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By enjoying proximity with the west and ties with other powers India can act as a balancer and leader. Analyse.

India is set to take up the Presidency of G20 next year which can emphasise India as a global turnaround. India acts as a bridge connecting west and east

India as a balancer

India participated in the much anticipated I2U2 talks that focuses on energy, water security among others. It is the extension of both Abraham accords and India's look west policy.

India got exemptions from US for S-400 deals and its co-operation with Russia is increasing by buying subsidised crude.

The dominance of China in the Indian Ocean region is checked by Quad and

initiatives such as PGII Partnership for global  
Infrastructure and investment.

Challenges - The BRICS trade is only 15% of  
the world trade and must increase by upgrading  
to regional trade blocks. China's measures  
to counter India's seat at UNSC and designation  
of terrorist of UNSC 1267 sanctions committee need  
to be analysed.

### India as a leader

Budget 2022-23 allocated ₹6200 crore  
assistance to Africa and Latin American countries.

The Vaccine mission covered more than 90 countries.

India pushes the leadership via BIMSTEC  
mainly to scope in developing countries.

Challenges - The SAARC needs revival as it is  
only 5% of global trade. Territorial disputes

persist between the South Asian and South  
East Asian countries.

India's foreign policy has evolved  
from security perspective to security provider  
with minor issues to be sorted out.