

USA-Iran's rising conflicts have implications for stability in middle east as well as India. Suggest steps that can be taken by India to secure its interests.

U.S. withdrew from ~~Joc~~  
JCPOA & imposed sanctions on  
Iran which have brought it in  
conflict with Iran & have threatened  
stability of west Asia in specific &  
whole world in General.

### Implications for west Asia

1. Iran can block strait of  
Hormuz, ~~thereby~~ thereby  
paralyzing the oil export  
dependent economies of west  
• Asia
2. The state of Yemen can  
become worst due to  
more revolts by Kurdish people  
backed by Iran.

3. Growth in militarization of region & might even provoke Arab Spring 3.0.
4. The U.S. allies are majority Shia & this might bring adverseries on Sunnis in Iran.

### Implication for India

1. Energy security is biggest concern for India as Iran is a major oil exporter
2. Connectivity with Central Asia & Afghanistan will come to standstill
3. Indian diplomacy is also hard tested as Iran & Russia are India's friends & U.S. have sanctioned both.
4. Indian trade might also suffer set back.

5. India have large no. of migrants in West Asia & protecting their interest would become hard.

### Way forward

#### ↳ Short term

1. India must secure energy sources from elsewhere
2. India must adopt multi-alignment approach.
3. India can help negotiating b/w <sup>U.S.</sup> ~~India~~ & Iran
4. Our migrants might ~~be~~ be provided easy way home in case of war

#### Long term

1. Grow dependence on Renewable sources of energy
2. Find alternative trade routes to central Asia & Afghanistan

Both Iran & U.S. are crucial to India as economic & strategic partners