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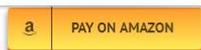
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1. India-Japan ties are warming up but expectations from Modi-Abe discussions must remain anchored in reality

- What are the strategic implications of India-japan coordination?**
- What is role of Japan in India's infrastructure development?**
- What does the India-Japan mean for China?**

GS paper 2 (Bilateral and regional groupings and agreements involving India)

In this video, you can find detailed answers for all the above questions.

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What is the context about?

- PM Modi left for Japan on October 27 to attend the Annual Summit on October 28 and 29.**
- Before leaving, Modi said India's partnership with Japan is of great substance and purpose.**
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi described India and Japan a "winning combination" and said the island nation is New Delhi's most trusted partners in its economic and technological modernisation.**

What are the strategic implications of India-japan coordination?

It will help India in achieving following objectives:

- ❑ It will lead to increased connectivity in NE Region, thus spurring economic growth and livelihood opportunities for the people.
- ❑ Enhanced trade in North East: With enhanced connectivity network, electricity supply, etc. it will improve the connectivity with the mainland India as well as with the neighbouring countries like BHUTAN-BANGLADESH-NEPAL and Myanmar as well.
- ❑ Promote India's Act East policy by easing the trade related prospects with ASEAN and other south east countries.
- ❑ Improve coordination & cooperative federalism: Improve coordination among the North Eastern states as well as with Other states of the country and that with the UNION as well.
- ❑ Deterrence to china- Joint forum of India and Japan will decrease China's assertiveness in this region, thus, strategic security will get enhanced.

What is role of Japan in India's infrastructure development?

It has played a vital role in the progress along the years. This can be viewed with the following points

- ❑ **India-Japan civil nuclear agreement:** According to the deal, six new nuclear reactors will be built for power generation. This will enhance civil nuclear capabilities which are essential for India to bring down carbon emissions.
- ❑ **Mumbai-Ahmedabad bullet-train:** This ambitious project will be built and financed by Japanese . This Rs. 98000 crore project will trigger an era of high speed railways in India and boost the speed for economic development.
- ❑ **Infrastructure projects in India's north-eastern states:** This is to develop infrastructure and enhance connectivity in the north eastern states. This is also very important because of the fact that this can be a gateway for the south east Asia.
- ❑ Japan has also planned to set up 12 industrial parks across India to provide world class infrastructure for manufacturing.
- ❑ Japan has also played a vital role in the development of very successful Delhi Metro.

What does the India-Japan mean for China?

India-Japan duo is a cornerstone to Chinese policies:

- ❑ India is the world's largest economy and with the help of Japan's technology, it can take a tussle with the Chinese.

- ❑ The recent Asia Africa growth corridor launched against Chinese OBOR project is a clear sign which even china is trying to suppress its influence.
- ❑ The growing military exercises like the Malabar which included not only India and Japan but also USA is also a step which can add on our military might against Chinese.
- ❑ Signing of Nuclear deal with Japan a few months ago shows a clear sign of further many joint collaborations and suppressing the fear of Chinese from its neighbourhood.