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Q. Globally rising India is also a regionally declining power. Comment (250 W)

Ans. Globally rising India is also a regionally declining power. Although India is rising as a superpower in global aspects, we still have our hands loose at regional interfaces.

⇒ India as a rising power

- (i) India has achieved historic milestones over the past two decades with economic growth, military expansions, demography etc.
- (ii) Its growth can be seen through the invite to G-7 meetings, its involvement in G20.
- (iii) It has also actively participated in multilateral groups such as SCO, BRICS etc.
- (iv) Though it is not a ~~member~~ member of UNSC, it still rises as a powerful nation.

⇒ India's regionally declining power: causes.

- (i) Focus of India on Indo-Pacific leading to the loosening of strings b/w India & its neighbourhood.
- (ii) America's withdrawal from region & China's replacement has been a pivotal factor of ~~the~~ decline in India's significance.

The withdrawal also acted as an lucky factor to India since it led interest from US & its allies for India's Global interest to counter China.

(iii) Dynamics of comparative power wherein the geopolitical choices made by region's smaller powers have impacted India's balance of influence.

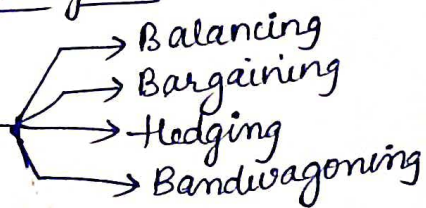
⇒ Challenges for India regionally in Regional

(i) Rise of China is the prominent factor & the most significant challenge.

(ii) Shift in Regional balance of power from ~~act~~ incidents like US withdrawal, China's arrival in South Asia & India's tilt towards Indo-Pacific

(iii) SA's smaller powers;
↳ neighbours of India.

engaged in range of strategies



they now see China as a bridge country against India.

(iv) The growing obsolescence of SA as a geopolitical construct which is challenging India's hold on the region

⇒ What shall India do?

(i) Capitalizing maritime advantages in the Indo-Pacific to enhance trade.

(ii) Engaging with SA's smaller powers & pull them to ~~our~~ our favour

(iii) strengthen ties with buffer countries like Maldives, Sri Lanka & Bangladesh.

(iv) maintain primacy in SA by revisiting traditional conceptions

(v) Accept the changes in the region's geopolitics.

(vi) Rather than trying to match China, it shall focus on highlighting its strengths such as Buddhist heritage, etc.