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① By enjoying proximity with the West & its ties with other powers India can act as a balancer & leader?

Introduction - With 75 years of independence, India has a great sense of confidence, & optimism in articulating [India's interests first policy] which stands at critical juncture in its relationship with world.

Analyses of past

→ a young state with 5,000 years of civilization. ~~Began its~~

→ ~~we~~ India began its political journey with ideals of equity stemmed from freedom struggle led by mahatma gandhi.

→ Nehru's thought of independence is incomplete without liberation of Africa & Asia.

→ The nation struggled to feed its population in 1960's turned to be the fifth largest economy in world shows its coordinated effort & potential.

Relationships - foreign policy - Continents

(1) India's ties with South Asia & SE Asia, Europe, Latin America, South America, South Pacific, Africa & other parts shows it as a major player in global stage.

(2) founding member of BRICS, off-shooter to G7, formation of QUAD, leading member in UN & now ready to take the presidency role of G20 reflects its major stakeholder in comity of nations.

National Interest driven foreign policy: -

(i) India's policy is nuanced in balancing both values of interest with keeping national security as its priority.

(ii) India's belief is that external relationship accelerate the country's economic growth.

(iii) India's desire is to enhance nation's image externally & impulse to do good for world.

(eg) India provided Covid medicines.

to over 90 countries within a month of launch).

Neighbours -
① equation with Bhutan, Nepal, Bangladesh, Maldives are excellent.

② countries tide against India's interest seems to have turned since COVID-19.

Western blocks

* estb of I₂U₂ due to progress in ties with (IND - ISR), (ISR - UAE), (UAE - IND).

* US - CHN contestation & IND - CHN competition witnessed in Indian ocean region

* Africa's eastern & southern flank in favour of India which helps to strengthen India's maritime activities of the blue economy.

Stronger ties - ① By enjoying proximity with west [US, EU] & demonstrating its capability to cooperate with [RUSS] & [CHN] which indicates India's act. as [balancer & trader].

② Stronger emphasis on AUSA & JAP which controls Chinese aggression in Indo-Pacific.

Conclusion - Increasing engagement like youth & business community in foreign policy issues reflects the maturity & sophistication of Indian Democracy & continues to carry anniversary era.