

In the context of Indo Pacific vision, India's approach
 furthers prospects for stable &
 enduring maritime regime. Discuss.

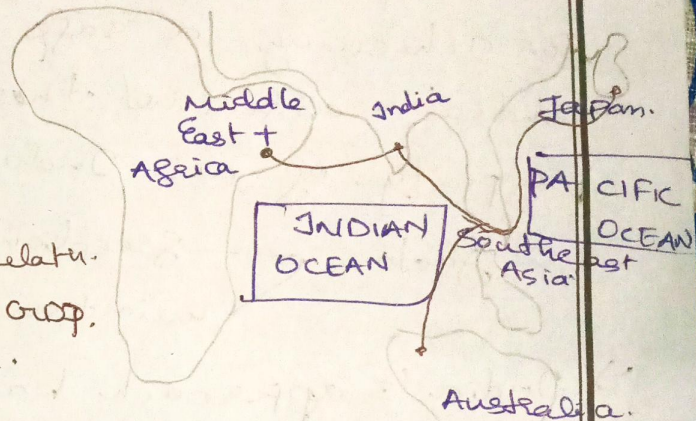
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Indo-Pacific region refers to confluence of Pacific & Indian Ocean that interconnect in Southeast Asia. Region covering about 44% of world's surface area.

Indo-Pacific

- about 38 countries
- 44% world surface area.
- 65% world's population.
- 62% world output.
- ~ 50% trade.



India's Indo Pacific vision: SAGAR (Security & growth for all).

Free, open, inclusive order, cooperation & collaboration.

Respect of sovereignty & integrity of all nation.

Peaceful resolution of maritime disputes.

Adherence to international law (UNCLOS).

Right to free navigation & trade.

→ Recently India's PM at the UNSC meet sets out a framework for maritime security, which furthers prospects for stable & enduring maritime regime by including following aspects:-

- India urges international community to develop a cooperative & inclusive framework for maritime security.
- In scenario of increasing natural disasters - cyclones, tsunamis India called for global community to tackle issues.
- Global threat of maritime pollutions ^{bring to} needs spotlight ^{as the implications will be serious.}
- Importance of preservation of maritime environment & resources were highlighted.

- Free connectivity & trade outlined as major priorities.
- India's call for acceptance of UNCLOS by world power's is an important criteria for achieving a safe & open ~~for~~ maritime path.
- India reaffirmed that; a key to spread of prosperity of all Indo-Pacific nations relies on 2 factors
 - ← freedom of navigation
 - ← uninterrupted commerce.

→ India's approach based on concept of 'more liberal' (open sea) is the immediate ~~with~~ enunciated indo-Pacific vision further.

- In previous instances ~~of~~ also India actively participated for the Free Indo-Pacific like
- IPOIC (Indo Pacific Ocean Initiative), 2019
 - 7 pillars of maritime security pact.
 - Cooperation & organising conferences, summits with world powers for a safe & secure Indo-Pacific
 - Founding member of IORA (Indian Ocean Rim Association) - 1997.
 - Joint defense exercises

→ All this credentials & intellectual vision of India also proves the role of India as a key stakeholder in maritime commons.