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Why India can buy Russian oil, and still be friends with the US



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- Finance Minister Sitharaman says national interest is priority
- Russia offered steep discounts on pre-war crude price to India



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Why India can buy Russian oil, and still be friends with the US ?

Why US needs India?

- Harsh V. Pant:
 - The United States realized it needed to treat India as a "new partner that needs to be wooed."
 - India actually comes out very strong from this crisis.



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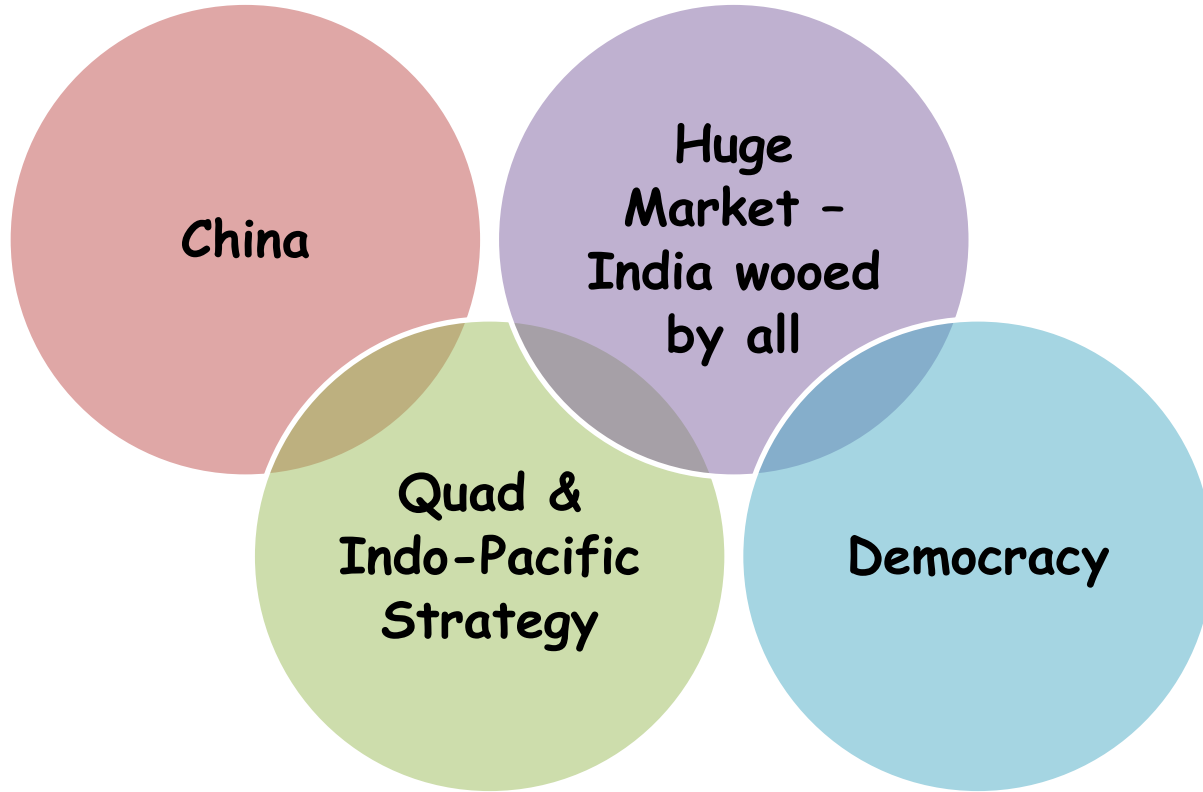
India, the US and several other world powers have been talking about the need to ensure a free, open and thriving Indo-Pacific in the backdrop of China's rising military manoeuvring.

Why US needs India?

- **Anthony Blinken:**
 - India's ties with Russia had "developed over decades, at a time when the United States was not able to be a partner to India."
 - Note: During this phase, US was a partner of Pakistan..!!



Why US needs India?



How far can India push?

