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Q10

A number of outside powers have entrenched themselves in Central Asia, which is a zone of interest to India. Discuss the implications, in this context, of India's joining the Ashgabat Agreement, 2018.

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Ashgabat Agreement

Multimodal transport and transit corridor agreement among Oman, Iran, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan, later joined by Kazakhstan, **Pakistan and India (2018)**.

INSTC

International North-South Transport Corridor linking India to Russia and Europe via Iran; complementary to Ashgabat's Central Asia leg.

Chabahar

Iranian port developed with Indian partnership as a gateway toward Afghanistan and Central Asia, bypassing Pakistan.

Connect Central Asia Policy (2012)

India's political framework for political, economic and people-to-people ties with the five republics.

SCO membership (2017)

India's entry into the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation, the main Eurasian table where China and Russia already sit.

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