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Indo-US Relations

India-US bilateral relations have developed into a "global strategic partnership based on shared democratic values and increasing convergence of interests on Bilateral, regional and global issues."

Areas - broad based, multi-sectoral, covering trade investment, defence Security, education, Scitech Cyber security, civil-nuclear energy, space, health

There are more than 50 bilaterals mechanisms b/w 2.
2+2 Ministerial dialogue was started in 2020.

To respond to Covid, India and US stepped up partnership in health, medical research and vaccine sector.

Quad - Indo-pacific Shift in US policy against Chinese hegemon in the IOR, Japan, Aussies also included UAV (MQ-9B), LEMOA (logistics), COMCASA (comm. compatibility), BECA (aerospatial cooperation).

P-8I anti-submarine, MH-60R Helicopter, USD 20 Billion deals
Cyber security, CT OP Vajra prahar Ex, Malabar
Chinook, Apache

Bilateral trade - 88.75 Billion, India has trade Surplus.

Anti-China → US's Tibet policy, China's counter balance

Future of Indo-US relations will revolve around QUAD Energy security, trade deals and Freedom of minorities
Pakistan has suffered at the hands of US under FATF Sanctions.



Indo-Russian Relations

Relations with Russia are a key pillar of India's foreign policy, and Russia has been a longstanding strategic partner of India.

2000 - Declaration of the India-Russia Strategic partnership

Politics, defence, civil-nuclear, anti-terrorism, space.

70% of Indian defense Expt Equipment is Russian critical tech - nuclear subs INS Chakra

Permanent Seat support for India. Kashmir issue
BRICS, G-20, ASEAN, SCO and climate change

Kudankulam Nuclear plant

Russian companies in make in India.

China a irritant in Relations.

Chennai - Vladivostok maritime corridor

weapons, hydrocarbons, nuclear, diamonds, mining, biotech. Russia's far east policy

S400; AK-203, Brahmos, FGFA, Ka-226 (neptor),
GAIL - GAZPROM group

Ex INDRA

Ex AVIA INDRA

Ex SCO

Iran, Russia and India Relation

AFG Relations



Indo-China Relations

2 oldest civilisation in the world, Silk route connect. PRC in 1949, 1950 Panchsheel agreement. 5 principles in 1954. Silk Rd helped in route of trade, but also promoted the spread of Buddhism (Tibet).

In 1950, India became first non-socialist block country to establish relations with People's Republic China.

- In 1954, India and PRC Panchsheel agreement that accepted Tibet as a part of China.
- However in 1959, India provided asylum to Dalai Lama. (First few reason for deterioration)
- However in 1959, India provided asylum to unresolved border dispute resulted into war b/w China and India on 20 Oct 1962, PRC pushed to 48 KM.

1967 - Nathula and Chola incident

McMahon line - China does not accept.

Border tension → Galwan 2020.

String of pearls

NSG

Brahmaputra

Trade deficit

SCS.



SCS

China lays claim to nearly all of the SCS, including Paracel Taiwan, Philippines, Brunei, Malaysia and Vietnam also claim parts of the region, believed to hold valuable oil gas deposits.

Straits of Malacca 80%.(Sea lines of Comm.)

9 Dash line

Paracel Islands → claimed by China, Taiwan and Vietnam

Spratly Islands → claimed by China, Taiwan, Vietnam, Brunei and Philippines

Chinese Assertion:

- uninhabited islets into artificial islets
- Artificial Islands → Radars and DF-11, DF-17
- China has been changing the size and structure of reefs

India's stand

- Free maritime sea lines of trade
- QUAD
- Act East policy
- Buddhist links with ASEAN
- Malacca choke point
- Indo-Pacific policy

US, UK and French warships in SCS.

Samudra Laxmana, Samudra Shakti, SIMBEX, AUS-INDEX
MALABAR-21

Sabang port,



Belt and Road Initiative

China's middle kingdom dream - driven by Xi. BRI → OBOR reminiscent of Silk Rd, is a massive infra project that would stretch from East Asia to Europe. launched in 2013
→ Overland Rd Economic Belt, Maritime Silk Road.

CPEC

Flagship project of BRI, 60 million investment. Gwadar
Moscow → Istanbul → Iran → Kazakhstan → Xi'an → Beijing

World nations shares concerns of some in Asia that the BRI could be a trojan horse for China led regional development and military Expansion.

Indian View

CPEC passes through Gilgit-Baltistan, POK
lack of transparency in China's agenda. China debt trap
Project near India's borders like in Nepal, Bangladesh, Burma

Project Sagarmala: launched in 2015, integrate the development of ports, industries and road and rail network

India's bilateral engagements with Bangladesh, Nepal and Maldives has countered the String of pearl policy of China.

Project Kaladan → Manipur → Burma → Thailand

→ Nepal to Thailand via Bangladesh



ASEAN

Association of Southeast Asian Nations is a regional org. which was established to promote political and Social stability amid rising tensions among the Asia Pacific's post-colonial states.

8th August ASEAN Day, Indonesia, Jakarta

Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Brunei, Vietnam, Laos, Myanmar, Cambodia

1967 → Foundation

Free trade agreements; 3rd largest market, 6th largest Economy.

India and ASEAN

"Act East Policy"

Economic coop → 4th largest partner

Social-Cultural coop → Student Exchange, people to people, ASEAN diplomats

Delhi declaration, Delhi dialogue

Challenges

SCS

China

Covid

Naval Security

Myanmar Crisis (5 pt agreement)



Covid Diplomacy

- Neighbourhood First policy
- Ambulances to Bangladesh
- Vaccine Maitri → Saudi, Brazil, Morocco, Nepal, Fiji

Collaborative Effort

Benefits for India

- Soft power
- Generating income

long term goodwill, leverage over west

Economic :

- Make India global supply centre
- Boost Pharma Manufacturing
- Disrupt vaccine nationalism
- Earning moral right
- COVAX programme
- Edge over Russian and Chinese vaccines



Quad

Quadrilateral Dialogue was formed in 2007

US, AUS, Japan, India

Indo-pacific concept

Malabar Ex, Begun as a simple PASSEX in 1992

QUAD annual in 2015

Objectives

- Advancing the Security and Economic interests
- Free Indo-Pacific
- India has a net security provider
- Covid-19 International Order
- Counter terrorism

Vaccine manufacturing

Rare Earth metal

Space Exploration

Drills in SCS.



Indo-PAK

India Pak is famous for its rivalry which is quite sad to witness. India's relations with pakistan today are merely subjected to Proxy war because of Gen Zia ul haq's Islamisation of the army and subsequently of the nation.

Given that the entire pakistan is driven by sectarian and radicalised voices makes it difficult to have P2P Connect with some exception like kashmir corridor.

Ind-Pak ties have been shrouded by terrorism and Cold war mentality. While India has reached to zenith's in International Arena and Pakistan stays in FATF gray list.

POK is central to India agenda in long term given the recent settlement of Chinese in POK and Chinese infra project that has pakistan brought down to begging bowl because of CPEC.

Among many issues Shia-Sunni rift, genocide in Balochistan, LOC ceasefire, POK elections and rise of TTP have made headlines in India. India in future will need to be ready for refugee crisis because the Pakistani Elites policy.

Pakistan never goes with Kashmir but in my belief Pakistan's Kashmir story was ended after 370 abrogation. PTM is on the rise pakistan should focus on the west otherwise Pashtuns will break away from Pakistan. As for India we want peace but conditionally.



Ques Indo-Nepal

- India and Nepal enjoy a very long relation.. Nepal has always been our neighbour ROTI BETI Relations.
- Ramayana's Sita mata from Nepal. Buddhist linkages are very strong.
- Open border, tripartite agreement in 1947. India & Nepal treaty of peace of 1950 is a key marker of our relationship.

India & Nepal has a key value given the proximity that Nepal has with both China & India and Nepal acts as Himalayan frontiers, acts as a buffer state.

- Pashupati Nath temple
- Trade : Because of being a landlocked country Nepal yet relies a lot on India for its Economy.

Connectivity → Landlocked Country, India govt signed multiple MoU in field of connectivity and infrastructure projects to boost Nepal's Economy.

Vaccine during pandemic as a friendly gesture.

Ex Surya Kiran → Defence ties. Gurkha Regt.

Challenges

- China
- Nepali Political Elite
- Infra project
- Open border smuggling



India-Bangladesh ties

India Bangla shares bonds of history, language and culture and multitude of other commonalities. The excellent bilateral ties reflect an all encompassing partnership based on Sovereignty, equality, trust, and understanding that goes far beyond a strategic partnership.