

CS-2 - IR.

2. Smart balancing china in Southern Asia must form a key element in India's grand strategic decision making. Explain.

For India - principal engagement today is china. That is, it is the immediate threat. while Threat of pakistan, Internal security issues, others are only secondary engagement.

Passing china's test.

To maintain the threat of china, there is a need for strategic policy to pass the china test. Relationship of India with countries and its implication from china.

1. India-US Relations

India + US relationship is on growth trajectory china which is aspiring for hegemony in the region wants Lack of India + US relation to attain its long term strategy what must be strategy?

India ~~to~~ must not give up its relations for this short temperament. ~~It~~ must maintain relations for long term objective.

2. India-Pakistan

India to pass china's test - must engage relations with Pakistan.

Advantage

1. ^{china wants} ~~china~~ - India's continued conflict with Pakistan - an. to raise its interest in South Asia & undermine India's primacy.

2. Engaging with Pakistan, with ~~is~~ will balance China in the region.

3. India-Russia

[One side - US & West → accusing India for ties with Russia despite war.
Other side growing China & Russia ties]

Strategy

1. India must maintain Relations with Russia to maintain balance in Central Asia.
2. cheap oil, defence equipment from Russia
3. preventing relations will make China natural partner and leverage its position in Central Asia.

Hence India must maintain Strategic decision making to balance power in South Asia.