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2. The induction of Iran in the SCO aggravates its image of being 'anti-west' ~~to~~ Comment (150 words).

Iran joins in SCO as 9th member Virtual Summit chaired by PM Narendra Modi stressed the formation of a more representative and multipolar world.

Induction of Iran in SCO.

- 1) SCO - originally focus on. Stability
Security

For India. → Connectivity strategy Iran's Chabahar Port where it operates a terminal for International North South Transport Corridor.

→ New Delhi moves to ~~the~~ land-based through Pakistan which has blocked transit trade for India.

→ Central Asian states that are double ~~locked~~ land locked will seek trade route via Afghanistan to ports in both Pakistan and Iran.

→ Induction of Iran a close partner of India that also suffered from terrorism emanating from Pakistan and Afghanistan

will push for terror heaven.

→ SCO is increasingly seen as "antiwest" forum and Iran like Russia is under severe sanctions.

↳ U.S accuses Iran for supplying Weapons to Russia.

→ The expected induction of Belarus next year will only strengthen this image of SCO

~~→ Even as~~

→ India strengthen ties with Quad.
making the Indian balancing act more difficult.