



Changing Dynamics of China-US Relations

For Prelims: Changing Dynamics of China-US Relations, [Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation \(APEC\)](#), [Artificial Intelligence \(AI\)](#), [Clean Energy](#), World Trade Organization (WTO), [South China Sea](#), Human Rights.

For Mains: Changing Dynamics of China-US Relations, Bilateral, regional and global groupings and agreements involving India and/or affecting India's interests.

Source: [IE](#)

Why in News?

Recently, China and the US have held a Bilateral Meeting on the sidelines of the [Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation \(APEC\)](#) summit, in San Francisco, US, raising concerns for India about **Changing Dynamics in [China-US Relations](#)**.

- China-US relations have undergone significant shifts and complexities over recent decades, reflecting a mix of **cooperation, competition, and periods of tension**.

What are the Key Highlights of the Meeting?

- **New Areas of Engagement:**
 - The summit discussed **emerging areas of US-China collaboration**, particularly in regulating [Artificial Intelligence \(AI\)](#), which could profoundly impact global AI regulations and technological advancements.
- **Agreement on Energy:**
 - The US and China announced an agreement to sharply increase [Clean Energy](#), displace [Fossil Fuels](#) and reduce emissions that are warming the planet.
 - Together, they account for 38% of the world's greenhouse gases.
 - The countries agreed to "pursue efforts to triple renewable energy capacity globally by 2030," with the intention "to accelerate the substitution for coal, oil and gas generation."

How have China-US relations been in Recent Years?

- In recent years the US adopted a **more confrontational approach**, initiating a [Trade War](#), targeting Chinese tech firms, and challenging China's territorial claims. Human rights issues, especially regarding Xinjiang and Hong Kong, further strained relations.
- The US has maintained a tough stance on various fronts, particularly on trade, technology, and human rights, while seeking cooperation on global issues like climate change.

What are India's Concerns over Changes in US-China Relations?

- **Potential G-2 Dynamics:**
 - India remains cautious about the emergence of a dominant Sino-American collaboration in Asia (**termed 'G-2'**) that might sideline **other global players**, affecting **India's strategic interests**.
- **US-China Engagement in AI Regulation:**
 - India is attentive to new areas of US-China engagement, particularly in regulating **Artificial Intelligence (AI)**.
 - Potential understandings between the two nations in this field **could significantly impact Global AI Regulations** and technological advancements, influencing India's tech landscape.
- **US Business Relations with China:**
 - China's attempts to allure **US business leaders back to China** raise concerns for India. If successful, it might undermine **India's attractiveness for Western capital**, affecting economic engagements and investments.
 - India cannot afford complacency assuming the 'China option' is no longer viable for Western businesses.
 - Sustaining India's appeal for **Western capital remains crucial**, necessitating continuous efforts to engage productively with Western economic interests.
- **Indo-Pacific Dynamics and Taiwan Issue:**
 - The **lack of substantial breakthroughs in regional security** discussions, especially on sensitive issues like **Taiwan**, is a concern.
 - India observes the **US-China dialogue on the Indo-Pacific closely**, understanding its implications for regional stability and security dynamics.

Way Forward

- India must continuously assess the changes in great power relations, especially among the US, China, and Russia.
- India's emphasis should be on **taking advantage of the new possibilities to strengthen its ties with the US**, maintaining its long-standing ties with Russia, and managing the difficult ties with China.
- India's forward path involves a balanced and proactive approach, leveraging global **partnerships, economic growth, strategic maneuvering**, and robust diplomacy to navigate a changing world order while safeguarding its national interests and contributing positively to global stability and progress.