

Question No 2

In the era unpredictability ushered by Trump, China is trying to project itself as a reliable partner. Critically evaluate the statement and China's capacity to a parallel world order.

Introduction:

The Trump has become the second time president of US in January 2025. Since the time Trump has become president, the world is facing continuous turbulence. This is due to Trump's unpredictable initiatives. Moreover, Trump's slogan of nationalism such as "America first" and "Make the America great again" signaling his non-cooperative vision towards world. The steps such as imposing accelerated tariffs on the world and withdrawing from Paris

agreement revealing Trump's attitude. While on the other side China using its soft diplomacy towards world. China's endeavoring for regional as well as world's connectivity through BRI, development of regional Asian Development Bank and acting as peace brokering between hostile states such as Iran and Saudi. Strengthening its global image. This provide China's vision of parallel world order. Despite there are some loopholes in ensuring China's complete replacement of west order.

2) Visualization of unpredictability imposing by Trump's attitude: Trump is a man of unpredictable personality. His vision regarding the cooperation with rest of the world is in question. In his second term he has taken many unpredictable steps due to which US

role as a superpower is in question.

1) Trump's withdrawal from multilateralism - paris accord:

As the world is facing ²⁰¹⁵ drastic repercussions due to climate change, the Superpower's withdrawal from paris agreement based on UNFCC is harming the spirit of multilateralism. This shows that US' just care about it's ^{leaving} economy while threatening humanity on the verge of threat.

2) Imposition of unbearable Tariffs on world:

Trump is imposing unbearable tariffs on the countries even on it's allies such as Canada and India. This weakening it's position of global map. Besides this, it provides illustration about Trump's wish for strong global market and unipolarity. The imposition of

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50% tariffs on India will weak
it's position in Indo-Pacific
region due to vulnerability of
relations with India.

3) Escalation in tensions with NATO, Japan and South Korea:

US is in constant
tensions with NATO. This tarnishing
his defence power in global
arena. While US' aggravating
tensions with countries like Japan
and South Korea providing space
to China for strengthening it's
hold.

3) Projection of China as a reliable partner in global arena:

1) Regional connectivity
providing basis to China
as a reliable partner

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The China's road and Belt Initiative is an illustration that how China is endeavouring for boosting trade and diplomatic relationships. Road and Belt Initiative (BRI) of China connecting Afghanistan, Iran, Pakistan and some African countries. This reveals the China's attitude toward cooperation and parallel world order.

2) Inauguration of initiative such as Asian development bank for economic security:

China's role in establishing Asian Development bank for securing regional economy also signals about its nature of multilateralism. This bank provides loans for infrastructure development, economic stability and development of market for competition. This reveals China's attitude towards cooperation.

3) Establishment of organizations to counterweigh west — SCO, Brics:

The establishment of organizations such as BRICS and SCO are for the purpose of replacing WB and IMF. While these organizations are yet not so powerful as WB and IMF, but with time and due to anti-cooperative nature of west provide space for their progress.

4) China's endless efforts for technological development:

China is emerging as a leader of AI, Quantum computing and Huawei (5G). This is posing china's image as a stable and pragmatic partner instead of unpredictable and non-cooperative.

4) Counter argument — Limits to China's Reliability Narrative:

a) Transparency Deficit:

There are concerns about opaque BRI contracts and debt traps. This can be visualized by Sri-Lanka's Hambantota port.

b) Assertive Behavior in South China Sea:

China's soft image is being tarnished due to its assertive behavior towards other states in South China Sea. The militarization and aggressive territorial claims undermine China's "peaceful rise".

c) Human rights concerns:

Xinjiang, Hong Kong and cybersecurity laws erode China's soft power globally.

5) Critical evaluation — Emergence of a Fragmented Hybrid order

Many critics argue that china is not creating a new world order such as parallel world order. While it is modifying the existing order. It adopting parallel nature in some aspects while in actual it is trying to replace US.

Conclusion:

To conclude, it is clearly stated that due to US' non-cooperative behavior, it is facing backlashes. temporarily while in permanent sense, china is not completely moving toward parallel world order, as there are also some limitations present in china's attitude. The development of BRICS and SCO is not complete replacement of CUB and IMF. However, there are chances of emergence of china as a product of Hybrid order.