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Discuss India - Nepal relationship. How growing Chinese influence in Nepal affecting it?

Ans

India Nepal relations have been historically strong due to shared cultural, historical and economic ties. However the growing influence of China in Nepal has begun to affect the relationship.

Historical and cultural ties

↳ Shared Heritage - India and Nepal shared deep cultural and historical links including Hinduism and Buddhism.

↳ Treaty of Peace and Friendship 1950 - This treaty has been cornerstone of bilateral relations ensuring security and economic cooperation.

Economic and strategic relations

① Economic Assistance - India has been a major partner to provide aid and investment for the Health sector, education sector, infrastructure developments.

② Trade Relations - Nepal depends heavily on India for trade, access to ports and energy supply.

growing China's influence - Belt road initiatives a lot of investment from China which significantly affect. and China use the policy of Debt trap which is providing the loan to the in a high amount. If not return the loan it occupied the territory.

for example Hambantota of Sri Lanka which is the example of Debt trap policy of China.

Impact on India Nepal relations

Diplomatic tension - Nepal's increasing engagement with the China which led the tension with India. issues like Kalapani dispute, Lipulekh.

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