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- Chanakya

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The ongoing Russian invasion of Ukraine has pitted camps competing against one another. And the camps are a clear geographical breakdown of the world into East and West, both occupying opposing positions in this conflict. The countries and regions are expected to take sides, and events are being made out to be apocalyptic to the core. There are even scaremongers who predict the arrival of World War III from what is essentially a regional conflict. As in all conflicts, truth takes a severe beating in this one as well, and none of the media comes out in any good light.

In all this, a lot of focus in India has been on its relationship with Russia and the United States of America, since both are in such a confrontational position over this conflict. India's unwillingness to directly condemn the invasion, or be seen firmly in the western camp, is being interpreted as a let-down to the democratic consensus. Or, whatever exists of a consensus. It is little wonder

that India has walked a tight-rope in all proceedings of the United Nations, a seemingly neutral position in a fiercely conflicted world. Which, of course, doesn't do any good to its international image.

India is currently facing its severest foreign and security policy challenge as China has crossed long-held red lines on the Indo-Tibetan border. Areas long considered to be in India's control are no longer within patrolling limits. Given this situation, India was expected to play a more proactive role given the Ukraine conflict. Similarities were sought to be made but in fact, there were none. Russia-Ukraine is a local, almost sibling, skirmish. While India-China remains an unresolved border conflict. India was, therefore, supposed to cosy up to the West because of its stress on the border with China.

That hasn't happened to the extent many had hoped, whether Indian or western supporters. Because of the nature of Indian decision-making, its diplomatic history, and the current global environment,

India has walked a tightrope between the two competing camps. A not an unfamiliar experience for New Delhi, but something that could've been avoided so many years after the end of the Cold War. India once again finds itself having to decide on sides in a situation where morality and policy don't always match. Not that morality and policy have always worked in tandem, in the past or future.

It is a fact that India cannot afford to give up its core interests with either Russia or the US, both of whom remain vital political and economic partners. Common positions are not always possible even with the best of allies or partners, and this is no different a position. Granted India hasn't covered itself in glory by abstentions or its waffling on the conflict, coming in for criticism. But when it hasn't been clear about its own land border matter, there is little to expect in terms of firm policy enunciation. It needs to be clear with itself first before it could do that with the rest of the world.

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Right from its independence, India has been maintaining cordial relations with all its neighbours as well as the so-called super-powers like Russia and the United States of America (US). In international affairs and geopolitics, the most important factor is how smartly and intelligently one state keeps a balance with all the other states considering its overall growth and progress. There have been many like-minded platforms being created by many states considering this factor and it is very difficult to comment on the outcomes of these platforms such as:

- United Nations. ...
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) ...
- European Union (EU) ...
- World Trade Organization (WTO) ...
- Group of Twenty (G20) ...
- International Criminal Court (ICC)

India has been a member of some of these platforms for quite a long and has been active so as to be well aware of the various international happenings and to be a part of the same and raise its issues and fundamental rights in its interest. India is one of the biggest democratic countries having different kinds of challenges right from the day one of independence, with the minimum resources it had, even then it has progressed in all directions be it Industry, Science, Agriculture, Health, Education, Space, Defence or Security and many more. And for the progress in these spheres, India collaborated with the so-called developed nations like the US and Russia. Thus, the relations with these two developed countries are almost seven decades old.

In all these years, a lot of ups and downs have come due to various factors which were quite challenging for India to keep a balance with the two. In fact, due to certain political and geopolitical reasons, it was not that easy for India to manage a smooth relationship with both. But somehow India managed it very well in spite of many compulsions by the US at some time and currently, also we are able to manage our friendship with Russia as well as the US. Though the war between Russia and Ukraine has affected our relations with the US due to some of the restrictions implied on us by the US but our current leadership has still managed to balance the relations in such challenging situations also.

India has always been a peace-loving country and our current leadership is trying its best to normalise the situation by talking to and visiting various European countries and also discussing with the US as well. India's stand is absolutely very clear that it will balance the relations with Russia as well as the US as it is longtime friends and for no reason, it's going to be apart from either one.

I am sure that our bonding with both will be well balanced by the current leadership in the interest of India and its people.

Team DSA hopes that this edition will give a better idea of India's standpoint with Russia and the United States of America in the coming months and years.

Jai Hind!



Pawan Agrawal
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