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The power of a King lies in his mighty arms...

Security of the citizens at peace time is very important because State is the only saviour of the men and women who get affected only because of the negligence of the State.

- Chanakya

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The world, being so interconnected and globalised, as it is, there isn't much that happens anywhere which doesn't impact elsewhere and everywhere. It isn't simply the weather that makes the world so interdependent, but everything else that is manmade. From technology, to manmade political events; each has a bearing on the other, across the world. And the speed at which the impact happens is in itself staggering. So, the latest ghastly school shooting incident in Florida, USA, (one of the deadliest mass shootings in modern US history) gets instant analysis in India. The world that exists online lives seamlessly, and jumps boundaries in a flash.

Similar is the see-saw game of stock market where if one goes down, it pulls the others down too, drastically at the global level. And they all rise together, in a similar fashion. Such is the inter-connectivity of the world of finance. But, this is also apparent in other aspects of global life. Not least the politics and security events, where the footprints created are far larger and deeper. Political events cast an even longer shadow on discussions. Such is the nature

of political developments across the world that they resonate for longer, over a wider impact area, and ask more serious questions than they answer. This is the greatest challenge facing 21st century society.

India doesn't live in isolation and is as connected globally as any other country. Political events in neighbouring countries, or far-away lands, are as important as they've ever been. Each posits questions, and, demands answers and attention. It behoves a global player to have the questions ready and the answers in advance, too. But that is easier said than done. Not all systems are always in place, and not all events carry the same traction as others. But then the ones that happen in the neighbourhood demand greater scrutiny, for they also come with opportunities.

In the recent past, there is much that has happened in the neighbourhood that deserves greater focus, and which India could gain from, if it plays the game. Even as Bangladesh has sent its former prime minister to jail for corruption, Nepal and Maldives seem to be witnessing upheavals of tectonic levels.

Political plates are shifting in the two countries, and India must be seen to be heard. And, it must also be perceived to be doing something active. Vacating space isn't an option any more. Though, reactions needn't be along predictable lines of yore.

Nepal and Maldives are developments that come as challenges, and at the same time, provide opportunities for India to assume a role bigger than it has hitherto played. There is every reason to believe that both opportunities continue to exist, for closing all options is not really an option anymore in this interconnected world. Staying engaged is always useful, smart diplomatically, politically, and economically too, in the long run. The goal of every policy has to make India economically secure, vibrant, and sustainable. The impact of global developments must, therefore, always be analysed as opportunities for sustaining Indian political and economic policies and growth. And this is an analysis that can only be done by Indians, for India.

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DEVELOPMENT AS FACTOR FOR PEACE



Finance rules in every aspect of human existence. In economics, as we know it today, there are certain current expenses and there are certain expenses planned for the future, which sometimes become a challenge. These challenges can be countered only with advanced planning for such contingency expenses by keeping some buffer for any urgent requirement.

In the headlong rush for the tools that facilitate the projection of raw power—both conventional as well as nuclear—nations, people and communities lose sight of the truism that development is the forerunner of peace and coexistence. That, it is imperative for the well-being of its people that development permeates the urban/rural landscape a nation has to find a balance between security and growth. Yet, we witness on a daily basis nuclear-powered nations indulging in dangerous brinkmanship. A huge arc of instability has been exacerbated from the northern Pacific seaboard from the Korean peninsula across the Indian Ocean littoral (India/Pakistan salient) to the nations around the Persian Gulf (Iran) and the Mediterranean (Israel) in which the threat of use of nuclear weapons is a daily mind-boggling occurrence.

Having acquired nuclear weapons capability through collusion, clandestine operations and downright theft nations are using nuclear weapons to browbeat neighbours and to secure territorial aggrandisement or regime change. China, Pakistan, North Korea nexus, in particular, has colluded amongst themselves to sell nuclear weapons and missile delivery systems in as widespread an area as Iran, Libya and South Africa. The racist regime in South Africa shut down its programme when it discovered that its demise is a foregone conclusion. To prevent the weapons falling into the hands of the Blacks, the racists destroyed their stockpile; Gaddafi of Libya hoped to curry favour with the US-led coalition by agreeing to destroy its nuclear programme. He had to pay his life; Iran signed a deal with the US which the latter is threatening to rescind. India is being threatened with terrorists operating from behind nuclear shields.

That development suffers, is best illustrated by the North Korea/South Korea comparison. The fruits of development appear to have bypassed North Korea while South Korea is a bustling outward-bound economy. South Korea may not possess the nuclear weapons but it has developed a lot in the other fields.

The Winter Olympics has become occasion for both Koreas to bury the hatchet and seek out avenues of cooperation and peaceful coexistence. The world is waiting with bated breath.

In this edition, DSA has decided to change its format, dear readers. You will find more assorted contents in each edition covering defence, security and world affairs to keep you updated about swift-changing national and international developments. We remain committed to a research-based excellent content in each edition we publish.

Happy reading!

Pawan Agrawal



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