

- 1) Having multi-faceted engagement with Africa, the foreign policy implementation needs a comprehensive review. Critically analyse.

Ans:- Africa has always occupied an important position in India's foreign policy due to some similarities like support of independence from colonial powers, condemning socialism, oppressed nature.

In the dynamically evolving multi-polar world, India needs to review its foreign policy amidst the post recovery of Covid-19 pandemic.

1) India's trade with Africa needs to be doubled as China has huge trade and is famous for its debt trapping.

2) Indian investment in countries like Nigeria, Egypt, South Africa needs to be diversified to all countries if possible.

3) India needs to provide arms and ammunition for civilian safety and threat of external actors (Eg) India has provided high speed boats to Mauritius for patrolling of Indian Ocean Region.

4) There is not enough focus on the problem of piracy. Countering it has many advantages:

a) Trust, in the minds of African people, in India.

b) Faster implementation of Indian infrastructure projects.

5) Recent gesture by Kenya which sent aid to India can set an example of how countries can build relations with India.

6) India needs to focus more on people to people cultural contacts, which is still at nascent stage.

7) Currently, India has occupied the chair of UNSC Taliban and Libya Sanctions Committee. Finding an amicable solution will greatly boost India's foreign policy.

8) India should engage with African countries in preventing neo-colonialism followed by some developed countries.

9) Rupee swap agreements with African countries ought to be considered (eg) India-Iran rupee swap agreement.

Africa holds a great potential to drive world's economic growth. With this in mind, there has been a scramble to help African countries.

India should engage with every country in a just manner, by redeveloping its foreign policy to suit Africa and India.