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Does the Belt and Road initiative (BRI) signify China's political growth or is it reflective of developing world's inclination towards economic connectivity. Discuss

### Introduction:

Belt and Road Initiative of China was launched in 2013. It is the biggest geo-economic project of 21<sup>st</sup> century. It consists of six corridors connecting number of continents. BRI signify political growth and influence of China in region. BRI provide states access to market, political growth of China is ensured by collective growth, influence decision making and socio-cultural influence.

### BRI: Major Projects and Corridors

BRI is project of China. It consist of six corridors including central Asia, South Asia, Eurasia, China, central Asia and Iran corridors, ASEAN, China ASEAN corridor and China Pakistan Economic Corridors. Major projects under BRI are

Bullet Train, Dry Posts  
Highways & Highways  
Series of Sea ports.

This project signifies political growth  
country through number of objectives.

Shortest access to market:

China's traditional trade route is  
lengthy. It takes 39 days while BR2  
has reduced the distance to 11  
days. It will have a lot of benefit  
for economic and political growth  
of China.

Policy of collective growth:

China has adopted the policy of  
US of collective growth. As BR2  
involves central Asia, South Asia, ASEAN,  
and Eurasia. In this way it  
would lead to political stability in  
whole region.

Influencing Decision making of BR2  
Countries:

China is making investments in  
different sectors in various countries  
of region and connecting them

Economically. Resultantly, China is having political influence on the decision making of those countries.

## Socio cultural influence of china

Another major benefit from political growth of china is enhancement of socio cultural influence of china. As BRI has resulted increased employment, promotion of chinese culture and learning of chinese courses in all BRI countries.

## IRAN - KSA deal brokered by china

Similarly, BRI has resulted in enhanced influence of china in middle East. China has 230 Billion \$ investment in IRAN.

China is also investing projects like Neom city in Saudi Arabia.

Through her influence in region she mediated the peace deal between Saudi Arabia and Iran. China played sequential role in bringing both countries closer.

BRI: Signifying political growth not just economic connectivity. BRI has major role

is the countries of China political of As employment and in

in proliferation of political country. Although, it growth includes infrastructure project and this economic connectivity. But through this project China is successfully became major power played of the region. Due its influential power, whole world is transiting from unipolar to multipolar order. Another significant step is IMEC that is USA and Europe based project. It has initiated as response to increasing geo-political influence of china.

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### Conclusion:

BRI is remarkable project led by china and expanding in large number of countries. It has been playing key role in political growth of china. It has increased the influential power of china in whole region. Saudi Arabia - Iran deal brokered by china is best example of geo-political role of china. Enhancing military influence of china on Taiwan and response of other powers like Russia indicate strong political influence of china. As mention

above BRG is not just an economic connectivity of a country but also signifying its political growth through increased influence in whole region, and containing the US influence in Taiwan.

Q.3

Keeping in view the Socio-political circumstances of Sub-continent, Discuss the role of Sir Syed Ahmed Khan in creating -----?

### Introduction:

Sir Syed Ahmed Khan was a great muslim leader. He observed the condition of muslims of sub continent. Resultantly he initiated the Ali Gath movement and played key role in social, educational and political uplift of muslims. He gave two nation theory and illicited the feeling of national identity of muslims. He advised the muslim not to join the Congress, instead focused on educational and social progress. He established MAO college, Scientific Society. He

played major role in minimizing the differences among British and muslims of sub-continent.

## creating muslim nationalism through Education:

Sir Syed Ahmed Khan observed the situation of muslims and found that muslims were lagging behind the Hindus because of lack of education. He also observed that social deterioration of muslims was because of their conservative attitude towards British. He worked to reduce the differences between muslims and British.

He advised the muslims to stay away from politics and achieve higher education. Hindus were advanced because of their education.

## Educational institutions:

Sir Syed Ahmed Khan established MAO School. It was upgraded to MAO college in 1963. Muslims were taught English, Science and Persian. He also established Scientific Society. Various schools

of Society translated the western  
knowledge in Urdu & Persian.

## Urdu-Hindi controversy and nationalism

in 1860 Urdu Hindi  
controversy started in Banars. Hindi  
wanted to make Hindi official language  
which led to wide spread protests  
resolutions against Urdu. Sir Syed Ahmed  
was highly disturbed by this situation

Sir Syed Ahmed Khan said  
to his friend Shakespeare, This  
controversy has proved the  
futility of my wish of  
Hind muslim unity. Muslims  
can't be same nation with Hindus.

## Political circumstances and Nationalism

Initially Sir Syed Ahmed  
wanted to unite Muslims and Hindus  
but when he saw the selfish demands  
of Congress. He convinced that Congress  
was only representing Hindus.

He advised the Muslims not to  
Join Congress. As Congress was  
safeguarding rights of Hindus.

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## Letters to Both:

Sir Syed Ahmed Khan wrote letters to British governed explained the causes of the war of independence. He wrote that Muslims were not responsible for the war but their social and political circumstances and social inequalities aggravated the war.

## Social Services in creating nationalism

Sir Syed Ahmed Khan did not share the conservative attitude of Muslims. He worked for the social uplift. He published Tehzeeb ul-Akhlaq in which he advised the Muslims to adopt new social trends.

He set a task for the protection of Urdu. As events like the Hindi controversy were fueling the Urdu language.

## Religious Services for Muslims:

Due to unjust attitude of British Muslim. They were unable to practice their religion.



freely. Their mosques were destroyed by  
Hindus. Sir Syed Ahmed Khan took  
practical step for the religious identity  
of muslims. At MAO college muslims  
were taught islamic teachings and  
Hadith also. muslims freely practiced  
their religion.

## Two Nation Theory

Sir Syed Ahmed Khan is considered  
as pioneer of Two nation theory. He  
was major advocate of separate national  
identity of muslims. initially he wanted  
to unite hind and muslims

He stated that

"I see Hindu and muslims  
with the same eye"

But due to prejudiced attitude of  
Hindus - He advised muslim to demand  
their separate home land.

According to two nation theory:

Muslims were different from  
Hindu in Religion, custom, language,  
culture. They can't be same with  
Hindus in any aspect.

Indeed, this two nation theory became  
base for feeling of national identity

muslims and ideology of separate  
nationalism. It incited the demands of  
among muslims of Sub-continent.

### Conclusion:

Sir Syed Ahmed Khan was a great  
thinker and pioneer of  
two nation theory. Through his Aligarh  
movement he set task for the  
social and political uplift of muslim  
and consequently for the feeling of  
nationalism and separate identity and  
ideology of homeland. He established  
MAO college and Scientific Society to  
teach the muslims new trends and  
western education and research. As he  
observed that major reason for the  
degraded condition of muslims was  
lack of education. He was highly disappointed  
by the prejudicial attitude of Hindu and  
advise muslim to join them.