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India-South Africa Relations

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Certain areas are common in the case of a human being and international society. In both the cases the relationship aspect is very significant. Relationship between two countries is one of the most significant areas in international relations and politics which greatly contribute to shape and guide the tone and temper of the international scenario. Relationship refers to the bonds of dependent or reciprocal relations. (Martin Pierre Marie-1986). So far as international politics is concerned, like all politics, it is a struggle for power. Whatever may be the ultimate aim of international politics, the power is always the immediate aim. ((Morgenthau, Hans J., 1985) On the other hand, International Relations include the study of all human interactions across national borders and factors that affect those interactions. (Pearson F.S. & J.M. Rochester. 1988). Therefore, in international relations different dimensions are taken into account for consideration.

So far as the present scenario of international politics is concerned, it is well nigh impossible to deny the fact that in the present day world, International Relationship is of great significance. It is so because it includes a great variety of transitional relationships. (Palmer Norman D and Perkins Howard C. 2011). It is an agreed fact that the relations of states are comprehensible against a context, as the relations of individuals are comprehensible against a context (Bajpai Kanti P. & Harish C. Shukul 1995). We should also keep in mind that there exists a context which gives meaning to and channels the behaviour of states in their relations with other states and other external entities. (Bajpai Kanti P. & Harish C. Shukul- 1995). It should be taken into deep consideration that this context is by no means inscribed forever, nor is there full agreement with all its elements and characteristics. (Bajpai Kanti P. & Harish C. Shukul, 1995). It is therefore clear that international relationship is highly dynamic in nature and there is nothing permanent. It is under constant flux.

In fact that the relationship between two countries carries significance to a great extent not only in the matter of the two countries concerned in a particular situation or at a particular time but also for the whole world. It has rightly been said that the present day world is a global village. Again, a man who can live without

other beings is either a God or a beast (Malhotra, V.K. - 2001). In modern times, we can safely say that no nation or country can live in isolation. Coexistence of the nations is the order of the day. (Malhotra, V.K. - 2001). It can therefore be said that international relations is of prime importance in the world society from any aspect that is taken for analysis or consideration. It is all the more important because global politics is in the midst of dramatic and accelerating change. (Mansbach R.W. & Kirsten L. Taylor. 2012). In view of this, international relationship has gained a new ground in the world politics and in the present context of international scenario, international relations have assumed all the more great significance. In the twenty first century, we live in a world that is both fascinating and terrifying - one that exhibits deep contradictions and yet manifest high hopes. (Duncan W. Raymond et al. - 2002). Further, the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Centre and the Pentagon, demonstrated just how complex international relations have become in the past decade. (Wenger, A. & Doron Zimmermann. 2004). It should be stated that the relationship of nations emits a great mark of implications not only in the relationship status of two or more countries but also exerts a tremendous influence all over the region and the world. Therefore, inter-national relationship is significant from all dimensions. (Chakrabarty Manas in Mishra Sylvia (Ed) 2014). This definitely shapes the pattern and dimension of international relations at large and sets the tone and temper. It is therefore crystal clear that relationship status between the nations is very significant from all respects. It greatly affects the international scenario.

We can therefore say that the foreign policy of a nation becomes all the more important because it determines the nature of relationship either between two countries or a large number of countries. As per international norms, foreign policies are the central objective to preserve the liberty of states and to maintain the balance of power. Again, a special care should be devoted for understanding international relationship because there has been a paradigm shift in its content. In fact, the disciplinary dimensions of international politics have witnessed quantitative expansion as well as qualitative complexities since 1945. (Jaitly, Anam- 1986). It is also significant to note that a cursory look at the