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Ques. India's Foreign Policy.(250w)Ans. India's foreign policy is a crucial aspect of country's international relation. Its basis is Vasudeva Kutumbkam (whole world is like a village). Basic pillars of IFP are:-

- To support world peace.
- To safeguard India's sovereignty, unity and integrity.
- To promote democratic & secular value.
- To maintain friendly relations with all over the world.
- IFP is based on self respect and do not want to become puppet of any kind of military alliance.

One of the key aspect of IFP is the Panchashheel Agreement which is based

5 Principles :- ① Mutual Respect  
② Non-aggression ③ Non-interference ④ Equality and mutual Trust ⑤ Peaceful Existence.

Policy of Non-Alignment which emerged as an important aspect of Cold War. It is a Positive and dynamic concept.

Another aspect is Look East policy which is now known as Act East policy. This policy aims to boost economic cooperation, build infrastructure for greater connectivity in eastern neighbours of India. Similarly there is Look West Policy to build a good relation with the west neighbours of India which also ensures the neighbourhood first Policy which means that neighbour should be given first priority.

In recent years, Indian foreign Policy also focused upon enhancing the presence in the T Indo-Pacific Region, in strengthening ties with southern nations.

Overall, India's foreign policy is very complex and dynamic which aims to strengthen the relations with neighbourhood countries.

By adopting the non-alignment Policy, Neighbourhood Policy <sup>look</sup> East Policy and Panchashheel Agreement India can enhance its healthy relations internationally.

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