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Q5(a)

Discuss the strategic implications of India's Look East Policy transforming into Act East Policy.

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Look East

Narasimha Rao-era policy of economic and diplomatic engagement with Southeast Asia after the Soviet collapse.

Act East 2014

Rebrand that added security partnerships, north-east connectivity, and faster ASEAN summitry.

Quad

Australia, India, Japan, United States consultations that sit in the Act East / Indo-Pacific theatre.

ASEAN centrality

India's preferred diplomatic geometry so that Act East is not read as a China-containment pact only.

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