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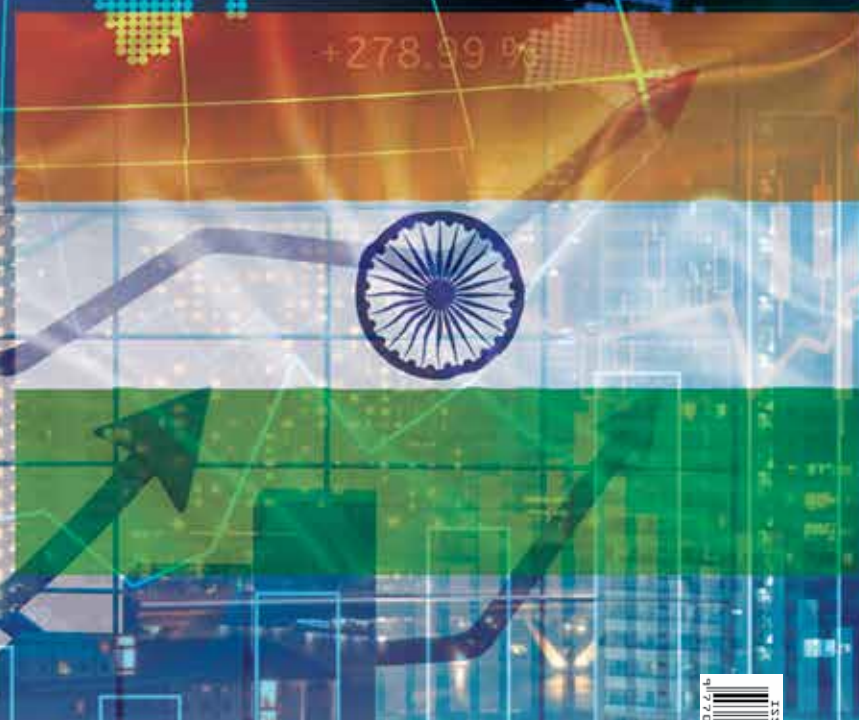
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Security of the citizens at peace time is very important because State is the only saviour of the men and women who get affected only because of the negligence of the State.

- Chanakya

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**T**his is a very busy period from both a diplomatic and security perspective. Busy for India, of course, but also for the larger Asia-Pacific region. Even as the fighting in Ukraine rages on well into its second year, and with no signs of resolution, signs of stress remain all around. From North Korea's continuing nuclear and missile proliferation to Sino-Philippine tensions in seas adjoining their countries to continuing mobilisation along the Line of Actual Control, and a sudden change in terrorist attacks in Jammu & Kashmir, there are signs of disturbance all around. Only a brave mind could predict any pattern.

To the immediate west, Pakistan remains under severe economic stress, while the Taliban consolidate its grip over Afghanistan. While Iran seems to have found a burst of wind in its sails and is gaining diplomatic and security ground all over the neighbourhood. Nothing demonstrates that more than the renewed brotherhood between

Teheran and Riyadh, for long bitterly sworn enemies. So much so that each poached space well into the other's territories. And which cost a lot of blood, innocent and participants. That both are sitting and hugging as a result of Chinese mediation is the surest sign of global change.

Not all change has been to India's liking. Even as the External Affairs Minister tours South and Central American countries, and the Defence Minister confabulates with Shanghai Cooperation Organisation, counterpart things are happening that don't always seem likely. Certainly, the sudden Chinese diplomatic successes in the West Asian region are a cause of concern to India. It is in the immediate neighbourhood for one. And, it is also the source of India's largest remittance contribution for it employs thousands of Indians. Not to forget the importance of its energy supplies over decades. India's role is, therefore, worth looking at deeply.

For more than six months now, eight retired Indian naval personnel have been detained in solitary confinement by Qatar

under charges of espionage. It is unclear who had engaged them for spying, and for what, given that Qatar hardly poses any security or diplomatic threat to India. What is of great importance, and worry actually, is that since their arrests, Indian officialdom has simply been making inane statements about keeping a watch over the matter. There has been no clarity on their case, and the nature of the charges being brought over them nor any signs of resolving the matter.

When Indian defence personnel, serving or retired, are detained by any country, it is a matter of great concern for the country. Given that in this period of significant global unrest and changes, India cannot secure justice for its veterans lodged in a foreign jail, the country's role in international affairs naturally comes into focus. And it comes to be analysed with greater care and depth to see how the country stands in the scheme of things. So, when China succeeds in mediating a rapprochement between sworn enemies - Iran and Saudi Arabia - but India cannot free its sailors, worries increase.

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# GLOBAL TRENDS AND INDIA'S ROLE



After the Covid Pandemic, geopolitics has also emerged in an altogether new dimension which has changed the dynamics affecting even the common man in almost every state. The world saw a conventional war between Russia and Ukraine after a long time which has exposed many countries to their real colours rather than their hidden agendas in geopolitics. Be it was the US or the entire EU countries, they were seen as very contradictory in their support to Ukraine, and it has been a year now that this war is still going on and the so-called supporters of Ukraine are still continuing in the same manner wherein they only provoked Ukraine for the war.

China, on the other hand, is facing a lot of socio-economic challenges after many reputed and well-established manufacturers shut down their production units in China. Also, China's unnecessary interference in India's LOC and with Taiwan directly has brought a bad name to China. The Covid situation caused across the globe is also seen as the hidden agenda of China and is held responsible for this. In a way, if we can say that China has been critically exposed and is in a bad situation internally as well as externally, will not be wrong.

The economy in almost all the developed countries is facing new challenges every day and there is a continuous threat to the people to face a lot of problems in the coming days ahead. So, in the post-Covid era, the war between Russia and Ukraine and instability in the world economy have actually shaken the whole world.

But India has been setting new dimensions and trends on the world map with its top leadership's vision. The economy in India is very stable as of now and as compared to the world economies, India currently is the fifth largest economy and the GDP and per capita income is growing every day. Lots and lots of FDI is getting invested in India in various sectors and we can say that the Indian economy is very safe, secure and booming. For example, many companies which were having their production units in China earlier have decided to wind up and shift their units from China to India considering the ease to do business and also, the giant market of India is being taken as an opportunity by such companies.

After India has been appointed as the President of G20, it is quite evident that India has reached to a level where it can lead the entire world and improve the situation in many ways be it social harmony, economy or world affairs. The entire world is looking at everything which India is introducing for its people and many countries are adopting these new schemes for their people. The acceptance of the Indian Rupee by many countries has brought pride to India which was only a dream earlier but it has become a reality under the leadership of our Prime Minister Sh Narendra Modi.

The recent evacuation of Indians from Sudan has been a remarkable achievement of India where some of the developed countries could not think of evacuating their people from Sudan. This shows that India is setting new trends in world politics and is playing a vital role to inspire others for overall progress.

This edition of May 2023 will throw a light on the role of India globally with the writings of our eminent subject experts and I am sure that this edition will also be very well accepted by our dear readers.

Jai Hind!



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