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Ques. what is string of pearls in respect with china? How India counters the above?

Ans. String of Pearls refers to the Chinese intention to establish a network in Indian Ocean region (IOR).

Each pearl represents some form of permanent Chinese military installations in a series of location along a string.

Recent development of ports are Gwadar, Hambantota, Sittue etc are seen as part of a string of pearls.

Although, these are commercial ports, the fear is that these could be easily converted to a naval facility in case of conflict with India.

Impact on India

→ strategic impact :- string of pearls lead to china's surrounding in Indian ocean which is strategically important with respect to china.

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→ Economic Impact:- Indian resources will be diverted towards defence and security. Thus, the economy will not reach its potential hampering economic growth.

→ Maritime security:- China's presence will pose a threat to India's security through water.

Steps taken by India to counter string of pearls

→ Chabahar Port → India is developing Chabahar port in Iran, opening a new land sea-route to central Asian countries by passing Pakistan. ✓

→ Kyaukpadaung port → From the east; deep water port of Kyaukpadaung is also viewed with a similar concern. ✓

→ Military and Naval Relations → India has established a strategic naval alliance with Myanmar to modernize and train its navy, giving India a large regional presence. ✓

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