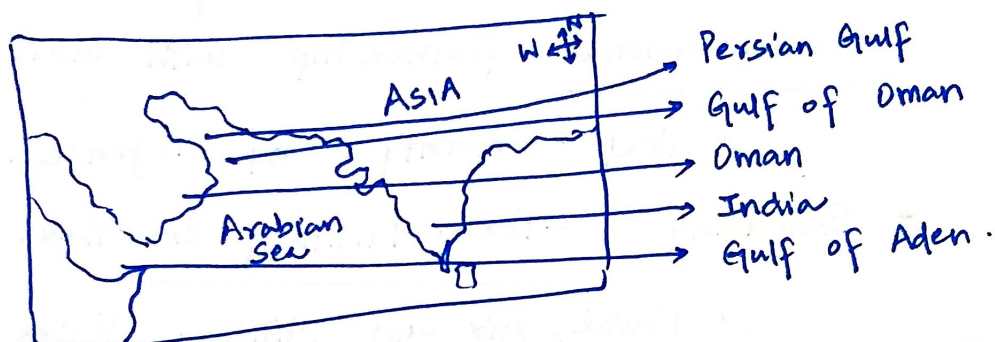


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Q. Oman is India's gateway to West Asia. Analyze this in the context of the recent developments.
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By looking at the above diagram of India and Oman, it is evident that the Oman is easy Gateway to West-Asian Nations from India.

India can access of both Red sea Nations (Like Somalia, Sudan, Egypt...etc) and Persian Gulf Nations (Like Iran, Iraq, U.A.E...etc) through Gulf of Oman. This marks Oman as the vital breakthrough point for sea transport.

SIGNIFICANCE :-

- * Necessary to establish Free Arabian Sea.
- * Many Indian diaspora ^{were} living in Oman.
- * India is 2nd Largest importer of Oman's Crude oil.
- ✓ Sustains Energy Security.

- * Good relation of Historical Underpinning.

RECENT DEVELOPMENT :-

- * Oman is one of few country to have 3-dimensional Partnership with India.
 - ✓ Trade, Security and Defense.
- * Exercising 3-Force Military exercises.
 - ✓ Naval, Air and Military Forces
- * Oman invited as a Guest in G20 meeting^e of 2023.
- * Operation Sankalp (2019)
 - ✓ For safe passage of Indian ship in Persian Gulf.
- * Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI)
 - ✓ It is Introduced in oman by India through Rupay Debit card.
- * South Asia Gas Enterprise (SAGE)
- * India - Middle East - Europe Corridor (IMEEC)

CONCLUSION:-

- * Oman is India's 'Trump Card' in the West Asia's Multi-Lateral Geo-political arena, which have it's significant impact.