

UPSC MAINS ANSWER WRITING

Q. The post-American power vacuum in the Kabul region will aid China and shape the trajectory of India's foreign policy. Explain.

Ans:- Not only China but for Pakistan, Russia is also waiting to enter into Afghanistan. But for China it's a opportunity for them. China looking only their benefit from this country.

Important points for China regarding and foreign policy for India is as follows:-

- (i) Chinese state media has marked the U.S's chaotic withdrawal from Afghanistan as the latest sign of America's declining global prestige, but China is approaching its own plans for engaging with the country under Taliban rule with caution.
- (ii) China sees potential benefits to aligning itself with the Taliban and could formally acknowledge a Taliban-led government, which would ultimately put itself in a position to benefit from an eventual reconstruction of Afghanistan or opportunities to have more influence in the region.
- (iii) India has had a stable relationship with the civilian Afghan government over the last two decades,

providing the latter with development assistance.

(iv) India is especially worried because the last time the Taliban were in power, they sheltered pro-Pakistani militants, Pakistan will use this opportunity to hit ~~at~~ India.

(v) China will be in a strong position to block the Taliban's corruption for its two main interests in Afghanistan: a secure environment for Chinese infrastructure projects, and the isolation of Uyghur militants.

(vi) China has reportedly attempted to negotiate with local parties in both countries to deprive them of that refuge.

(vii) China hoped the outfit would "make a clean break with all terrorist organisation including ETIM, while China has offered continued economic support and to extend the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) to the country.

Now we can say China foreign policy is only depend upon its own benefit but for India, its like China, its Stability around the region and development of both countries.