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India's engagement with Myanmar is critical for economic development and security for NE R. Discuss

The democratic crackdown in Myanmar and the upsurge of Chinese influence has caused the eyebrows with ~~the~~ strengthening the India Myanmar ties. A robust tie would benefit both the sides and especially North east region.

Security for Northeast

The recent Manipur killings by the United National Liberation front (UNLF) had close ties with insurgents from Myanmar. A collaboration between Tatmadaw and Indian forces can greatly reduce its insurgency operations.

The free movement Regime also acts as concern as it is porous and allows easy passage of insurgents and drugs into India.

XI → Tutuankhamun needs India's support to curb insurgency by the Arabian army. Also, there is a greater possibility of aid to travel illegally between the countries.

## Economic development of North East

India's Act East policy and neighbourhood first policy is visible in the developments that are taking place such as software park which can increase infrastructure assets in northeast. oil refinery can improve the energy needs of the northeast.

The IMT trilateral highway and Kolkata multi-modal transport hub can improve economy of northeast.

The close friendship travel between the countries can improve significantly and there is security.

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