Despite being a very large nation, India has been relatively low key as a geopolitical player in the world, and its geopolitical influences have been rather “muted” until of late when it becomes more active in QUAD, and also attempts to use the export of Covid vaccine to extend its influence. Why has India not been able to flex its geopolitical muscle? Substantiate your arguments with examples. Moving forward, how should India seek to extend its geopolitical influence, and whether it should be part of a Pact (like QUAD)?

* Introduction (2 paragraphs) -
  + Intro of India
  + Brief current geopolitical state
  + End with - Why has India not been able to flex its geopolitical muscle? -
* Historical geopolitical changes (2 paragraphs only)
* Post Covid - How India accelerated its geopolitical muscle? - in-depth
  + Covid-19 – what did it do? How? Why – potential benefits - Vaccine diplomacy/Pharma hub/Preferred partner with US
  + QUAD - what did it do? How? Why – potential benefits
  + G20 summit holding - what did it do? How? Why – potential benefits
  + Staying Neutral in Russia-Ukraine war – what did it do? How? Why – potential benefits
  + Stance taken in Israel and Hammas war - Abstained
  + Strengthening currency – Doing business in own currency
* Relations with China - 1-2 paragraphs
* Relation with US - 1-2 paragraphs
* Relations with UK - 1-2 paragraphs
* ASEAN-India relations – 2-3 paragraphs
* Relations with Singapore – Food grain export ban/UPI/ elaborate the section – 1-2 paragraphs
* Moving forward, how should India seek to extend its geopolitical influence, and whether it should be part of a Pact? - Increase soft power – In depth
  + US - China conflict as Blessing to India – how should India play here
  + ISRO – Space programs to showcase the strength – to increase influence, possible pacts
  + Plans of increasing arms exports
  + Diaspora effect -
  + Increase self-reliance – Make in India