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① Switzerland's foreign policy strategy seeks to further advance ties with India. Explain?

INTRODUCTION

India is high priority for Switzerland. This is emphasised in Switzerland's foreign policy strategy which seeks to advance ties with India.

[IND-SWIZ relations]-

① Next year (2023), Ind-Switzerland going to commemorate their 75th year of Treaty of friendship signed in 1948 in New Delhi.

~~Both countries are~~
② Innovation & Investment are the primary driving factors of their bilateral relation.

③ Switzerland seeks to further deepen its innovation cooperation with India.

④ Both countries are collaborating in the fields like.

Digital technology, Fintech, Medtech, cleantech, blockchain tech, AI & robotics, health, life sciences soon.

⑤ Switzerland is the 12th largest investor in India accounting for 1.07% FDI

⑥ out of 300 Swiss companies in India 100 Swiss companies are manufacturing locally and supporting Made in India initiative [Atmanirbhar Bharat].

⑦ As per data, Switzerland is the 11th largest trading partner with India.

⑧ Both countries are in the talk of trade [EFTA] which is expected to roll out soon resulting further strengthening their trade relation.

Areas Yet to Focus -

① In this recent years, digitisation emerged as a new potential area to cooperate the two countries.

② Globally Switzerland is considered to be one of the top innovation country which

plays a leading role in [research in technology] seeks to engage with india closely as India is the leader of [Industry revolution 4.0] in the areas ranging from [digital governance to digital self determin]

* Switzerland imparted skill development initiatives with India such as:-

- ① Bharatiya skill development Campus
- ② India-swiss centre of excellence [PUNE]
- ③ Vocational Training Centre [Andhra]

* Like India Switzerland is also interested in objective multilateralism & advocates reforms, transparency, accountability in UNSC

* Switzerland also supported India's interest in [PAK] during (1971-76) which deepened their friendship.

Conclusion

- Their 75th year anniversary of friendship should lead them focused on working together for lasting Peace through Bilateral & Multilateral engagements.