

## **An Investigative Study on the Recent Geopolitical Tension in the Indian Ocean Region; With Special Reference to String of Pearls and Necklace of Diamond Strategies**

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### **Abstract**

This paper examines whether India's necklace of diamond strategy has been successful to counter China's string of pearls strategy in the Indian Ocean region. China's string of pearls strategy ensures establishing maritime bases in Sri Lanka, Maldives, Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Djibouti to enhance its influence and military network. India argues that China is trying to surround itself with a network of dual-use port facilities in the Indian Ocean, the main concern here is Defence and Energy security. China is even affiliated with Afghanistan, Ukraine, Yemen, and Iraq, all currently splintered by conflict. However, in this geopolitical crisis between China and India, it is possible to identify how successful their strategies have been. Accordingly, the Indian Ocean region is more important than choosing any other region. This is qualitative research based on descriptive analysis. Here information is obtained through secondary data and information is obtained through research papers and articles conducted in this regard. And also maps are used to study the geographical distribution. According to the analysis, It can be concluded that India has managed to exert a significant influence on China through its Necklace of Diamonds. It can be concluded that India is making many efforts that are not second to China. Accordingly, India has achieved some success in implementing its strategy through the Necklace of Diamonds.

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