



China's Global Security Initiative

For Prelims: Global Security Initiative, Quad Grouping, AUKUS Grouping, Indo-Pacific strategy

For Mains: New Cold War, Groupings & Agreements Involving India and/or Affecting India's Interests, Effect of Policies & Politics of Countries on India's Interests

Why in News?

Recently, a new **Global Security Initiative (GSI)** was put forward by Chinese President. The GSI looks to counter the US [Indo-Pacific strategy](#) and the [Quad \(India, US, Australia, Japan grouping\)](#).

- However, China did not provide much clarity or details about the proposed global security initiative.

What is GSI, as Envisaged by China?

- **Principle of Indivisible Security:** With growing threats posed by **unilateralism, hegemony and power politics**, and **increasing deficits in peace, security, trust and governance**, mankind is facing more and more intractable problems and security threats.
 - Thus, China held that the Global security initiative is envisaged to uphold the **principle of "indivisible security"**.
 - **The principle of "indivisible security"** means that **no country can strengthen its own security at the expense of others**.
- **Asian Security Model:** GSI calls for a "**common, comprehensive, cooperative and sustainable**" security and building an Asian security model of mutual respect, openness and integration".
- **Opposing Sanctions:** This would oppose the use of unilateral sanctions and long-arm jurisdiction, appearing to refer to Western sanctions.
- **Tackling New Cold War:** Indo-Pacific' strategy to divide the region and create a 'new [Cold War](#)', and the use of military alliances to put together an '**Asian version of [North Atlantic Treaty Organization \(NATO\)](#)**'.
 - According China, the Quad grouping was equivalent to the "[Five Eyes](#)" **intelligence alliance** involving Australia, New Zealand, Canada, the U.S. and U.K. and the [AUKUS pact](#), as a key element in what he called U.S. plans to build an "Asian NATO".

What are Reactions of Quad Members?

- **Quad is not a Military Alliance:** The members of the Quad have **rejected the notion that it is an Asian NATO or a military alliance**, and pointed to its broad-based cooperation, including on vaccines and technology.
- **Double Standards of China:** Chinese criticism of unilateralism, hegemony and double standards is usually aimed at the US.
- **Impact of Russia-Ukraine War:** China's new advances in the Pacific could be related to the stagnation of the [Belt and Road Initiative](#), due to the [Ukraine war](#).

What are Events Signaling a New Cold War?

- **China's Development:** For several decades, **China's aggressive development** under the relatively enlightened authoritarianism of Deng Xiaoping and his successors was seen positively in the United States.
 - However, under Xi Jinping (President), China has evolved from a **soft to a hard authoritarianism.**
 - There is now a president-for-life with a **budding personality cult.**
- **US' Counter:** In order to contain rising China's assertiveness, the US under its '[pivot to Asia policy](#)' Has launched a **Quad initiative & Indo pacific narrative.**
 - Most recently, the US proposed to [expand G7 to G-11](#) **without including China in it.**
- **China's Stance on South China Sea:** China's actions in the [South China Sea](#), first by land reclamation and then constructing artificial islands for extending extra-territorial claim, has seen sharp criticism from the US and its allies.
- **Challenging Economic Hegemony:** China has come out with alternative governance mechanisms to the U.S.-dominated [International Monetary Fund](#), [World Bank](#) and [World Trade Organization](#) with its all-encompassing [Belt and Road Initiative](#) and institutions like [Asia infrastructure investment bank](#), Contingency Reserve Agreement (CRA) of [New Development Bank](#).

What Should be Role of India?

- India is a rising global power and citing its importance both the US and China sought to attract India in its camp. **Foreign policy experts in the US argue India Is a Natural US Ally in the New Cold War.**
- On the other hand, Chinese's Ambassador in India has suggested writing "**together a new chapter**" with "**a shared future for mankind**". In this context:
 - India can promote new **multilateralism** under the aegis of **Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam**- which relies on restructuring both the economic order and societal behavior for equitable sustainable development.
 - India must take up **intensified diplomacy with global powers so that Asian Century** can be defined in terms of peaceful co-existence and global interest.
 - Apart from it, India should acknowledge that **national security now relies on technological superiority in [Artificial Intelligence \(AI\)](#), cyber and space, and not expensive capital equipment.**
 - Thus, India should become self-sufficient in the domain of **critical technologies.**

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