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Despite Ukraine war, India cannot afford to alienate its relationship with Russia. Do you agree? Explain

The Indo-Soviet treaty of peace friendship and co-operation marked 40th anniversary. In current volatile global order India cannot forgo relations with Russia

Our long term ally

India abstained to vote at the UNSC resolution ~~as~~ against Russia and supported diplomatic talks. Also, as per the

Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) - from 1996-2016 - India

imported 70% of defence equipments from Russia and from 2016-20 it is 49%.

India Russia also collaborate in joint development of submarines.

helicopters, fighter jets and machine guns. The Brahmos is a classical example of defence ties.

The existing relations can also be elevated to 2+2 dialogue.

Concerns Despite advantage, the global sanctions and embargo against Russia can curtail its defence production and delay in delivery. The sanctions can also shoot up the prices concerning our forex.

In South Asia India's lead is acid tested by China and Pakistan and Russia's support is crucial for India. Russia has already raised concern against Quad.

India Russia ~~assured~~ need to work as together as it will ensure stability and safety in the south Asian region without jeopardising our sovereignty.