

India's Foreign Policy



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Continuity and Change in India's Foreign Policy towards Africa, 1947-2017

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Introduction

Foreign policy plays an important role to protect and promote national interests. It is foreign policy through which a country try to defend and promote its national security, maximizes economic and political interest. In this regard, India's foreign policy is the combination of idealist principle and realist strategy, especially in terms of India's policy toward Africa we can see the combination both principles. Here the first question arises in the name of national interest, 'What does India want?' 'Do India want mutual support or want to be a major power?' This question has difficult answer. To answer this question we need to see the history of India. Since independence (1947), India has tried to follow an idealistic Gandhian and Nehruvian objectives to achieve India's foreign policy. During 1946, Asian Relations Conference most of the African and Asian states were against the cold war, they wanted to overcome from such interventionist and politics. But the Conference concluded with minor agreements on

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