

Geo Political Theories

A] Mackinder's Theory / Heartland Theory
(1905, 1919, 1940's)

B] Spykman's Theory / Rimland Theory
- 1940's

• Political Realities are the consequence of Geographical factors also. Geographical factors are those related to Locatⁿ, climate, terrain, presence or absence of resources, Territorial size, Populatⁿ size & Population diversity

With the rise of European colonial powers - Spain, Portugal, Belgium, UK, that emerged a consensus that sea power & Naval forces have the advantage and are destined to be dominating world's Geopolitics.

d] Cauvery Region (T.N)

e] Western Region around Ahmedabad -
Mumbai Region

f] Delhi - NCR Region

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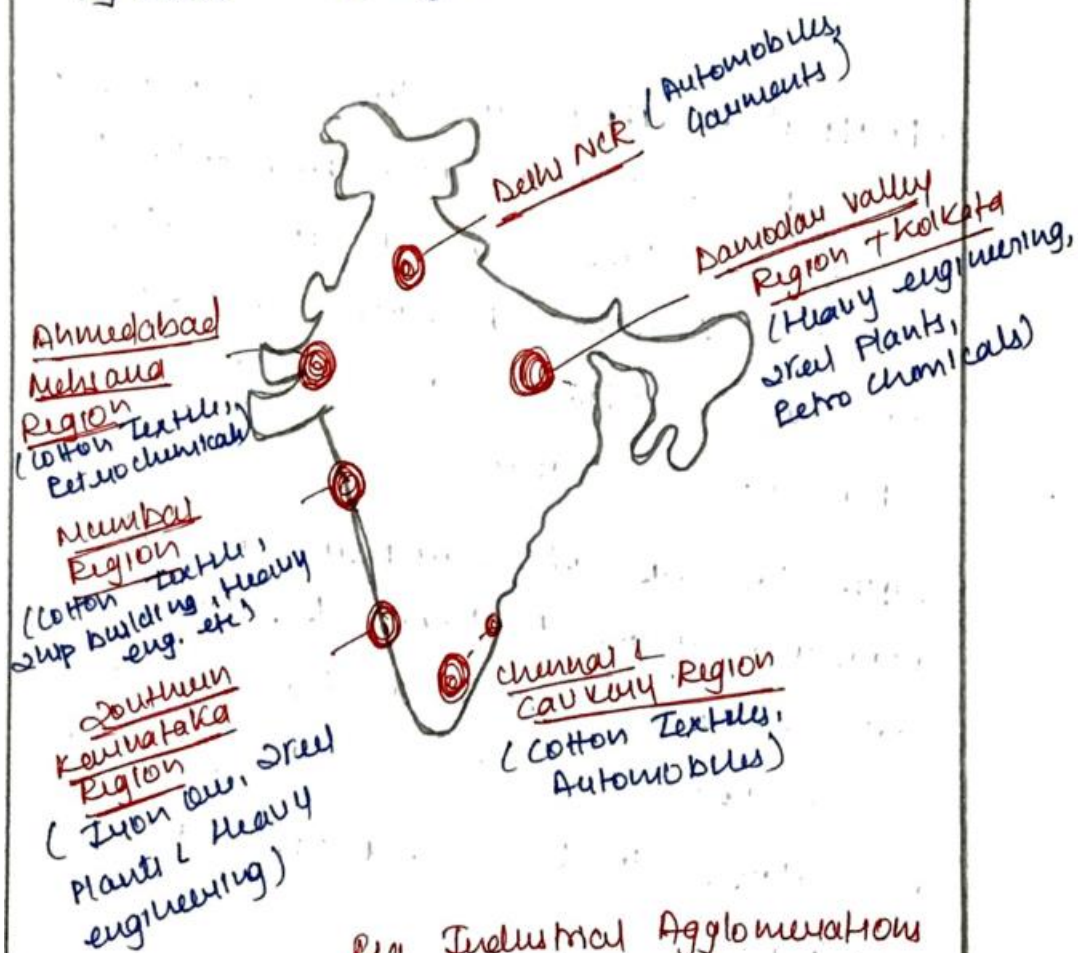


Fig Industrial Agglomerations
of India

- o This idea was first given by Alfred Mahan (British Admiral) who views Sea Power as more advantageous

Mackinder's Theory -

- o In 1904, he wrote a book - "Geographical Pivot of History"
- o Acc. to Mackinder, Eurasia & Africa are together the world's Island, they have much of world's population & they account for almost all ancient civilizat^{ns}.

- o The world Island is organised into 3 layers -

(a) Pivot Area = Russia (largely Russian steppes & Siberia)

- o Pivot area is East of Ural Mt. bounded by Arctic Sea in North, Pacific in East & mountains of Central Asia in South &

Altai Highland, Mongolian highlands, Yablan
ovo, Stanovoy) & Deserts

• Pivot area is like Geographical fault:
that cannot be entered. With fault
- are agri resources, Coal fields & iron
ore

Russian Kings, Czars have already consolida-
-ated region under one power & Economic
integration because of Trans Siberian
Railway.

(b) Beyond Pivot area was - Inner Crescent
also called as Marginal Crescent (coastal
location of Eurasia)

(c) Outer Crescent (Africa, N. America, S. America,
Australia) - not as important

Acc. to Mackinder, while Britain & Naval
powers (Spain, France) have dominated the
geopolitics close to 500 years but much
of history of the world has witnessed
land powers from C. Asia & Russia.
(referring to Mongols & Huns) & historical
might of Russian powers.)

