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UPSC MAINS ANSWER WRITING

Q. Examine the various reasons behind the formation of Quad grouping and mention its significance.

Ans. In 2017, faced again with the rising threat of China, the four countries revived the Quad, broadening its objectives and creating a mechanism, a rules-based international order.

Significance of Quad grouping is as follows:-

- (i) following the Indian Ocean tsunami, India, Japan, Australia, and the US. created an informal alliance to collaborate on disaster relief efforts.
- (ii) It was established on Asian Arc of Democracy but was hampered by a lack of cohesion amongst its members and marked an anti China bloc.
- (iii) Despite its lofty ambitions, the Quad is not structured like a typical multilateral organization and lacks a secretariat and any permanent decision-making body.
- (iv) Unlike ~~NATO~~ NATO, the Quad does not include provisions for collective defence, instead choosing to conduct joint military



exercised as a show of unity and diplomatic cohesion.

(v) In 2020 Malabar exercise US, Japan and India also included Australia to participate and first joint military exercise occurred in over a decade.

(vi) In March 2021, the Quad leaders released a joint Statement titled "The spirit of the Quad" which outlined the group's approach and objectives.

(vii) Objectives of the groups:-

(a) maritime security

(b) Covid-19 concerns

(c) vaccine diplomacy

(d) Risk of climate change etc.

(viii) Quad members also willingness to expand and want to including Quad plus that South Korea, New Zealand and Vietnam.

(ix) China very concerned about the Quad formation and recently released a Statement its a "headline grabbing idea".

(x) China said its a larger strategy to encircle China.

In the end we can say Quad countries is capable to tackle any problems and they can develop their economy by co-operations.