

## UKRAINE CRISIS

### NEWS

↳ Russia - Ukraine conflict

### BACKGROUND

- Ukraine was part of USSR
- Separate country after balkanisation of USSR in 1991
- Euromaidan crisis in 2014
- Annexation of Crimea by Russia in 2014
- separatist movement in Eastern Ukraine

### CAUSES

#### Strategic

- 1) Efforts to induct Ukraine into NATO
  - ↳ Ukraine - buffer state
  - ↳ Expansion of NATO in the region
- 2) Russia's access into Black Sea
- 3) Security concerns of Russia

#### Economic

- 1) Induct Ukraine into EU vs EEU

#### Other

- 1) Separatist movement in eastern Ukraine

### MAP



### STEPS

- Minsk process
- military deterrence
- international vigilance and unity
- 'strategic patience'

### IMPLICATIONS FOR INDIA

- 1) World war scenario
- 2) S 400 delivery & US waiver
- 3) Moves focus from China
- 4) Russia China closer
- 5) Energy crisis
- 6) India's trade, investment, connectivity in the region
- 7) Indians in Ukraine

### WHAT RUSSIA WANT

- Draft security treaty - not to induct Ukraine into NATO ; US & NATO should reduce its deployments in Central and Eastern Europe
- Russia's military threat to achieve non-military goals

### IMPLICATIONS

#### → Geopolitical

- 1) Cold war 2.0
  - ↳ US & NATO vs Russia - China coalition

#### → Security

- ↳ Troop concentration in border - Threat of war
- ↳ Allegations of 'false flag' operation by Russia
- ↳ Arms race

#### → Economic

- ↳ Energy security
- ↳ Sanctions on Russia

### QUOTE

'India will struggle to tread the middle ground as Russia - China and US led blocs consolidate their global coalitions'

- C. Rajamohan