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As India pursues act east Policy, Vietnam has become a valuable partner in Indo-Pacific region. Analyse.

India and Vietnam recently celebrated the 50th anniversary of diplomatic relations. India's ambitious towards expanding its ties with south east Asian countries via the act east policy. Vietnam is an important player in the region.

India-Vietnam collaborations

Both countries have shared strategic concerns such as energy security, and to secure sea lanes of communication. Both have to counter adverse neighbour - China

Improving the military power strength can counter China. India extended \$500 million line of credit to enhance defence capability. Defence minister handed over 12 fast boats

and a subsequent deal for unmanned aerial vehicle is in the pipeline.

Increasing sea line of communication beyond geographic proximity. Signing of joint vision for defence co-operation and MoU on logistics support.

Mutual convergence in sub regional multilateral institutions such as BIMSTEC, Mekong Ganga co-operation and ADMM+ can further boost ties as 55% of India's exports to Indo pacific passes through South China sea.

Indo-Pacific - Ocean Initiative can give immense co-operation between both countries and the agreed roadmap can address the common challenges and strengthen other areas such as education, cultural collaboration blue economy, etc.