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A Review on India's Changing Foreign Strategy from Indulgence to Intervention

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Abstract

Indian foreign policy ever since obtaining freedom in 1947 has promoted admirable and enlightening changes. India became a original not participating member motion because it supported non-compatible. Additionally, it has managed to separate itself from the two main pillars of strength—America and the former USA—especially in the context of Cold War technologies. Considering its beginnings, Indian overseas coverage has undergone significant changes. India's international coverage is the result of a number of factors. It has weathered many changes and supported the United States through ups and downs caused by both internal and external influences. This essay examines and analyses the continuous modifications and fresh approaches that the foreign policy of India is following as governments and times change. Its shift from non-compatible to compatible with many barriers and power lines has emerged as a pivotal moment in diplomatic thought. Our country maintains its strategic independence while maintaining aspirational ties with various energy poles and strength blocks. Such shift is being made in a way that advances India's targets, objectives, and desire to safeguard its concern in a world that is altering and becoming more rigid, as well as in the shifting politics of the global environment. The chances and difficulties India may encounter with its multi-compatible stance are also covered in this study.

Keywords: Strong Blocks, Multi-Compatible, and Indian Foreign Affairs

Introduction

A country's value as a Sovereign nation is determined by its foreign policy. Through maintaining honesty, authority and enhancing the monetary, social, and political prosperity of its population, international coverage demonstrates the state's perspective on the arena in its synergy with the nations of the world. It provides a far more comprehensive picture of the nation's goals, aspirations, and priorities. This provides a comprehensive picture of the state's governance, internal affairs, authorities, and human involvement in the planning and design process.

The foreign policy of India has drastically changed in recent years, moving through a incompatible position to one that appears more forceful and confrontational. Throughout the Second World War, India has consistently adhered to the Non-Aligned Movement, (NAM) approach of neutrality in order to avoid forging official ties with either the US or the USSR. This became anchored in the need to keep-up autonomy in taking decisions, guarantee security, and foster international peace and collaboration. However, when the global geopolitical environment changed and India experienced a rapid economic development, American foreign policy began to change as well. A more creative and assertive approach has increasingly supplanted the conventional contradictory mindset that places an emphasis on strategic alliances, global participation, and a willingness to defend India's interests internationally. This change can be seen in India's increased participation in multilateral organisations, close collaboration, ... preserving relations with Russia and other countries while fortifying relationships with key world powers like the US, Japan, and Australia. Along with its emphasis on international relations, India's transition from incompatible to proactive reflects its objectives to handle security-critical crises, capitalise on financial possibilities, and enhance its participation in global governance.

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With this change, Indian foreign policy embarks on a new era characterised by a greater readiness to assume leadership roles and influence the global order to further its financial, safety, and strategic objectives.

Transformation of the International Portion of India

The shift in foreign policy of India from its historically incompatible shift to an improved proactive and forceful approach in the twenty-first century is the subject of this newsletter. This shift is examined in light of India's expanding financial strength, evolving geopolitical interests, and resolve to strengthen its standing internationally. The primary elements of this concern are as follows:

The non-compatible's historical context Cold War technology and its tenets of independence from the main worldwide influence blocs and an emphasis on international cooperation, sovereignty, and peace might be linked to the origins of India's incompatible strategy.

Divergence in India's foreign policy has a long history in the post-independence period, which was influenced by Jawaharlal Nehru, the nation's first prime minister. Following World War II and the commencement of the non-violent conflict, the economy was split into two main ideological groups: the capitalist West, headed by America, and the communist East, headed by the Soviet Union. Supporting one of these extraordinary skills may jeopardise India's freedom, since the recently independent nation was keen to preserve its independence and sovereignty in international affairs.

Objectives

- To analyse the continuous modifications and fresh approaches that the foreign policy of India
- To study the pillars and challenges of non-compatibility

Research Methods

Secondary data is used in the study to collect information. The records included in this study come from a variety of reliable and respectable sources, including official files, publications, news stories, and scholarly journals.

Pillars of Non-Compatible

Nehru proposed that independence, peace, and stability serve as the primary pillars of foreign policy when, in 1947, India publicly declared its approach to be incompatible. The colonial past of India and its desire to avoid forming coalitions that would entangle the United States in international conflicts had a significant impact on this approach. According to Nehru, India could not afford to support both the US and the USSR as doing so would limit its options and violate its sovereignty. (M. B. Alam, 1977). Nehru, together with others like Josip Broz Tito of Yugoslavia and Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt, helped create the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) in 1961. This multinational collection of nations aimed to stay away from official affiliations with the Japanese or Western blocs. In addition to opposing the influence and demands of both superpowers, the NAM aimed to further the ideals of independence, collaboration, and peace. India emerged as a key voice in the NAM, promoting issues like fairness in the economy, decolonization, and harmony in the global scale south.

Elements of Independence

The major ideas behind India's non-compatible were India aimed to maintain its independence in decision-making by avoiding influence and pressure from major nations.

- **Non-violent Coexistence:** India advocated for nonviolent conflict resolution, diplomacy, and dialogue.
- **Non-Interference:** India highlighted the importance of national sovereignty while antagonistically interfering in the internal affairs of sovereign foreign locales.

Challenges to Non-Compatible:

India's non-compatible coverage encountered difficult circumstances in spite of its idealistic ideals. India was frequently put in difficult situations by the bloodless war dynamics and growing tensions between the US and the USSR. There were claims that India was becoming more like one bloc because of its ties to the Communist Union, particularly after both countries accepted the Agreement of tranquilly, Friendship, and Collaboration in the 1970s. Its foreign policy stance was further exacerbated in 1974 by its confrontation with neighbouring Pakistan and the nuclear tests that followed.

1990s Slow Change: the demise of the Soviet Union and the conclusion of the peaceful struggle in the 1990s marked a change in the world hierarchy. The foreign policy of India was re-evaluated as a result of globalisation, shifting safety dynamics, and financial liberalisation within the country. In addition to local security risks, economic integration, and international terrorism, the non-compatible strategy was increasingly seen as insufficient to handle emerging issues. India's dedication is demonstrated by the past events of incompatible to upholding its independence and sovereignty in a bipolar world, balancing the influence of global superpowers, and advancing global peace and justice. The foreign policy of India, however, changed along with the industry, changing from a neutral approach to a more forceful, alliance-based one that takes into account the contemporary world's changing socio-political and financial circumstances. The foreign policy of India is still influenced by the fundamental principles of non-compatible, although these are being augmented more and more by strategic alliances and forceful international participation.

Expanding geopolitical circumstances: India has had to re-evaluate its foreign coverage strategy due to shifting global dynamics, such as the end of bloodless warfare, China's upward thrust, the United States' resurgence as an international superpower, the country's expanding population, its diaspora, and regional protection demands. These changes have resulted from regional dynamics, changing international power structures, and India's expanding global influence.

1. The conclusion of the cold conflict and the unilateral global structure: The decades-long cold war and the bipolar world structure, under which India had retained its contradictions status, ended with the disintegration of the Communist bloc in 1991. The United States took control of the planet and it became a unipolar apparatus. India had to adjust its international coverage during this period in order to survive in a world where the United States had enormous worldwide influence. India had to reevaluate its position in light of this new situation and move away from conceptions that were absolutely non-aligned and towards a more flexible and dynamic strategy that could take into account changing international power arrangements.

2. China's rising surge: China's ascent as a financial and military influence has had a significant impact on the foreign policy of India. China's expanding might, especially in Asia as well as the vicinity of the Indian Ocean, presents India with both opportunities and difficulties. As China expands its worldwide reach through initiatives like the Belt and Street Initiative and forges stronger connections with surrounding countries, India is becoming more and more active in reducing the influence of China, primarily in Southern Asia and the Pacific Islands area. In order to foster a flexible and open As part of the quartet Secure Speak (Quad), this has caused India to forge deeper connections other countries in the the Indo-Pacific peninsula area, such as America, Japan, and Australia.

3. Globalisation and Financial Liberalisation: India implemented monetary policies in the 1990s that strengthened US integration into the world financial system. The government began by re-evaluating its foreign policy goals as India's financial system expanded and its role in global finance and change grew. As India sought alternative agreements, financing sources, and economic alliances to bolster its boom, financial diplomacy emerged as a major motivating factor. India has been more active in influencing global financial governance and policy as a result of its growing financial influence, which includes its participation in organisations like the G20, the World Trade Organisation, and BRICS.

4. Creation of New Capabilities and Multipolarity: A multipolar world order has been brought about by the rise of many local and world strengthes, such as Russia, Japan, and the European Union, as well as more regional players like Iran and Turkey. By establishing strategic ties with various nations, India's international coverage has changed to reflect its varied international preferences. Despite its efforts to broaden its international ties and align with nations that share common values on safety, democracy, and economic development—as demonstrated by its growing ties with Western nations, particularly the United States—India's involvement with Russia is still strong, especially in the protection and strength sectors.

5. Concerns about Local safety and violence: India's current safety environment has seen significant change as a result of the rise in terrorism in South Asia and ongoing conflicts with neighbouring Pakistan, particularly on the Kashmir dispute. India's defence and security strategy has been more aggressive due to the rising threat of terrorism and cross-border insurgencies. In light of this, India has previously pushed for increased collaboration on counterterrorism initiatives with countries in the region. India and the continental United Nations' connection to security and other nations have improved as a result of its growing participation in international knowledge exchange and efforts to combat terrorism.

6. Altering the Indian Ocean's fundamentals: Due to China's actions, the Indian Ocean, considered strategically crucial for global trade, has evolved into the site of severe geopolitical conflict growing dominance in the area. China's maritime Silk Street initiative, which includes infrastructure investments in nations like Sri Lanka, Pakistan, and the Maldives, has led to India's increasing naval and diplomatic engagement in the region. Collaborations with South-east Asian nations, assisting local companies such as the (IORA), and awareness of marine security are all examples of India's strategic strategy in making certain it considers its tactical priority in the Indian Ocean.

7. Transferring family members with authority in foreign organisations: The urge to change global organisations should more accurately represent the socio-political reality of today has accompanied India's increasing importance on the world arena. India's strategy to reshape the global order includes its energtic participation in organisations like BRICS, its participation in worldwide jurisdiction projects including peacekeeping deployments and climate alternative discussions, in addition to its campaign for a participation for perpetual on the United Nations Protection Association (U.S.A.). By promoting causes like decolonization, development, and climate justice—all of which are critical for developing countries and expanding economies—India is progressively establishing itself as the worldwide region's dominant

8. Innovations in technology and cyber-security: The foreign policy of India has also been influenced by technological developments, particularly in fields like cybersecurity, the digital age, and space exploration. By establishing alliances collaborating with significant tech firms and guaranteeing access to state-of-the-art technologies, India, a rising tech giant, has attempted to ease its place in the global technological ecosystem. India's participation in such regions has been more aggressive, both in terms of diplomacy and defence, as concerns over cybersecurity,

cyberwarfare, and era-driven geopolitics have grown. Emerging safety hazards, shifting local circumstances, the expansion of the global economy, and the rise of new forces are some of the factors that have significantly impacted India's transition from an incompatible foreign policy to a more prepared, multi-aligned one. Through the establishment of strategic alliances, increased participation in international governance, and the assertion of its interests in a more dynamic and linked global arena, India today aims to negotiate a complex global environment.

Internally, India's realities are changing:

1. Financial growth and global impact: Due to a shift in its foreign coverage brought about by its growing financial might, India is now able to leave its imprint on the global scene. This shift is mostly due to the United States' increasing influence in international commerce, technology, and finance. India's approach to family members residing overseas is a outcomes of the country's economic framework extending and becoming more connected into the global economy. As one of the fastest-growing economies in the world, India prioritised economic international relations, which involves using its rising monetary power to promote favourable exchange agreements, foreign funding, and access to international markets. India thus built closer ties with both developed and developing countries. India's monetary expansion has led to a diversification of its foreign policy alliances. India has historically been linked to the Soviet Union throughout the Cold War. Nevertheless, it continued to interact with Russia and its neighbours in Asia and Africa after the 1990s and started to deepen its connections with Western nations (including the US, Europe, and Japan). India was able to improve its fleet and technological skills because to an increase in wealth, which also influenced its worldwide recognition. For example, India aimed to fortify its security ties with nations like Israel and the United States, has not just for security purposes but moreover to preserve its strategic autonomy in a world that was changing. India's capacity to express itself more assertively in its region—South Asia—was another benefit of its economic success. By giving its neighbours financial support, India hopes to maintain regional harmony, prevent China's expanding impact, and guarantee gain to important shipping lanes.

2. Strategic Alliances and National Security Concerns: India's involvement demonstrates its transition to more muscular engagement in multilateral boards that include the United Nations, BRICS, and the Asia-Pacific region area, as well as its heightened interaction with powerful nations such as the US, Russia, Japan, and the EU. Its international coverage options and military strategies have been shaped by changing safety concerns, including terrorism, regional rivalry, and fleet modernisation.

3. World Administration and India's Governance: India's ambition to become an extended participant of the UN Security Association and its increasing desire to oversee global governance structures, including those involving international cooperation, war decisions, and climate exchange, are starting to take shape. As a growing financial system, India has aimed for a more prominent place in international bodies like the WTO and the United Nations Safety Council (USA). India's economic expansion has made it a prominent actor in worldwide discussions on topics including weather trade, sustainable development, and international change. Due to the nation's financial development, India's focus on incompatible strategies has given way towards a pragmatic, multifaceted strategy that strikes a balance between financial goals and tactical goals.

4. The role of smooth energy: Indian movies, Indian cuisine, and Indian culture and non-secular ideas have long been recognised internationally. They have been the domain of Indian foreign coverage in recent years. Since the beginning of the 2000s, they have established themselves as the global standard for India's reliable energy. Democracy became ingrained in India's international family throughout Atalji's tenure in power. Atalji's authorities, for the initial period in Indian history, established an excessive-degree committee on Indian diaspora in the year 2000. The Ministry of Remote Places Indian Affairs was created for the betterment of non-resident Indians by Dr. Manmohan Singh's administration (Corridor 2015, p 250). In order to strengthen democratic advertising, his government placed a strong emphasis on involvement inside the democratic network. India's struggles were successful in 2007, and the United Nations announced that October 2nd, the anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi's birth, would be regarded as the global Day of Non-Violence.

Under Narendra Modi's leadership, India's soft electricity strategy has raised concerns about expanding its influence internationally (Tandon, 2016, p. 59). The authorities' involvement in the final decade is praiseworthy on the basis of religion, culture, and background. The government's wish to celebrate Indian culture and values was realised in 2014 when the UN announced June 21st to be International Yoga Day. One strategy for encouraging gentle energy is the incorporation of diaspora and the focus on institutionalisation. The worldwide system may be undergoing adjustments as a result of the redistribution and changes in electricity. In the context of the growing changes, the system is still unipolar in terms of military might, but it has become multifaceted in terms of economic energy. Global politics are moving to the the Asia-Pacific region from the Europe and the Atlantic continent due to the emergence of nations like China and India. Taking sides in the country's hobby is part of India's evolving power-balancing strategy. India's frequent contacts with the United States of America, America's support for India's membership and presence in special multifaceted groups, and their joint military sporting events have all contributed to the perception that the United States and Japan are assisting India in stabilising China in Asia. According to Dr. Jaishankar, the minister of external affairs, India's international coverage is "improvement-centric and people-centric."

The prospects for India's international coverage:

Numerous significant factors that combine traditional standards with modern global realities may have an influence on the foreign policy of India . The following are a few possible guidelines for India's future foreign policy:

1. Operational Independent and Adaptability: Although India is forming more and more strategic relationships, It is probably going to adhere to its idea of strategic autonomy, choosing partnerships and alliances only on the foundation of national interests instead of ideological fit. This might ensure India's independence in decision-making and help it traverse the complicated geopolitical terrain without being too dependent on any one state.

2. Increasing its regional influence: India is probably going to continue to concentrate on growing its power in South Asia while also establishing a prominent place in the larger Indo-Pacific area. In particular, the Indian Ocean will continue to be a strategically significant region.

3. Monetary diplomacy: India would want to increase local connection, collaboration, and safety precautions with similar-minded countries like Japan, Australia, and the USA to counterbalance China's increasing influence in its global bodies and vicinity. The foreign policy of India may be increasingly influenced by its financial activities as its monetary power continues to grow. India may strengthen its ties to other countries, attract international investment, and improve its standing in the world financial system. India's financial international connections would be significantly shaped by multilateral change conversations, such as the World Trade Organisation (WTO), and local change accords, such as the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP).

4. Privacy and Defence Partnerships: India will keep concentrating on enhancing its defensive forces, in light of its growing concerns about safety, particularly with regard to China and Pakistan. Under frameworks like the Quad, this means bolstering critical protection relationships, especially with the US, Japan, and Australia. India will improve its safety measures and have a platform to influence local safety circumstances by participating in these preparations.

5. Multilateralism and international leadership: India is probably going to continue to promote a more significant role in global management. This comprises pushing for climate change legislation, supporting reforms in multinational corporations such as the United Nations Security Council (US) to loosen its everlasting position, and promoting global health issues, particularly how the International Health Organisation (WHO) handled it during the COVID-19 outbreak. Given that India views itself as a bridge connecting the rich world and the developing world, its position in handling tough circumstances abroad is expected to grow.

6. Balancing family members with major powers: India will always have complicated and multidimensional exchanges with significant countries like the United States, Russia, and China. While maintaining its long-standing connection with Russia, particularly in the areas of strength and defence, It's likely that India wants to improve relations with the US. Nonetheless, India-China ties will remain a significant topic of discussion, characterised by both cooperation and competition, especially in the fields of infrastructure, local safety, and change.

7. Handling global demanding conditions: Global pressing issues including immigration, terrorist activity, and climate change will also influence The foreign policy of India . India, among the largest developing nations in the globe, will have to strike a balance between its aspirations for prosperity and resilience of the surroundings. Furthermore, India will keep pushing for for global collaboration in the fight against terrorism, focusing on both domestic and global solutions.

Conclusion

A assertive, multilateral, and practical attitude might define India's future international coverage. India will work to bolster its position as a global and local leader, increase its global influence, and achieve strategic autonomy. India's changing international coverage trajectory will be guided by the relationship between global partnership, economic expansion, safety, and environmental degradation.

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