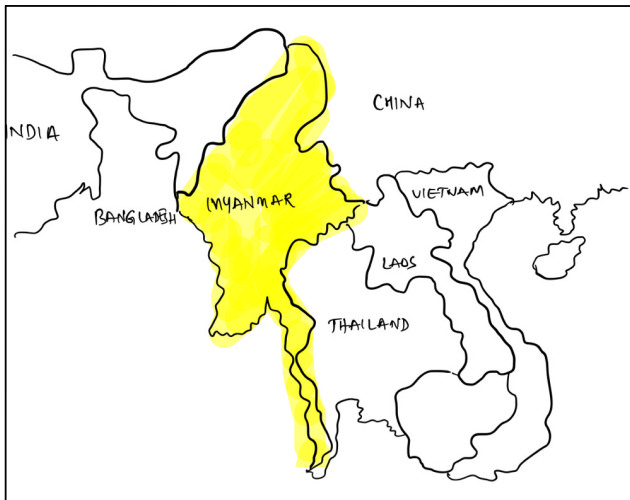


INDIA - MYANMAR

NEWS

One year after a military coup in Myanmar

MAP



SIGNIFICANCE

1. Geo strategic location
↳ gateway to ASEAN
2. Cultural & ethnic ties
3. Security & connectivity to North east
4. Sub regional cooperation

AREAS OF COOPERATION

1. Developmental Projects
↳ Connectivity - KMTTP, IMT
↳ Energy security - oil & gas
2. Security
↳ Counter insurgency
↳ Border management
↳ 'Operation Sunrise'
↳ 'hot pursuit' by India
3. People to people ties
↳ Free movement Regime (FMR)
4. Disaster management

CONCERNS

1. Refugee exodus
2. Border management
↳ Golden triangle - drug trafficking and other organised crimes
↳ insurgent groups
3. Low trade
4. Delay in project implementation
5. China factor - growing influence

QUOTE

'A decade-long experiment with hybrid democracy ended abruptly paving the way for violence, oppression and instability'
↳ Rajiv Bhatia (Fr. Ambassador)

MILITARY COUP 2021

- 1) Nov 2020 - Landslide election victory for NLD
- 2) Feb 2021 - military coup
- arrested President Win Myint & Aung San Suu Kyi
- 3) Protests ; >1400 people were killed | HR
>11000 imprisoned | violations
- 4) Refugee exodus ; >15000 people to Mizoram

ROLE & RESPONSE

- 1) ASEAN
↳ 5 point consensus (cessation of violence national dialogue, mediation)
- 2) CHINA
↳ multilayered influence
↳ cheque book diplomacy, Projects upr BRI
↳ veto power of UNSC
- 3) RUSSIA
↳ Increase the defence cooperation
- 4) US & EU
↳ Promote democracy & impose sanctions
- 5) Role of UN, international orgns

INDIA'S

- ↳ 'Neighbourhood first'
- ↳ Twin-track diplomacy
- ↳ Engagement than criticism
- ↳ vaccine diplomacy ; humanitarian assistance
- ↳ Coordination with ASEAN, Japan

WAY FORWARD

1. Democratization of Myanmar
2. Accountability for crimes against humanity
3. Multilateral cooperation - BIMSTEC, MEKONG GANGA