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Globally rising India is also a regionally declining power comment.

India as a nation is considered as one of the most promising developing nations and also termed as an emerging power in current global order.

India's global rise is a function in the absolute power, peer accommodation.

India as a rising power is result of following characteristics :-

- 1) Healthy economic growth, military capabilities, & a largely young demography where in seen rapid growth in past two decades.
- 2) Inclusion in key global institutions like - G20, & as an invitee at G-7.
- 3) Active participation in multilateral groups, such as Quad, BRICS & SCO.
- 4) Impactful presence globally, even in UNSC.
- 5) Growing International attention on Indo-Pacific - India has a central position.

worryingly, India's influence is declining in South Asia. Paradoxically due to some of extraneous factors.

Reason's behind declining in importance of India globally :-

- 1) China's increasing prominence - as America had withdrawn from South Asia & China filling that power vacuum.
- 2) Many vital geopolitical choices & comparative power made by region's smaller powers but not by leading powers.
- 3) Diminishing Relative Power - i.e. Rise of China in South Asia, where India tilted towards Indo-Pacific has opened doors for shifting regional balance of power in Beijing's favour.

The China's growing importance, fundamental changes in South Asian geopolitics & loss of primacy in South Asia led a way for the decline of India regionally.

In order to tackle this and regain its prominence India as a centre need to:-

- 1) Revisit the traditional conceptions, to modernise it's primacy in South Asia and take some active steps.
- 2) Look after the robustness of itself rather than focusing on other units.
- 3) Reclaim Buddhist heritage - as it's the soul of Buddhism.
- 4) Involving India's smaller South Asian Neighbours in the Maritime strategic conversations.

India & its partners must engage the neighbours as part of their Maritime strategy.

5) Joining hands with external power units to have an external ideas of towards India.

The major unique power India is known for its soft power to retain its influence in the region