

Q. What do you know about the Gujral Doctrine of foreign policy? Discuss its significance in India's Foreign Policy. (150 words)

GUJRAL DOCTRINE :-

• Mr. IK Gujral, the 12th Prime-Minister of India, was in the top-post for less than a year.

• By holding External - Affairs Minister portfolio twice, he made a long-lasting impact on India's Foreign Policy.

5 Basic Principles

- India supports its neighbours with Good Faith & Trust.
- South Asian countries should not allow to use its territory against Interest of one another
- Internal affairs Sovereignty should be respected.
- Respect each others territorial Integrity & Sovereignty.
- Must settle disputes through Peaceful Bilateral Negotiations.

• These were the corner-stones of 'Gujral Doctrine' outlined at a Speech in Chatham House in London in September 1996.

SIGNIFICANCE :-

- It cemented India's prestige and position on its neighbours by showcasing a 'Non-Domineering' Attitude.
 - It isolated Terrorist Outfits of Islamabad by promoting peace and tranquility.
 - It led to Water sharing treaty between India and Bangladesh.
 - It got consent from Bhutan to augment the flow of water to Ganga.
 - The intention to revise MahaKali treaty received well in Nepal.
- ⇒ 'Gujral doctrine' paved allegiance and respect from India's Neighbours.