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"China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) has transformed South Asia from a regional space into a theatre of great power competition." Analyse the strategic implications of the BRI for India's security and regional influence in South Asia.

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China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC)

A flagship 62-billion-dollar BRI project passing through Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir, directly contested by India for violating sovereignty.

Hambantota Port Lease

Leased to a Chinese state-owned enterprise for 99 years in 2017 after Sri Lanka struggled to service unsustainable debt obligations.

SAGAR Policy

Security and Growth for All in the Region, India's strategic vision for the Indian Ocean emphasizing maritime security and economic cooperation.

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