

Mains Tag: GS II: India and its Neighborhood- Relations.

- 1. Discuss the growing ties between India and Bangladesh and write how India has to balance this relation with rising Chinese investments in Bangladesh.**

Why this Question:

- ▶▶ Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's four-day official visit to India recently highlights India's deepening bilateral relationship and growing interdependence with Bangladesh. She addressed the India Economic Summit of the World Economic Forum.

Key Demand of the Question:

- ▶▶ The question wants us to write about the growing ties between India and Bangladesh. Give few examples how solutions have been found for the thorny issues between the countries.
- ▶▶ Also write how India has to tackle the rising investments of china in Bangladesh. Write few measures India could take to prevent Bangladesh moving closer to China.

Directive word:

- ▶▶ **Discuss:** Essentially this is a written debate where you are using your skill at reasoning, backed up by carefully selected evidence to make a case for and against an argument, or point out the advantages and disadvantages of a given context. Remember to arrive at a conclusion.

Structure of the Answer

Introduction:

- ▶▶ Write about the recent visit of Bangladesh Prime minister to India in order to attend the "India Economic Summit" of the World Economic Forum.

Body:

- ▶▶ Write about historical background of India -Bangladesh ties in a gist.
- ▶▶ Write about few thorny issues that existed between the countries.
- ▶▶ Write how those issues has been resolved amicably by these countries. E.g: Border Issues.
- ▶▶ Write about the recent growth in ties between these countries.
- ▶▶ Also write about the rising Chinese investments in Bangladesh.
- ▶▶ Write how India should not show its big brotherly attitude in this issue, and force Bangladesh to choose between India and china.
- ▶▶ India should realize the evolving geopolitical calculus, enabled by China's economic-trade-fiscal policies and shape its own ties with Dhaka which also has robust ties with Beijing.
- ▶▶ India should try to manage this triangular relationship with integrity and little diplomacy, that can unleash the positive potential of the player countries.

Conclusion:

- ▶▶ Conclude that India should manage its geo-political realities through friendship and collaborations. It should learn to appreciate and balance regional political realities for the interest of the people and should not trade off long-term interests for short-term gains.

