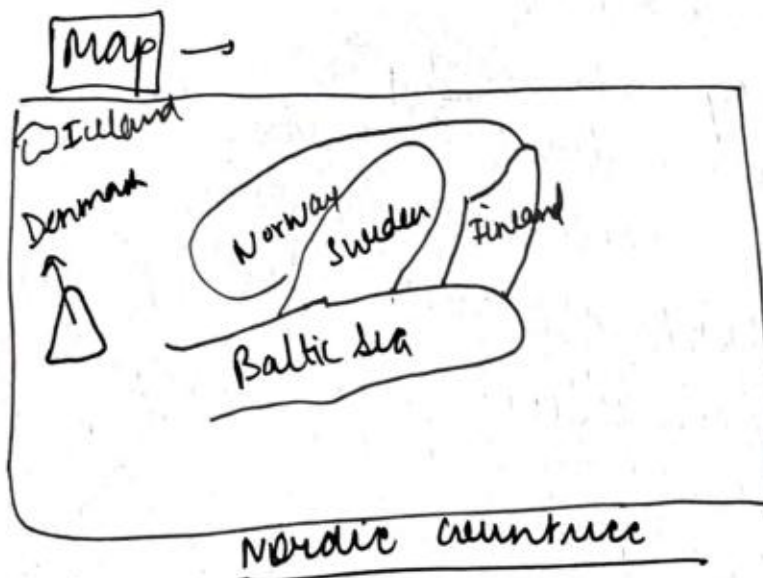
- ① Diplomatic Balancing tough -
Both Iran, Saudi wants India to
support it.
- ② Dilemma on Palestine Issue
 (eg) India abstains voting against Israel
- ③ Security of Diaspora
 with 6% Indian Diaspora - issue of
Radicalisation remains.
- ④ GCC conflicts - Qatar v/s UAE
- ⑤ sectarian Issues - Shia v/s Sunnis
 India tough to Balance.
- India can do "mini Mairing" Shurthanks
union in West Asia on Diversification
of Energy sources, gateway to Central
 Asia.

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India Nordic

Nordic countries including Norway, Finland, Sweden, Iceland have deep collaborative relations with India other than U.S.A.



India Nordic strategic relations

- Democratic values
nations like Finland, Sweden share these ideals.

Institutional affinities → UN welfare state model Redistribution

People to people contact → tourism education

Pluralistic society → acceptance of diversity gender, social, pol equality

Immense Potential with Nordic states to India are →

① Learning from 'Nordic Economic Model'
High taxes → Govt → health education welfare.

② Cooperation on water system
(eg) Nordic and India → sustaining water bodies in India

③ Business opportunities
(eg) To Indian companies in Nordic.

④ Cooperation on Arctic
(eg) India can engage with Nordic for Access to Arctic Resources
↳ Energy - gold.

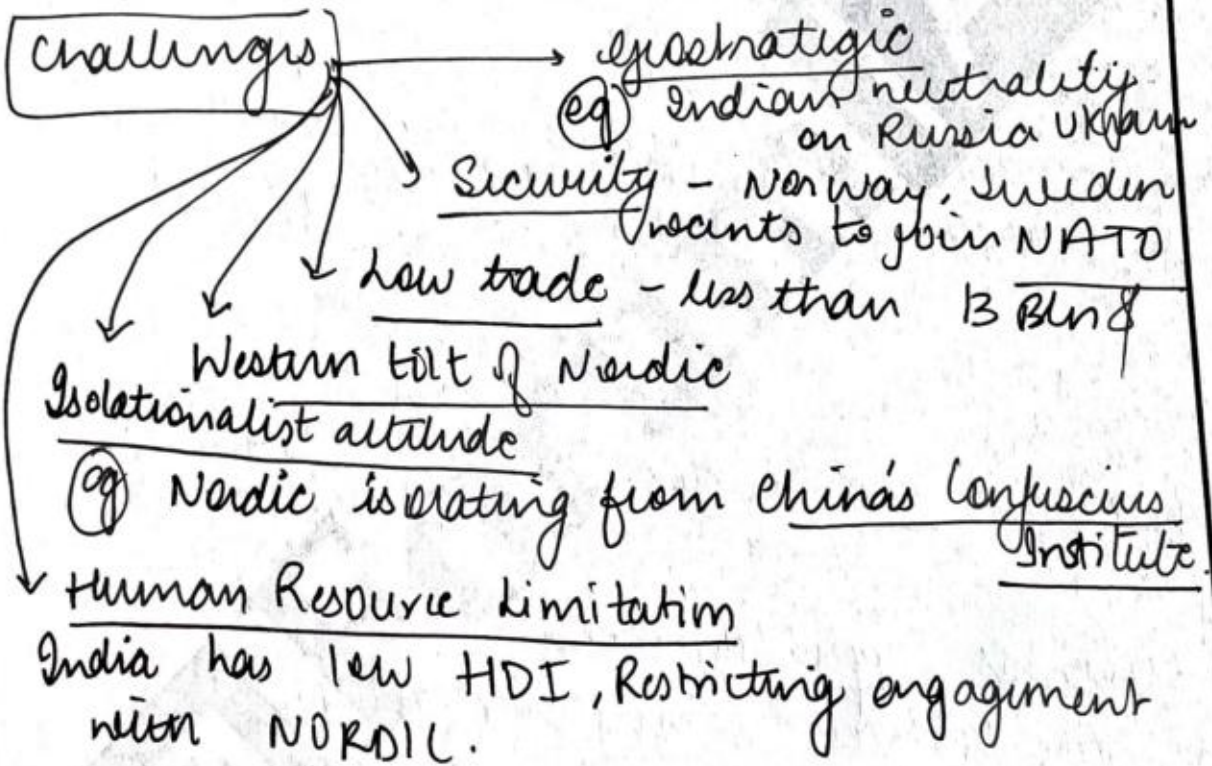
⑤ Climate Justice

technology transfers for curbing air p_lm
 - town gas technology

⑦ Building sustainable cities (SDG11)
 (eg) Swedish govt → 50 \$ million for cities.

⑧ Providing Investment opportunities to Nordic -

(eg) IT sector, Make in India



India can engage with Nordic to access Arctic Resources, climate change, Redistributive Model to achieve high HDI, Zero hunger (SDG2)

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Q.7)

INSTC

International North South Corridor
(INSTC) was proposed in 2000 by Russia, Iran, India for better connectivity and access to Central Asia

INSTC

Recently India proposed to include Chabahar port.

7200 km project

Russia - Iran
Central Asia
India

Benefits

- Reduce logistics cost, time
- Strategically connects China, Pakistan
- Provide open trade
- Gateway to landlocked Central Asia

{ Road to INSTC }

India can rely on INSTC as

⊛ Reliable Partners
(eg)

Russia, Iran - India shares

good relations -

① Counter to BRI

so India must rely on it.

② Provide easy access to Central Asia which rich in Resources like energy (Turkmenistan).

③ Has less Geostategic Risks as part of like minded nations.

④ line with Ashgabat Agreement.

However India cannot rely completely on INSTC as →

⑤ Geopolitical changes

eg - Russian Ukraine war led to cancel of plans.

Pakafuz Railway lines - Better option

⑥ USA's anti Iran stance

CAATSA can be Involved against India.

⑦ Geostategic Reasons

eg growing Iran - China - Russia axis is threat to it.

⑧ Economic Reasons

The Route may not be best option
for trade.

- ① changing Political Scenario
- ② eg Central Asia part of BRF

Alternatives to India -

- ① Chennai Vladivostok Route
India better access Rich Resource of
Russia's Far East.
- ② Indo Pacific - Afro Eurasia Route
for geoeconomy eg Mineral Resources
- ③ Thinking about Israel Proposed
Trans Arabian corridor energy security.
- ④ Arctic Silk Route - as china has
done. eg Rich hydrocarbons be
tapped

World in "Kindergarten Trap" - though
India can Reverse INSTC but
search other options for removing
disintegration. ASTAN can be tapped
for easy trade Route.

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