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India in the Emerging International Order

The international politics has gone through veritable changes in the current decades. The changes have impacted the perception of foreign policy making and also the style of conducting of foreign policy. The content of foreign policy making and its implementation across the globe have witnessed very different functioning, moving away from the traditional precepts of understanding foreign policy ideas. India has also been impacted by the changing nature of the international order and the diverse variables at play that determine the course of foreign policy. In short, Indian foreign policy of late has been trying to balance out the old determinants and the newer ones. The cold war is past now. The question of polarity has also attained a different meaning with the arrival of different nations like new players and newer power blocs. The questions around ideology and its representations, functions and competitions have become ambiguous though the debate between realism and ideology still haunts the international order. The debates about international order emanating from the idea and processes of globalization have also evolved into the phenomenon of neo-globalization. The acrimonious debates of the first decades of globalization have apparently subsided, making significant aspects of the process of globalization a way of life all across the world. Thus the debates riveted on the international order and globalization have achieved newer forms.

One of the most important characters of the current international order is the economic connectivity among the nation states and the related question of accessibility and utilization of technology. Economic connectivity between nation states and their varying degrees have become lately the sharpest point in conducting International politics. Transfer of money has become extremely easy thus investments are up for grabs. The issue of economic connectivity is a two way sword; it cuts both at the international as well as at the domestic

levels. Visibility of the hitherto closed nations has increased. The investment mechanisms have become liberalized. Markets have become more interconnected yet representing different demands which are met through inviting investments from all across the globe. Investors on the other hand have their own assessments about nations at play and their domestic political order. Thus destinations for investments are either readily available or conducive political contexts are sought. The traditional competitions for resource grabs have not ceased yet; though the meaning of resources have changed considerably. The resources like intelligence have become more intangible. With a more interconnected world, information and communication have become more open and accessible. Technology has made it possible for a substantive number of humanity to generate, gather and disseminate intelligence. There is a huge pool of organized and unorganized agencies both in the shape of institutions and private individuals in every corner of the world with required analytics to handle such intelligence. Thus the traditional role of information has morphed into contemporary modes of intelligence where nation states are not just proprietors but buyers as well. This phenomenon is shaping world politics pretty rapidly and posing different challenges before us.

Thus contemporary international order is fast changing in matters of functioning. Traditional modes are being packaged in contemporary versions. Hence, to assess foreign relations or international politics we have to take into consideration the current contexts. Policy briefs able to throw light on the current context to come up with tangible options for conducting foreign policy on short or long term are therefore called for.

Indian foreign policy is also at the crossroads. It is for a long time that India has been positioned just outside the loop of the most active bustling of international activity. The reality of having India striving to realize its own priorities coincide with the fact of India appearing late on multiple fronts. This is explained by factors that are both international and of India's own making. This proposal would like to identify five heads, under which

India's position in the international order can be deliberated upon to assess the current context and to arrive at some ideas about how India needs to position herself for future.

1) Unresolved Issues: There are a plethora of unresolved issues directly and indirectly related to the question of security, which are very relevant for India. The issues include border disputes with Pakistan and China in particular though such disputes are there with Bangladesh as well. India's conflict with Pakistan, however, goes beyond the border problem and poses a constant security problem for India of various kinds including terrorism. The question of China is a pretty complex one for India. Sino-Indian border dispute is still a haunting issue that escalates tensions at the military level intermittently. The Sino-Pakistan strategic alliance is the immediate security challenge that India faces. China is already a global player and India gravitates to competitive scenarios with China. China also poses problems related to influence building in the South East Asian region where India's policy priorities had been set through Look East Policy during the past decades and has been turned into Act East Policy recently.

2) Policy Fundamentals: India had been quite categorical in identifying its foreign policy fundamentals after independence. The then international setting was comprised of factors such as anti-colonialism, situating itself within the bi-polar set up of the Cold War and the like. The fundamentals were set keeping in view the priorities of a new nation in terms of resource interests and survival of a new nation. Non-alignment was integral to the Cold War. Now, the world has changed and so have the factors needed to understand positions and purposes of nation states. Non-alignment has become segmental rather than being general. Economic connectivity undoubtedly forces nation states to engage more with each other. India is no exception. India might have opened her economy late but the aspirations of the nation to graduate to the high

table of global diplomacy have caught the fancy of its policy makers. It is thus necessary to review India's policy fundamentals set in the post independence context, particularly given the need for economic integration with the international community of democratic states and for development.

3) Contemporary Standing: India's contemporary standing can be identified in three orbits. The first orbit would contain the neighboring states. That includes South Asian nations and should include the adjoining regions of South East Asia too. There is a need to understand that many engagements pertaining to connectivity cannot be implemented if the South Asian neighbors are not treated in conjunction with South East Asian nations, especially those related to investments, infrastructures and development. India faces stiff competition from China in matters of economic as well as political influence. However, apart from competition with China, India also a need to build financial credibility and decisiveness to push through this region.

The second orbit is a space for international power play. This orbit contains developed nations, economically and militarily powerful nations and major developments requiring positioning and posturing. If fixing ties with states with which India has historical relations is important, it is also important to situate foreign policy in contemporary concerns. India needs to place itself tactically within this orbit. It would be important for India to decide where to participate in the arena of big power politics and where not to. But the main question would be to set fundamental parameters and ideas related to engagement or disengagement. One thing is for sure that contemporary parameters have to be new. They cannot fall back on the past patterns. So it is important to set fresh principles.

The third orbit is about India's standing in the international institutions, like the United Nations, regional organizations, sub-regional platforms and international economic organizations. India seeks a permanent seat at the Security Council along with certain other developing nations. It is for India to decide whether this is for status or being a representative of the developing world. As far as regional and sub-regional organizations are concerned, they represent the most active form of diplomatic missions currently. The importance of regional and sub-regional organizations is augmenting, thus active and judicious participation of India in these platforms has become more important than ever. The most important international institutional platforms are the economic ones. The World Bank, International Monetary fund, Doha Rounds and the like are the platforms where the concerned issues are both international and domestic. Economic policy decisions do not coincide or follow geographical boundaries. On one hand, there is a well argued demand for liberalizing the economy more and on the other there is the need to make policies such that do not fall on the wrong side of the world economy or increase domestic plight, especially, given the uncompromising positions of the northern nation's vis-à-vis agricultural subsidy, environment and sensitive issues related to development. Thus India's contemporary standing is more multifaceted and requires careful handling to take India forward.

4) International Politics-Domestic Politics interface: More India increases its stakes at the international level, more the interface between the international and domestic becomes important. Thus a more responsible and accountable domestic political set up is required. Aspiration and assertion at the international level demand a broad domestic political consensus whereby changes in the government would not matter in case of foreign policy. It is also to be noted in this context that this interface does not have any fixed character. Rather this

interface is a activity in itself. It is wrong to think that international aspiration is all about the domestic order. Rather there is a need to understand that international aspiration would also mean building international stakes within the country. The stakes such as those would come through the commercial linkages and demand robust law and order conditions. Bureaucratic hassles need to be abolished. India has to emerge as one market, and this requires abolishing financial regimes which are contrary to liberalizing markets. Liberalizing markets would democratize the market space thereby liberating private investors. Making individuals autonomous and incentive driven would open up the country to newer areas of international engagements. So there is a dire need to give the domestic scenario a new shape and create new sensibility about the domestic basis of a country's international aspirations.

5) The Subjectivity: Analyzed above are the factors that are tangible in nature. But an aspiring nation poised to take a leap might not just be thinking about the tangible things. Tangible factors are good to deal with but exclusive dependence on them risks foreign policy to assume a 'fire brigade' approach. The question thus would be whether an aspiring nation can sustain its vision. The 'Fire Brigade' approach might be fine for momentary issues but there is a need to rethink about the principles on which our foreign policy would be based. Because when battle lines are drawn (not in the sense of war exclusively) issues become complex and challenging. When India will be required to take up positions, the 'fire brigade' approach would not help. Thus, besides the tangible factors, India also faces the challenge to draw up some sustaining ideas about its international position and status. India badly needs a world view.

Thus India's role in the emerging international order is a two-way process. India needs to take itself to the International order and also needs to allow the International order to build stakes both in and in relation to India. This

proposal envisions a Conference on the said theme. The parts of the Conference and the Theme can be arranged thus:

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2.	India's Engagement with Neighbors	
3.	India's Engagement with Global Powers	
4.	India in Regional and Sub-Regional Organizations	
5.	India's Economic Engagement	
6.	Domestic Imperatives of Contemporary Indian Foreign Policy	

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Announcement of selected abstracts: **September 5, 2015**

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REPORT ON THE JAIR NATIONAL CONFERENCE (NOVEMBER 2 & 3, 2015)

The Keynote Address was of the Conference was delivered by the guest of honor for the seminar was Professor Amar Singh Rai, (Rtd. Professor of Political Science, Loreto College, Darjeeling and the Chairman, Darjeeling Municipality, Darjeeling).



Participants Attending the Conference



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HEGEMONY TO HYPHENATION
by Dr. Anup Shekhar Chakraborty*

Released by Prof. Radharaman Chakrabarti



*Prof. Radharaman Chakraborty
Delivering Special Address*

The special address for the seminar was delivered by eminent Professor Dr. Radharaman Chakraborty Former First Vice Chancellor, Netaji Subhas Open University Currently Project Director, UNESCO-supported Programme on International Understanding for Human Unity, at Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Golpark, Kolkata and All India President of JAIR (Jadavpur Association of International Relations). The ICSSR has recently nominated him an expert member on the Subcommittee to consider formation of the Indian Social Science and Humanities Academy (ISSHA). Other resource Persons and Panelists included: Shibashis Chatterjee (Professor at the Department of International Relations at Jadavpur University in Kolkata), Surajit C Mukhopadhyay, PhD faculty at the University of Burdwan and at the Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta. Dr. Imankalyan Lahiri (Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India). Other resource persons and invited delegates included, among others, Dr. Rubul Patra, Associate Professor of Political Science, Dibrugarh University and Prof. Obja B Bhattacharika, Assistant Professor of Political Science, Dibrugarh University, Assam. The National Seminar was well attended and over 37 papers were discussed in parallel sessions in course of the semina

BOOK RELEASE DURING THE JAIR CONFERENCE

Dr. Anup Shekhar Chakraborty's book *Hegemony to Hyphenation: Hybridization of Identities and Politics in Mizoram* published by St. Joseph's College, Darjeeling was released by Prof. Radharaman Chakraborty during the JAIR Conference. The review of the released book by Professor Ranabir Samaddar was read out by the author for the audience.