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Arms trade, economic ties and congruent geo-political interests are no longer the three pillars of India - Russia relationship in the emerging strategic context. Comment

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2023 · PSIR GS 2 · 20 marks · Changing International Political Order

Changing International Political Order: Rise of super powers; strategic and ideological Bipolarity, arms race and Cold War; Nuclear threat; Non-aligned movement; Collapse of the Soviet Union; Unipolarity and American hegemony; relevance of non-alignment in the contemporary world.

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S-400

Russian long-range air defence bought by India, a late symbol of the arms pillar and of CAATSA risk.

BrahMos

India-Russia joint cruise-missile programme that still operates as a production link.

Oil after 2022

Sharp rise in Indian seaborne imports of Russian crude following the Ukraine war discounts.

INSTC

International North-South Transport Corridor idea linking India, Iran, and Russia; slower than the oil trade.

CAATSA

US sanctions law that threatens customers of specified Russian defence equipment.

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