

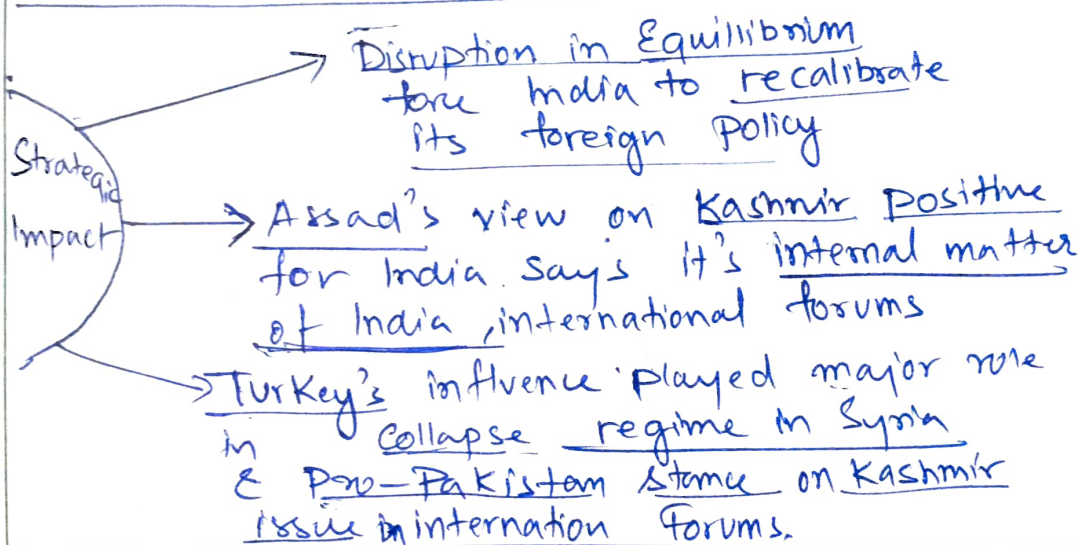
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Examine the implications of regime change in Syria for regional stability in West Asia & assess its potential impact on India's strategic, economic & security interests 10 marks/150 words?

Recently Syrian rebels, led by Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (HTS), claimed control of Homs, Syria's largest city. Significant blow to President Bashar - al-Assad regime

Potential Impact on India



60% crude oil imports from West Asia. Instability may threaten energy supplies.

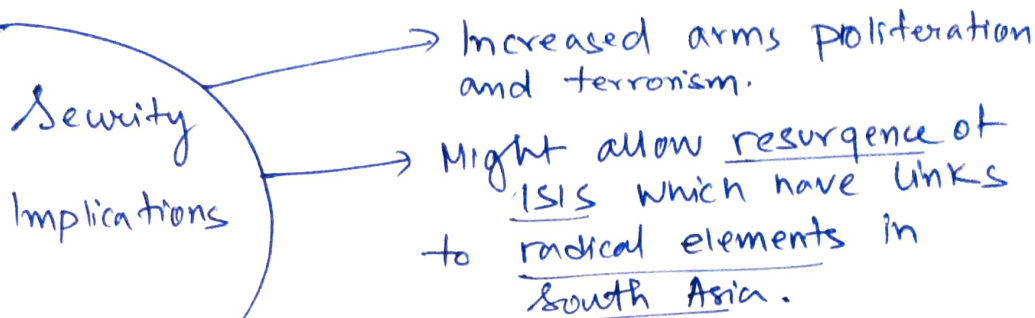
Uncertainty & risk for Indian investments particularly in Energy Sector.

Economic Interests

9 million Indian live in Gulf, tension could affect safety & remittance to India

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Way forward:

- o India must continue its balanced diplomacy to ~~continue its~~ maintain its neutrality.
- o Reducing dependency in West Asian energy imports by Energy diversification in India.
- o Humanitarian Assistance to post-conflict reconstructions in Syria, aid & protection of civilians

India's limited economic impact from the Syrian conflict is outweighed by geopolitical & humanitarian concerns.

A balanced approach is needed

