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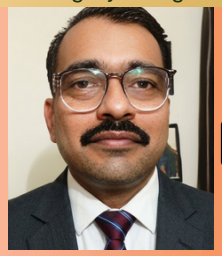

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India's Foreign Policy in a Multipolar World: Strategic Autonomy, Continuity, and Change

Concept Note

The current international order is experiencing a major transformation from unipolarity to multipolarity, with new centres of power, geopolitical conflict and changing strategic alignments. The rise of China, the re-emergence of Russia and the growing importance of regional and middle powers have changed the nature of global politics. Uncertainty in international relations has grown; at the same time, conflicts such as the Russia and Ukraine war, tensions in the Indo-Pacific, technical competition, and disruptions in global supply chains have increased.

Against this changing geopolitical backdrop, India has emerged as a powerful global player with increasing economic, diplomatic, and strategic relevance. India's foreign policy is anchored in the notion of strategic autonomy, providing the freedom to take autonomous decisions while maintaining flexible relationships and multilateral collaboration. India's strong involvement in forums such as BRICS, G20, SCO and QUAD indicates both continuity in its historic foreign policy ideas and change via multi-alignment and aggressive global engagement.

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Key Themes & Sub-Themes

- *Strategic Autonomy in a Multipolar Order*
- *India - China Relations and Border Dynamics*
- *India's Role in the Indo-Pacific and Quad*
- *Continuity and Change in Neighbourhood First Policy*
- *Economic Diplomacy and Atmanirbhar Bharat*
- *India's Engagement with Global South and Multilateral Reforms*
- *Technology, Security, and Defence Partnerships*
- *Climate Diplomacy and Energy Transition*
- *Soft Power and Cultural Diplomacy*
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