

What are the various strands of Indo-Pacific construct of US and its allies? What are the options for Pakistan to deal with the significance assigned to India in the Indo-Pacific region?

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1) Introduction

US and other powers in the Pacific are relying on various tactics like alliance formation, defence agreements and increased military presence to counter adversaries (mainly China). Under the same policy, India is being propped up as a regional power and a counter-weight to China. To deal with the significance assigned to India, Pakistan needs to strengthen its military cooperation with China and strengthen its naval capabilities through procurement of naval ships, frigates and UAVs. Countering the notion of India being the "net security provider" in Indian Ocean and forging close ties with littoral states Indo-Pacific region are also crucial to counter the rise of India as the hegemon.

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2) Strands of Indo-Pacific Construct of US and allies:-

a) Increased military presence of US in Guam, Phillipines, Diego Garcia and Australia

b) Formation of AUKUS for mutual defense cooperation and naval upgradation of Australia

c) Invigoration of QUAD

d) Strengthening India to be the "net security provider" in Indian Ocean

e) Warning Littoral States in the Region About China's Debt Trap Diplomacy

f) Using IMEC to Counter BRI

3) A Look at the Importance Being Assigned to India:-

a) Dubbing India as the 'most like-minded Nation' by Trump

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b) US - India Defence Treaty

c) Providing India Access to Nuclear Submarine

4) Steps Pakistan Can Take to Counter Rising Indian Influence :-

a) Close Defence Collaboration with China

b) Naval Upgradation through New Procurements of Ships, Frigates and UAVs (with maritime monitoring capabilities)

c) Countering India's 'Net Security Provider' Narrative

d) Forging Close Ties with Littoral States

e) Diplomacy to Counter Indian Narratives like String of Pearl Theory

5) Conclusion