

2. India needs to focus on key strategic partnerships in the event of an escalatory situation with china. Discuss.

china's rise globally and south asia, explicitly flexing its muscle power, poses several implications for India.

India's response to chinese threat

1. India over past 3 years after Galwan clash reduce tech-dependence on china eg: Banning china's apps
2. shifting focus from Line of control to Line of Actual control is visible now
3. Infrastructure build up gaining pace - eg: vibrant border villages program along borders.

India's response - not comprehensive.

1. Response is not comprehensive - since It is neither possible nor desirable to man against china
2. Increasing confrontation - will only increase the number of flashpoints along Line of Actual control
3. underbalancing china - result of lack of understanding of strategy of superior power.

medium term strategy → 'Threat postponement' - is misplaced optimism. Because India focussing on building capacity/capability, will be too late to gain lost territories. By the time, china too have gained capacity

Longterm strategy

1. 'calibrated escalation' → tit for tat strategy in unmanned areas
2. Increasing nuclear deterrence capability to signal India's growing nuclear weapons.
3. Increase economic cost for china, by reducing imports on selected goods & production linked Incentive schemes - promote manufacturing.
4. Strengthen ties ~~in~~ → 'Multialignment' strategy especially with US

Way forward

Most favourable strategy will be promoting Aatmanirbhar and strengthening ties with US, though it may increase chinese aggression, considering in long term - helpful for india - to inducine china at global stage