

Imp. of Bhutan

- ① Buffer State b/w China & India
- ② Strategic importance :- Chumbi Valley ; Chukha neck
- ③ To counter insurgencies in NE : Coop. w/ GOI to take down insurgent groups like ULFA & NDFB
- ④ To counter Chinese inroads in Bhutan
- ⑤ Bhutan always support India on large platforms
 - ↳ against CBOR
 - ↳ against Pakistan's terrorism ; Boycotted SAARC
- ⑥ BBIN Initiative (signed in 2015) [Motor Vehicle Agreement]
 - ↳ Declined by National Council (upper House of Bhutanese Parliament in lieu of environmental damage and too much incursion of foreigners)
(Traffic, Tourists & Pollution)
 - ↳ Imp. - neighbourhood diplomacy
 ↳ ↑↑ connectivity & ^{regional} economic integration