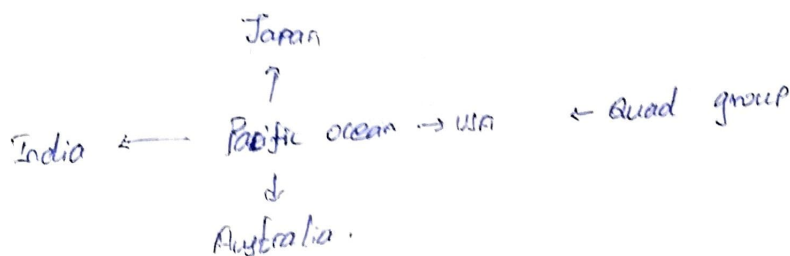


Can the Quad group, ASEAN form the kernel of a larger Asia-Pacific alliance like the NATO? Comment.

With the current countries in Quad group, ASEAN to form a larger Asia-Pacific alliance is not the viable option due to the absence of some important countries in the Asia-Pacific region.

Quad & ASEAN:

- (i) Quad group comprises of 4 countries, India, Japan, USA & Australia. It is the security alliance.
- (ii) ASEAN comprises of 10 countries from Southeast Asia & it is economic, political & security alliance.



challenges:

- (i) Need a common enemy to form a military alliance like NATO.

- If the enemy is china, most of the ASEAN countries economy depend on china so ASEAN may not extend their support.

- If the enemy is terrorism, very small terror groups in that region, so the ~~milit~~ military alliance may lose its commitments.

- (ii) ~~lack~~ absence of countries like Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, ~~and~~ maldives, New Zealand in Indian ~~ocean~~ Indian ocean region. This military alliance cannot cover Indian ocean region fully.

(iv) Lack of Support from Russia, South Korea, Canada,
we cannot cover North Pacific region.

(v) The absence of countries will be the
biggest loophole when we form Nato like
alliance with Quad & ASEAN.

Conclusion:

Instead of going like military alliance, like
NATO, we have to move a path to create
a economic alliance like EU, then expand the
membership to cover all like minded countries
in Asia-Pacific region & then we extend it
to security alliance.

This move will help the countries to defend
itself from economic threat as well as security
threat.