

② As IND pursues its Act East policy Vietnam has become a valuable partner in the Indo-Pacific region? Analyse

Introduction - India & Vietnam celebrating their 50 yr anniversary of diplomatic relation, where the strategic dimension of relation initiated during 1980's.

IND - Vietnam importance -

① India is a maritime country and ocean holds the key for India's future.

② India's external trade [90% of volume & 70% of value] via sea route.

③ As this, India intensified its efforts to build a strategic partner in the Indo-Pacific region [Vietnam],

④ India & Myanmar relations further strengthened during 1990's when India adopted "Act East policy".

IND-VIETNAM relation in Indo-Pacific -

(1) Ind & Vietnam has much in common like ~~have~~ facing threats from CHN.

(2) Both countries are working toward strengthening in the areas [energy security, open & secured maritime routes, Coastal engineering]

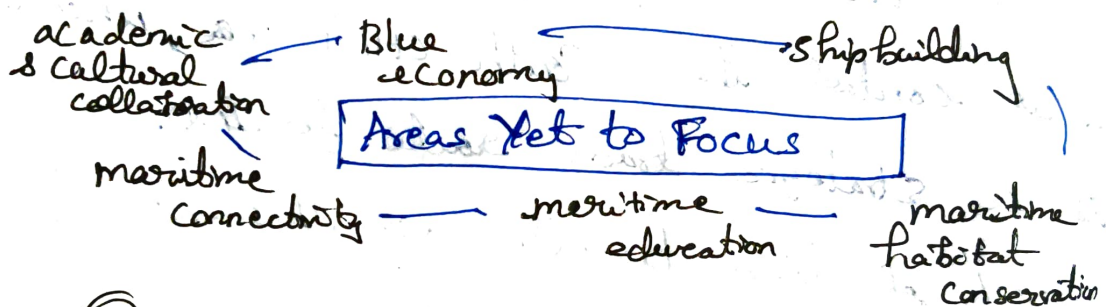
(3) Vietnam geographical position enables it to control the South CHN sea, which is a strategic trade route for IND.
[55% of trade travelling via this route]

(4) So, to strengthen vietnam's maritime security guards & its military presence in the region, [under the Joint Vision for defence cooperation] India provided \$100 million line of defence credit and also announced further \$500 million line of defence credit to Vietnam.

⑤ Apart from deepening their relations in bilateral they also focused & agreed to cooperate in sub-regional & multi-regional groups such as.

- ① BIMSTEC
- ② ASEAN
- ③ IORA.
- ④ Mekong Ganga Cooperation

⑥ India & Vietnam also have some other areas to work together like



⑦ India & Vietnam also should look at other opportunities in the Indo-Pacific initiative to suppress CHN's influence

Conclusion

long-term roadmap should be framed in a way to address common challenges & build their relationship which in turn ~~pro~~ assures stability in Indo-Pacific