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Discuss the geopolitical and geostrategic importance of Maldives for India, with a focus on global trade and energy flows. Further, also discuss how this relationship affects India's maritime security and regional stability amidst international competition?

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2024 · GS II · 15 marks · India and its Neighbourhood

India and its neighborhood - relations.

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Eight-degree channel

Water between Minicoy (India) and the Maldives - a local name for how close the two exclusive economic zones sit.

SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the Region)

India's Indian Ocean neighbourhood doctrine of presence without overlordship.

Colombo Security Conclave

India-Maldives-Mauritius-Sri Lanka grouping, with later partners, on maritime security in the Indian Ocean.

Greater Male connectivity projects

Bridges, patrol craft and urban infrastructure that were the everyday face of India's neighbourhood-first offer.

One-and-a-half-degree channel

A deep-water passage through the Maldivian chain used by east-west shipping - why atolls sit on energy routes.

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