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

Soln.

Gujral Doctrine was announced in 1996. It deals with South Asia neighbouring countries to India. Hence it have few principles so that peace and harmony is in place.

- 1) No South Asia countries will allow its territory to be used against the interests of another country of the region.
- 2) No one will interfere in the internal affairs of another country.
- 3) ~~They will not have any concern or involvement in the internal affairs of another country.~~
- 3) All South Asia countries should respect each other's territorial integrity and sovereignty.
- 4) They will settle disputes through peaceful Bilateral negotiations.

India will give it all in a good faith and trust and don't expect anything in return.

Significance of Gujral Doctrine :-

1. Neighbours are the most important in any international relations or economy of the country. Hence it will help in maintaining good relations with them.

2. China's footprint in the subcontinent is expanding. Hence the doctrine can help in countering China.

3. This doctrine can also help in improving the connectivity among countries and also in terms of security.

4. It will enhance India's stand on its Act East policy, & Act West policy as well.

5. Opening up of these economies will help India's economy in a significant ways.

Hence, by countering security challenges and maritime piracy challenges. India should become a transit country of choice for all the neighbouring countries by improving the connectivity network and ports.