

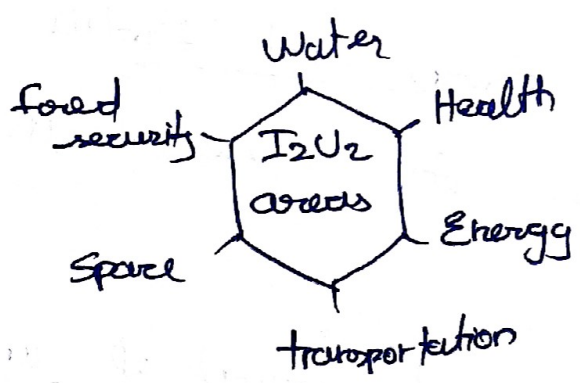
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Abraham accords have led to greater regional co-op. and increased opportunities for India. Explain.

The second Anniversary of Abraham accords was celebrated. The accords formalised the ties between the Gulf monarchs and Israel for greater stability in the west Asian region.

More regional co-operation

The Abraham accords created a framework for I2U2 - India, UAE, Israel and USA to enhance trade, and maritime security.



It will help India to support to raise as a regional power due to exit of USA from Afghanistan. The west Asian region fulfils 65% of oil needs and 80% of gas to ensure energy security for the country.

Increased opportunity

Israel has been our trusted defence ally with defence ties worth \$1 Billion annually. The IZU2 can further increase defence ties and transfer of agri tech such as Water Attack system.

UAE is our important energy supplier and home to 3 million diaspora which provide bulk of remittance.

Look west policy can be strengthened by easing tensions between Israel and Palestine. India follows dehyphenated policy and vouches for two-state solution. Oman and India can be security providers for vessels in the Gulf of Aden.

Challenges

Iran is the arch rival of Sunni monarchs. India plans to resume to buy Iranian oil to unshackle confidence to Iran. The land based Qatar is potent to contribute to meet our aspirations in the west asia region.