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Ques  
India's engagement with Myanmar is critical for the economic development and security of the north eastern region. Discuss.

Ans  
Capture of power by Military Junta in our neighbour country Myanmar and arrest of democratic leader Aung San Suu Kyi happened in last year is major interest to Indian subcontinent.

Why India needs the engagement with Myanmar :-

1) They are of culturally similar and Buddhism is being soft diplomacy for engagement

2) Economic development :- Many projects of Indian partnership like Kaladan multimodal project, and vaccine supply of worth \$6 billion from India to country is important.

3) Insurgency in North east India can be

controlled by effective coordination between two countries.

### Status of Myanmar and India relations:

- India is ready to have engagement to Myanmar as First neighbors policy which can be used effectively by India's "look east policy"
- Above is evident with visit of our foreign affair secretary to Myanmar last year which says manage India is there as good neighbour and want wellbeing of our neighbour.

### challenges:

- 1) China and Pakistan is making a many investment and working deep to create enmity between India and Myanmar.
- 2) Junta of Myanmar to give hiding place to Indian northeast insurgent to use them for settling internal protest in Myanmar.

Now India must engage well with Myanmar and must work to kick start back peace and stability and must work to decrease human rights violation as advocate of freedom in region.