

12th Political Science Lesson 9 Notes in English

9] India and the World

Evolution of India's foreign policy (1947-54)

Independence and Partition

- In the **pre-independence era** India's foreign policy was the responsibility of the **British Raj**.
- India contributed to the **British victory** in the **Second World War** by providing necessary man power and materials.
- The colonial India's army fought the **colonial power's war**.
- With the end of the **Second World War in 1945** and the subsequent independence of **India in August 1947** from the British Raj, **India** had to deal with the outside world by herself and have to build her **own foreign policy**.
- Several factors influenced the **formation of India's post-independence foreign policy**.
- The post-war global political events and India's own political climate shaped India's foreign policy.
- The world was polarised into two military blocs and each bloc tried to overcome the other which was known as **the Cold War**.
- Though a major war was averted, each bloc was spending enormous money in military buildups due to which tense condition prevailed.
- The newly liberated countries were not in a position to squander their resources in conflicts between two military blocs.
- They had to divert all their resources for nation building.
- **An ideological battle** known as the Cold War happened between the two superpowers of that time – **the United States of America and the Soviet Union**.
- These were also extraordinary global circumstances with the emergence of newer nations from the clutches of colonisation with new boundaries.
- There was large scale human migration taking place across continents while the war-tired **Western powers** were working on **framing a new world order**.
- The world also witnessed the formation of the **United Nations Organisation** on **October 24 1945**, through **the Atlantic Charter**.

India's Foreign Policy

- **Jawaharlal Nehru** was the **architect** of **India's foreign policy**.
- India's ideological alignment, its **role in the U.N** and its **commitment** to a peaceful world were at stake.
- Nehru's foreign policy took in to consideration, independent India's priorities such as nation's socio-economic development, modernization, global peace, avoidance of war, peaceful and

constructive relationship with other nations, decolonization of **Afro-Asian countries**, strengthening the UN and economic cooperation with other countries.

- Pakistan was formed after the partition of the Indian sub-continent in 1947.
- This event witnessed the **largest transportation** of refugees across the boundary in human history.
- **The Kashmir issue** continues to be one of the fundamental aspects that drives India's foreign policy causing three wars since 1947.

Panchsheel and Non-Aligned Movement (1954-1991)

- Nehru also firmly believed that India must develop and maintain a close friendship with its neighbours, especially with **China** as both countries have a **long history of civilizational and cultural ties**.
- This led to the signing of the **Panchsheel Treaty** between **India and China in 1954** between **Nehru and the Chinese Premier Zhou Enlai**.

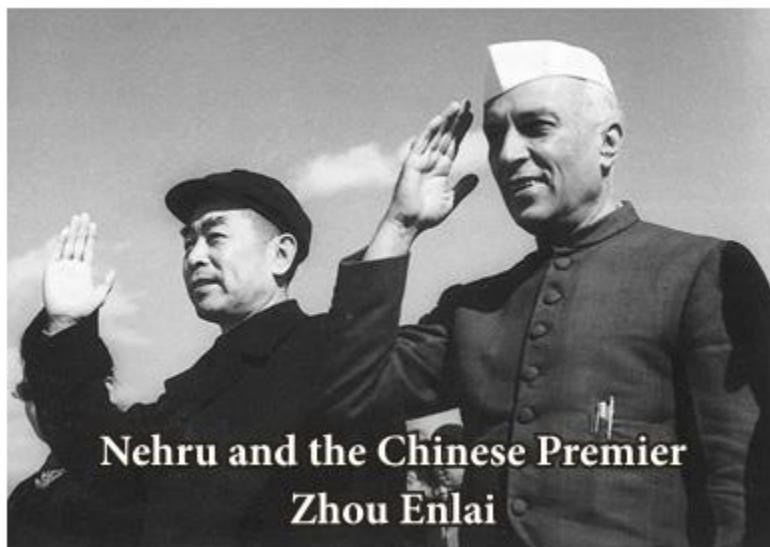


- The Panchsheel consists of five principles with which the two nations would conduct relations between them.
- This included;

Panchsheel Principles

- Respecting each other's territory and sovereignty
- Non-aggression
- Non-interference in each other's internal affairs
- Diplomatic equality and cooperation
- peaceful co-existence
- Despite the agreement, India and China eventually fought a war in 1962 on border disputes.
- The border dispute between the two nations stands till now and it is one of the top issues that determine India's foreign policy.
- Attempts are onto resolve this issue through negotiations.

- The Panchsheel nevertheless, marked an important phase in the evolution of India's foreign policy.
- India had to define its ideological belief in the era of the Cold War.
- **Pandit Nehru**, who held the position of **Minister for External Affairs** for 17 years (1947-64) was assertive about India having its own foreign policy without getting caught in the Cold War.
- This led to the formation of the **Non-Aligned Movement** (NAM) in 1961.
- Nehru was one of the founding fathers of the **NAM** along with **Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt**, **Kwame Nkrumah of Ghana**, **Ahmed Sukarno of Indonesia** and **Josip Broz Tito of Yugoslavia**.
- Nehru repeatedly explained the concept of '**Non-Alliance**' that it did not mean neutrality, as no one could remain neutral in a conflict between justice and injustice.
- **Non-Alliance** meant **not committing militarily** to any super powers or military bloc, but retaining independence to decide issues on the basis of merit and concentrating on peaceful cooperation among nations.
- It was this freedom of choice that enabled India to procure arms from western countries during its war with China, and enter into a diplomatic treaty with Soviet Union just before the **Bangladesh war in 1971**.
- The thought of not aligning with the two power blocs existed even before the formation of NAM.



- The **Bandung Asian- African Conference** held in 1955 had the principles of such a movement which later became the foundation of NAM in 1961.
- As a powerful advocate of **decolonisation of Asia and Africa**, Nehru's India envisioned the **NAM** as an **alternative to the USA** and the **Soviet Union blocs** for newly emerging independent countries.
- This was the central idea of NAM which several new nations decided to be part of as they did not want their country to become a theatre for the cold war.

Fall of the Soviet Union and Economic Liberalisation (1991-present)

- The economic compulsion, caused by the fall of Soviet Union and the rise of **Liberalisation, Privatisation and Globalisation** – LPG forced India to move away from its largely socialistic economy to a market economy.



- India hence had to open its doors to **Foreign Direct Investments (FDI)** and it was the beginning of improving relations with the **USA**.



- In present days, India faces a new set of challenges and its foreign policy is transformed, without changing its core principles, to cope with the ever-changing nature of geopolitics.
- **China** has become one of the world powers which has a bearing in **South Asia** and our **neighbourhood policy**.
- With a growing economy, India has also become a regional power and hence it needs to be more responsible than ever before.
- These changes require India to fine tune its foreign policy to protect its interests and improve ties with its neighbours.
- Other factors that have contributed in building India's relations with the outside world over the years include its **civilian** and **defence Nuclear capability** and its increasing presence in key international institutions such as **the BRICS, G20, SCO, MTCR, etc..**
- Having steadily grown in stature, several global powers have voiced their opinion for the inclusion of India as a permanent member of the **UN Security Council**.

- To summarise the essence of **India's foreign policy**, it is worthy to mention that it holds a rare distinction of being the only nation to have friendly ties with Israel, Iran, Palestine and Saudi Arabia.

India-United States of America (USA) Relations



History

- Formal political relations with the USA began during **World War II**.
- The first exchange of envoys, **Thomas Wilson** and **Sir Girija Shankar Bajpai**, took place in 1940 which resulted in the establishment of a diplomatic office in Delhi.
- It was not until 1946, under the presidency of **Harry S Truman**, that the full-fledged diplomatic relations emerged between India and the US.
- This was consolidated further after India became independent in 1947.
- Under the leadership of **Jawaharlal Nehru**, India's foreign policy was marked by the idea of "**Non-Alignment**" which meant that the states considered themselves not formally aligned with or against any major power bloc.
- During the partition, **Kashmir**, acceded to **India**, which **Pakistan contested**.
- Pakistan claimed that this accession was done forcibly by India.



- This issue was taken up by the **United Nations for discussion in 1948**, as a result of which, a **U.N. Commission for India and Pakistan (UNCIP)** was set up.
- India was stated that this was a “**completely wrong**” move and strongly criticised USA and U.K for their role.
- Nehru’s first visit to the United States followed soon after the formation of the commission.
- Devoid of personal rapport between the heads of the two states and mutual criticisms, the gap between India and USA further widened.

An American sponsored Alliance System

- Things did not improve with the formation of an American sponsored alliance system - **SEATO** (South East Asian Treaty Organization) and **CENTO** (Central Treaty Organization).



- Pakistan’s inclusion in the organisation and the resulting **US- Pakistan military** pact left little hope for any improvement in the bilateral relations.
- Although there were small periods of a better environment in the second term of **Eisenhower** and during **Kennedy’s term**, it was still a very long way from ‘all-weather friendly’ ties.
- The disapproval of the **American aid programme** and **the troops in Vietnam** were further stressing the **India-USA relations**.
- The **USA** tried to **interfere** and **influence India’s domestic** (economic) **programmes** when India sought economic and technical assistance from her for **industrialization**.
- But **the Soviet Union** was more liberal in rendering assistance and building infrastructure base for heavy industries.
- **India** entered into **trade** pacts with **Soviet Union**.
- India under **Mrs Gandhi**, refused to yield to USA pressure and declined to sign the one sided **Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty**.
- Later, under **Rajiv Gandhi**, India became a growth-oriented emerging economy, with a willingness to open up to private investment.

India–United States Civil Nuclear Agreement

India–United States Civil Nuclear Agreement



- The **123 Agreement** signed between the United States of America and the Republic of India is known as the **USA–India Civil Nuclear Agreement** or **India-USA nuclear deal**.
- The framework for this agreement was a **July 18 2005**, joint statement by the Indian **Prime Minister Manmohan Singh** and the **US President George W. Bush**, under which India agreed to separate its civil and military nuclear facilities and to place all its civil nuclear facilities under **International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)** safeguards and in exchange **the United States** agreed to work toward full civil nuclear cooperation with India.
- The deal places under permanent safeguards those nuclear facilities that India has identified as “**civil**” and permits broad civil nuclear cooperation, while excluding the transfer of “**sensitive**” equipment and technologies, including civil enrichment and reprocessing items even under **IAEA** safeguards.
- On **October 1, 2008** the **USA Senate** also approved the **civilian nuclear agreement** allowing India to **purchase nuclear fuel and technology** from and sell them to the United States.

Post-Cold War Relations

- **Fifty years after India’s independence**, emerging from the devastation of long colonisation, India became the largest democratic nation whose commitment to peace was undeterred by internal diversity or external factors.
- India’s demographic asset with **IT (Information Technology)** capabilities and English speaking abilities was a thriving ground for feeding the global talent force for the age of the internet.
- At the turn of the millennium, it was clear that the **Asian giants - China and India** were out of the deep slumber, marking the shift of power from west to east. With the change of attitude between Indian and American leadership during **the Rao-Clinton** period, there was the birth of a **new strategic partnership**.



- The position taken by the US, not to back Pakistan during **the Kargil war**, for violating the LoC (Line of Control) was welcomed in India.
- In 2000, **Clinton's visit to India** was seen as the emergence of a new era in India-USA relations.
- **Vajpayee** befittingly referred to India as a neighbour and partner of the United States on the digital map.
- Further, science and technology, environmental sustainability, climate change, education, HIV, tsunami relief etc., became areas of collaboration.
- Subsequently, despite minor issues, **US-India** ties during the **Bush administration** continued on the same path of progress, lending the term '**natural allies**' more meaning.
- The relations further matured into **co-operation on defence, civil nuclear energy** and **enhanced people to people** ties during the **Obama administration**.

TIMELINE: India-USA Relations		
S. No	Year	Important Events
1	1949	Prime Minister Nehru Visits USA
2	1978	President Carter Visits India
3	1991	Economic Reforms
4	May 11, 1998	India Tests Nuclear Devices, USA imposes economic sanctions
5	2000	Clinton Trip Signals Warming Ties
6	2001	USA Lifts India Sanctions
7	2005	Energy Security Dialogue
8	2005	USA, India Sign New Defense Framework
9	2005	Landmark Civil Nuclear Deal
10	2010	Economic and Financial Partnership
11	2010	USA, India Hold First Strategic Dialogue
12	2010	Obama Backs India Bid for UN Security Council
13	2011	USA, India Ink Cybersecurity Memorandum
14	2015	Obama's Second India Visit Elevates Ties
15	2016	Obama Recognizes India as Major Defense Partner
16	2019	Trump Ends India's Special Trade Status



Way Forward

- The apparent choice for isolationist tendencies visible in **the Trump administration** has caused anxiety and reactions in the world.
- Although there is continuity in the India-USA ties under the new administration calling the partnership “**two bookends of stability**”.
- However, the **trade and technology** conflicts and America.
- First policy are potential roadblocks in an otherwise deepening friendship.
- **The USA attempts** to undermine the traditional **India- Iran** ties pose serious challenges for Indian foreign policy.
- India is in pursuit of autonomy in foreign policy and is balancing the India- USA ties with that of other major partners.

India–Russia Relations



Indian-Soviet Union Relations (1947-1991)



- The Soviet Union was **India's closest friend** and a **strategic partner** since 1947.
- The relationship between **the two countries** has withstood several challenging geopolitical circumstances.
- Unlike the **USA**, **Russia** has historically understood and respected India's strategic autonomy.
- It views India as an **ancient civilisation** rich in culture, knowledge systems and wisdom.
- This basic quality of the relation has enabled the bilateral ties to flourish over the years.

- Initially, when India became free, the Soviet Union (USSR) under the leadership of **Joseph Stalin** was suspicious of the genuineness of India's independent **policy of non-alignment**.
- However, **India-Soviet bonhomie** started with the **Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru's visit to the USSR** in June 1955 which was followed by the **Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's** visit to India in **December 1955**.



- USSR Premier Nikita Khrushchev's visit to India this was also the time when India adapted Soviet-style state planning and a '**socialistic pattern of society**'.
- In this era, the USSR used instruments of aid, trade and diplomacy in developing countries to limit Western influence.
- Subsequently, India-Soviet relations flourished over the decades in the fields of metallurgy, defence, energy and trade sectors.
- The India-Soviet Treaty of Peace, Friendship and Cooperation** was signed by the two sides in 1971.
- This was a **landmark moment** in the relationship between the two countries. It provided immediate consultation in case of military action against parties to the Treaty.
- During **the India-Pakistan war in 1971**, the USSR took a firm position in favour of India and sent ships to the Indian Ocean to counter any move by the USA, which had already sent its 7th Fleet into the **Bay of Bengal**.
- The results of the 1971 **India-Pakistan war** and emergence of Bangladesh established a trusted partnership between India and the USSR.

India-Russian Relations (1991-present)

- With the fall of the **USSR in 1991**, bilateral relations between a **new Russia** and **India** went through a period of uncertainty.
- The Treaty of 1971** became ineffective as the **Soviet regime** no longer existed. Russia was also pressed to shift its focus towards domestic affairs and its relations with the USA and Europe.
- India now had to deal with a Russia which did not have an interest or the resources for developing its ties with other nations like India.
- During his visit to **New Delhi** in 1993, the **Russian President Boris Yeltsin** signed a **new Treaty of Friendship** which was an effort to rekindle the spirit in which the **1971 Treaty** was signed.

- However, the fundamental **character of the Treaty** was transformed as the new Treaty just called for regular consultation and coordination in case of any threat to peace.
- Unlike in the **Soviet era**, **Yeltsin** described India as a '**natural partner**' but he did not give the impression of a '**special relationship**'.
- Though the relationship continued between the two countries in the early 1990s, the '**benign neglect**' of India by Russia in this period was evident.
- The new Russian leadership under **Vladimir Putin** (President, 2000–present) reversed the **Yeltsin-era drift** in India- Russia bilateral relations.
- Russia signed the **Declaration on Strategic Partnership** with India in 2000 and established the institution of annual summit meetings.
- Its declaration was further elevated to the level of "**Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership**" in 2010.
- **Moscow** realized that as a Eurasian power, an active Russian role in an emerging Asia would be limited without a solid partnership with old friends like India.

India-Soviet Treaty of Peace Friendship and Cooperation 1971

- **India-Soviet Treaty of Peace, Friendship and co-operation, 9 August 1971.**
- Desirous of expanding and consolidating the existing relations of friendship between them.
- Believing that the further **development of friendship and cooperation** meets the basic national interests of **lasting peace in Asia and the world**.
- Determined to promote the consolidation of **universal peace and security** and to make steadfast efforts for the relaxation of international tensions and the final eliminations of the remnants of colonialism,



- Upholding their firm faith in the **principles of peaceful coexistence and co-operation** between states with different **political and social systems**.
- Convinced that in the world today international problems can only be solved by co-operation and not by conflict.
- Reaffirming their determination to abide by the purposes and principles of the **United Nations Charter**.

Deal for S-400 Air Defence System

- **India and Russia** have formally inked the **\$ 5.2 billion deal for S-400 system** in the **year 2018**.
- The air defence system is expected to be delivered by the year 2020.
- **400 Triumf** is an advanced surface- to-air missile system, developed by Russia's state-owned company **Almaz-Antey**, and can shoot down hostile aircraft and ballistic missiles.
- It has an estimated range of 250 kilometres and a possible upgrade is speculated to extend it to 400 kilometres.

Areas of Cooperation

- Currently, **India** is the **largest importer of Russian** defence equipment.
- **The defence facet of the relationship** is one of the **strongest pillars of the India-Russia relationship** and has gone through the test of time.
- The defence cooperation has evolved from the **traditional buyer-seller** one to that of joint production and development.
- **Russia** is also the only country that lays emphasis on **sharing high-end defence technology with India** which highlights the mutual trust between the two countries.
- India, Russia and other neighbouring countries are engaged in efforts to operationalise the **International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC)** which promises to propel connectivity and trade relations between the two countries.

In an important new step to integrate our economies:

- India and the Eurasian Economic Union have agreed to begin negotiations on a **Free Trade Agreement**.
- The two countries have also agreed to undertake **joint projects in third countries**. This includes the prospects of a **joint nuclear power project in Bangladesh** and joint oil and gas exploration in Vietnam.
- India and Russia deeply cooperate in a diverse set of areas which includes nuclear energy, trade, oil and gas, space program, science and technology, at the **UN, BRICS, SCO** and other **international fora**.
- The two countries share common ground on critical global challenges such as terrorism, cybersecurity, climate change, preventing the weaponisation of outer space and prevention of weapons of mass destruction.
- Russia also supports **India's permanent membership of the United Nations Security Council**.
- It also has remained a strong supporter of India in the **Kashmir issue** which is of India's core interest.

India-European Union Relations



- The **period of colonialism** ushered in a time of intense contact between India and Europe.
- Even people belonging to non- colonial European nations came to India to “**work among the masses**” or to study Indian culture, and their contributions to social development, education and healthcare in India are significant.
- There was not only an exchange of ideas and technology, but the **culture** and **ethos** of both these entities were mutually influenced, notwithstanding the fact that this was a **period of economic exploitation of the colonised by the colonisers**.
- One of the things that permeated the Indian ethos was a sense of nationhood, which soon, by the **early 20th century**, led to an overwhelming desire and movement for independence.

Post-Independence (1947-Current)

- By the **end of World War II**, the **European powers** were no longer in a position to continue to stay in control of the **Indian sub-continent** and so withdrew, leaving colonial India as two nations, divided on the basis of religion.
- After Independence in 1947, India continued to be closely involved with Europe, primarily with the UK, as part of the **Commonwealth of Nations**.
- India's relations with the rest of Europe were hued by **the Cold War**.
- India espoused a **Non-Aligned stance** which was viewed with distrust and her closeness to the Soviet Union after the war with **China in 1962** led to a further schism.
- **Engagement in trade**, technology, education did exist but were in low key till **India instituted liberalization in 1991**.
- In 1994, the **India -EU Cooperation Agreement** was signed which made India one of the first countries in the world to engage with the **EU** as an entity.
- In 2004 the **EU-India Strategic Partnership** was concluded.
- However, the attempts since 2007 to arrive at a free trade agreement have been deadlocked since 2013.
- The EU was India's largest trading partner in 2018-19 with USD 104.3 billion in bilateral trade, but **BREXIT** might impact that going forward.

- Another issue in the EU-India relationship which the **Common Agenda on Migration and Mobility** seeks to address is preventing illegal migration and streamlining mobility for citizens.
- **The EU and India** have some common interests other than trade – preventing climate change, maintenance of the **Iran nuclear deal**, increased cooperation in **education** and **technology** including **nuclear energy**.
- **The EU model of federal democratic government** with devolved state power should be of interest to India who has to deal with a federal structure and a multicultural society too.

BREXIT (Britain's Exit)

- After months of negotiation, the UK and EU agreed a Brexit deal at Brussels summit.

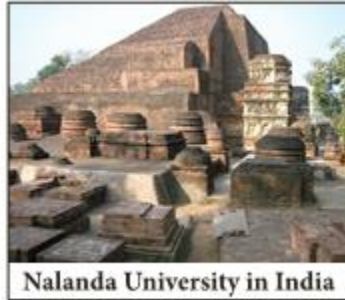
What is Brexit?

- Brexit is a term used to denote **Britain's Exit**.
- Brexit is the withdrawal of **the United Kingdom (UK)** from **the European Union (EU)**, following a referendum held on 23 June 2016 in which 51.9 per cent of those voting supported leaving the EU.
- The **invocation of Article 50 of the Lisbon Treaty** set a two-year process which was due to conclude with the UK's exit on 29 March 2019.
- On 21 March 2019 the European Council agreed to the UK's request to extend the deadline and extended it to 12 April 2019.

India-Japan Relations



History



- The relations between India and Japan can be traced back to the 6th century when **Buddhism** reached **Japan**.
- Historical records indicate that scholars from Japan visited **Nalanda University** in India and one of the most famous travellers was **Tenjiku** Tokubei.
- **Tenjiku**, is the Japanese name for India, meaning “**the heavenly abode**”.
- The earliest political exchange was established between **Japan** and the **Portuguese colonies** in **India**, particularly **Goa**.



Swami
Vivekananda



Rabindranath
Tagore



JRD Tata



Netaji Subhash
Chandra Bose

- In contemporary times, among prominent Indians associated with **Japan** are **Swami Vivekananda**, **Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore**, **JRD Tata**, **Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose** and **Judge Radha Binod Pal**.
- The **Japan- India Association** was set up in **1903**, post which the direct political exchanges began in the **Meiji era (1868-1912)**.
- Since then, the two countries have exchanged cultural, social, economic and political ties.
- Post Indian Independence The diplomatic relations between the two countries began with the signing of **Japan's Peace Treaty** with India in **1952**, after the **end of World War II**.
- India was one of the first countries to extend diplomatic ties, with the invitation to **the Asian Games held in New Delhi in 1951**.
- The relations were further strengthened by the mutual visits of Japanese **Prime Minister Nobuke Kishi** and **Jawaharlal Nehru**.
- India became the first receipt of Japan's yen loan and gradually emerged as **India's largest aid donor**.
- Many Indian political and economic thinkers praised Japanese economic rebuilding after the war as a success that India could emulate.



Non-Alignment Policy.

- The relations between the two countries suffered a setback during the cold war years, as Japan aligned with the United States while India chose to adhere to Non-alignment policy.
- Further, the relations were hampered when Japan took a neutral stand during the **Sino-Indian border war of 1962**.
- While **Japan's economic engagements with East and South-East Asian nations** deepened during the 1970s and 1980s, India was left outside the gamut of the definitions of Asia.
- Japan also regarded nuclear tests by India as a threat to its **Non-Proliferation objective**.
- The relations started to improve with the visit of Prime Minister **Yoshiro Mori** to India in 2000.



- The bilateral ties headed toward a new direction - "**global partnership**", defending and spreading the value of democracy and freedom.
- A strong institutional dialogue mechanism, held regularly, has been established between the two countries.
- There is **Foreign Office Consultation** at the level of **Foreign Secretary/Vice Foreign Minister** as well as a **2+2 Dialogue** at the level of **Foreign and Defence Secretaries**. Similarly, there are dialogue mechanisms in diverse fields such as economy, commerce, financial services, health, road transport, shipping, education etc. to name a few sectors.

Economic Relations

- **Sony, Yamaha, Honda and Toyota** have become household names in India, with the setting up of their manufacturing facilities in the country.

- **Suzuki's partnership** with the Indian automobile company - **Maruti Suzuki** is one of the largest car manufacturers.
- **Japan's support for India's efforts** in economic development, in priority areas like power, transportation, environmental projects and projects related to basic human needs have been significant.
- Prime Minister **Yoshiro Mori's visit to India in August 2000** provided the momentum to strengthen the Japan-India relationship.
- **Mr. Mori and Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee** decided the establishment of "**Global Partnership between Japan and India**".
- Since **Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi's visit to India in April 2005**, Japan-India annual summit meetings have been held in respective capitals.
- When **Prime Minister Manmohan Singh** visited Japan in December 2006, Japan-India relationship was elevated to the "**Global and Strategic Partnership**".

Security Cooperation

- During **Prime Minister Singh's visit to Japan in October 2008**, two leaders issued "**the Joint Declaration on Security Cooperation between Japan and India**".
- Japan signed the Declaration on Security Cooperation with India in October 2008, only the third country with which to have such a security relationship after the **USA and Australia**.
- This event sent a positive message to the world community that Japan and India were keen on strengthening their bilateral ties beyond cheque book diplomacy.
- **The rise of China** also serves as a significant reason for the realignment of partnerships in the region.
- **India's inclusion in security discourses in Japan** is now more prominent than ever.
- Besides increasing the number of bilateral visits by the top defence and military officials as a part of their '**strategic and global partnership**', both are engaged in initiatives on maritime security, counter terrorism, counter-proliferation, disaster management and energy security.
- In September 2014, **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** paid an official visit to Japan and had a summit meeting with **Prime Minister Shinzo Abe**.
- They agreed that Japan-India relationship was upgraded to "**Special Strategic and Global Partnership**."
- In December 2015, Prime Minister Abe paid an official visit to India and had a summit meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- The two Prime Ministers resolved to transform the Japan-India Special Strategic and **Global Partnership** into a deep, broad- based and action-oriented partnership, which reflects a broad convergence of their long- term political, economic and strategic goals.

New era in Japan-India relations

- They announced “**Japan and India Vision 2025 Special Strategic and Global Partnership Working Together for Peace and Prosperity of the Indo-Pacific Region and the World**” a joint statement that would serve as a guide for the “new era in Japan-India relations.”
- In November 2016, **Prime Minister Modi** paid an **official visit to Japan** and had a summit meeting with **Prime Minister Abe**.
- Prime Minister Abe stated that this summit meeting was magnificent that substantially advanced the “**new era in Japan-India relations**,” and he hoped the two countries would lead the prosperity and stability of the Indo-Pacific region as a result of coordinating the “**Free and Open India and Pacific Strategy**” and the “**Act East**” policy.
- Japan expects India for improving the business environment, including the easing of regulations and the stabilization of the system.
- India established the “**Japan Plus**” office in the **Ministry of Commerce and Industry** in October 2014 as a “**one-stop**” location for resolving problems faced by Japanese companies.
- Japan and India agreed to set up 11 candidates of Japanese industrial townships around **DMIC** and **CBIC** areas in April 2015.

The Shinkansen System

- Prime Minister Abe requested India’s early decision on introducing special incentive packages in **Japanese industrial townships** in **December 2015** and **November 2016**. India decided to introduce the Shinkansen system in December 2015, when Prime Minister Abe visited India.
- **The Japan’s Shinkansen system** is the highest class of **High-Speed Railway systems** around the world in terms of its safety and accuracy.
- **Japan and India** confirmed that the **general consultant** would start its work in **December 2016** with the **construction work** to begin in 2018, and the **railway operation** would commence in 2023.
- India has been the largest recipient of **Japanese ODA loan** in the past decades.
- **Delhi Metro** is one of the most successful examples of **Japanese cooperation** through the **utilization of ODA**.
- The **India-Japan bilateral trade** reached US\$ 15.71 billion in 2018.
- Exports from Japan to India during this period were US\$ 10.97 billion and imports were US\$ 4.74 billion.

Exports and Imports with Japan

- **India’s primary exports to Japan** have been petroleum products, chemicals, elements, compounds, non-metallic mineral ware, fish and fish preparations, metalliferous ores and scrap, clothing and accessories, iron and steel products, textile yarn, fabrics and machinery etc.
- **India’s primary imports from Japan** are machinery, transport equipment, iron and steel, electronic goods, organic chemicals, machine tools, etc.
- More than 1000 Japanese companies are registered in India.

- **Japanese FDI** into India has mainly been in automobile, electrical equipment, telecommunications, chemical and pharmaceutical sectors.
- In terms of human resource development in the manufacturing sector in India, Japan announced its cooperation of training 30,000 Indian people over next 10 years in the **Japan-India Institute for Manufacturing (JIM)**, providing Japanese style manufacturing skills and practices, in an effort to enhance India's manufacturing industry base and contribute to "**Make in India**" and "**Skill India**" Initiatives.
- JIM and the **Japanese Endowed Courses (JEC)** in engineering colleges will be designated by Japanese companies in India, and this is a good example of cooperation between the public and private sectors.
- In summer 2017, the first four **JIMs** started in the **States of Gujarat, Karnataka, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu**, and the **first JEC** was established in the **State of Andhra Pradesh**.
- Since then, four more **JIMs** and one **JEC** have started.
- Those institutes are also expected to give more Indian students the ambition to study the **Japanese language**.

Bilateral Treaties and Agreements

- Treaty of Peace (1952)
- Agreement for Air Service (1956)
- Cultural Agreement (1957)
- Agreement of Commerce (1958)
- Convention for the Avoidance of Double Taxation (1960)
- Agreement on Cooperation in the field of Science and Technology (1985)
- Japan-India Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (2011)
- Agreements between Japan and the Republic of India on Social Security (2012) and (2016)
- Agreements between the Government of Japan and the Government of the Republic of India Concerning the Transfer of Defence Equipment and Technology (2015) and on Classified Military Information (2015)
- Agreements between the Government of Japan and the Government of the Republic of India for Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy

Cultural Relations

- The year 2012 marked the **60th anniversary** of the establishment of **diplomatic relations** between **Japan and India**.
- Various cultural events took place both in Japan and in India to promote mutual understanding between the two countries, under the theme of "**Resurgent Japan, Vibrant India: New Perspectives, New Exchanges.**"

- During the visit of our **Prime Minister to Japan in November 2016**, the two Prime Ministers agreed to mark the year **2017 as the Year of Japan-India Friendly Exchanges** to further enhance people-to-people exchanges between Japan and India.
- The year 2017 also marks the **60th anniversary** since the Cultural Agreement came into force in 1957.
- Various commemoration events took place in both countries.

India-Africa Relations



Introduction

- **Asia and Africa** are home to some of the **most ancient civilizations in the world**.
- They have enjoyed significant trade, cultural, economic, and political exchanges for over a millennium.
- Trade included items such as carved beads, cotton, and terracotta for soft carved ivory and gold.
- The earliest known **exchanges** are that of **food crops** and **domestic livestock** which date back to the **second millennium BCE**.
- The first-ever written account of such a trade relationship was that of a 10th century **Byzantine logbook** that came to be known as the '**Periplus of the Erythraean Sea**' or a guidebook to trade along the **Red Sea**.
- In the following centuries, the interests of both entities have expanded and diversified.

Post-War Era

- As we know, the **Indian independence** was declared in the year **1947**.
- It is notable however that most **African countries** were very intent on seceding from the **influence of Europe**.
- **Liberia** is the **first African country** to have gained its independence in 1857 from the USA.
- While in 1909, **South Africa** was able to cut ties with **the United Kingdom** only to fall to the internal **caucasian rule** and **Apartheid**.
- The last African country to have liberated itself from its colonial masters is **Djibouti from France in 1977**.

- **A final territory- The Sahrawi Republic** still lies in the hands of Spain and Morocco, despite its declaration of Independence in the same year.
- Ever since India declared independence, it had raised its voice for **African liberation** representing their case at multiple international forums.
- The end of racial struggle and decolonization became the rallying point of India–Africa relations.

NAM and Africa

- **The Non-Aligned Movement** was conceptualized as a response to the formation of power-blocs in the USA and the USSR during the cold war.
- In order to prevent a third world war, the newly decolonized countries of **Africa, Asia, and Latin America** declared neutrality.
- A key role was played in this process by the then **Heads of African State of Egypt and Ghana** along with **India, Indonesia and Yugoslavia**.
- NAM was also started as an **anti- colonial alliance** to prevent the regression of its countries to war resource hosts.
- **Africa** being the **nest of colonies**, began resistance movements against the colonial forces with resounding successes.
- In the years it took to dismantle the **systemic racism and slavery** in the continent, **Dr Nkrumah** along with the other founders of NAM declared that **Africa** shall always be the **first to fight racial discrimination** and maintain the principles of Non-Alignment.
- **The post-Nehruvian India** in the **1970s** carried forward the **anti- imperialistic** and **anti-racial worldview**.

Indian Diaspora in Africa

- Diaspora refers to people of a specific ethnic background establishing a community far away from their native lands.
- Several centuries of shared colonial history between **India and Africa** have brought them closer.
- **The Britishers shipped many Indian labourers** to the **Afro- Carribean islands** to produce sugar, rubber, and other cash crops.
- An estimate of 769,437 Indians migrated to **Mauritius, South Africa, Reunion Island, Seychelles, and East African** region during the colonial period.
- Currently, **Durban in South Africa** is home to 1.3 million Indians.
- It is the largest Indian city outside India, followed by **Mauritius and the Reunion Islands**.

Current Scenario

India-Africa Forum Summit:

- **The India-Africa Forum Summit (IAFS)** held once in three years since 2008 is the official platform for India's relation with the **African states**.
- The issues of cooperation within the scope of IAFS are agriculture; trade; industry and investment; peace and security; promotion of good governance and civil society; and information and communication technology.
- In the last few years, the **degree of India- Africa engagement** has risen dramatically.
- As a rapidly growing economy, India's need for energy resources has added a new dimension to its ties with Africa.
- Moreover, the scope for bilateral security ties has increased as most African nations consider the USA to be purely militarized and China as a major mercantile power.
- Both **India and Africa** have expressed a commitment to reducing trade barriers and transferring skills to the youth, while also encouraging student scholarships and bridging the digital divide.
- One of the **largest cultural exports from India to Africa is Indian cinema**.
- Countries like **Nigeria** are a thriving market for Indian films despite the scarce population of Indians in these countries.

Asia-Africa Growth Corridor:

- The **Asia-Africa Growth Corridor (AAGC)** is an India-Japan economic cooperation agreement aimed at the socio-economic development of Asia and Africa.
- The vision document for AAGC was released by India in the 2017 **African Development Bank meeting**.
- The aim of the AAGC is to develop infrastructure and digital connectivity in Africa through India-Japan collaboration.
- It is viewed as an India-Japanese response to **China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)**.
- The four pillars of this AAGC are:
 1. Enhancing capacity and skills.
 2. Quality Infrastructure and Institutional Connectivity.
 3. Development and Cooperation Projects.
 4. People-to-People partnership.

India-Latin America and Caribbean Relations



Background

- The relationship between **India** and **Latin America and Caribbean (LAC)** has long been “**Out of sight; Out of Mind**”.
- The geographical distance between them meant that there wasn't a strategic compulsion nor economic rationale to proactively build ties.
- Yet, the Latin America and Caribbean nations and India maintained a history of warm friendship.
- Latin America and Caribbean nations share the spirit of anti-colonialism with India though many of them had gained independence almost a century before (19th century)
- India became free.
- Societies in **Latin America** and **Caribbean** also have an ancient and rich civilizational value like India and other parts of **Asia and Africa**.
- One could hence draw similarities in some cultural practices between India and the Latin America and Caribbean region.
- Latin America and Caribbean countries such as **Suriname and Guyana** have a sizeable **population of Indian origin** who were shipped by **the colonial powers** as slaves centuries ago.
- This forms the basis of India's ties with Latin America and Caribbean.

Post-Independence

1947-1991:

- **After India's independence**, its engagement with Latin America and Caribbean was limited to cooperation in the **United Nations General Assembly** over several international issues and in the NAM.
- State visits from India have also been negligible in this period with **Nehru's visit** to Mexico in 1961 and **Indira Gandhi's visit** to 8 Latin American and Caribbean nations in 1968.
- In this period, the **Latin American and Caribbean states** were also suffering from **dictatorship regimes** and they became a **theatre for the cold war**.
- On the other hand, as a **socialistic economy** up to 1991, India did not develop economic ties with Latin America and Caribbean.
- These factors and the geographical distance between India and Latin America and Caribbean reduced the scope for India to deepen its bond with the far-flung continent.

1991-Present:

- The political transformation of Latin America and Caribbean from the rule of dictators to a democratic process began to take place in the 1980s and early 1990s.
- With the **emergence of democracies in the region**, their focus shifted to economic fundamentals, regional integration and equitable development.

- With India's economic reforms and the **fall of the Soviet Union in 1991**, the necessity to strengthen the economic ties with Latin America and Caribbean became more prominent than ever before.
- From a negligible few million **USD worth of trade** with **Latin America** and **Caribbean** in the early **1990s**, India has over **USD 30 billion worth of trade** as of **2017- 18**.
- Several companies from the Indian IT industry; pharmaceuticals; oil and gas have invested in Latin America and Caribbean.
- This has contributed to the growth in trade over the years.
- **India** and **Brazil** are the two components of **BRICS** which was formed in **2006**.
- This getting together of **Brazil- Russia-India-China and South Africa (BRICS)** has provided a platform for India to actively engage with Latin America and Caribbean.
- The grouping of these emerging nations of the world facilitates greater economic and cultural exchange between India and Latin America and Caribbean.
- The **2014 BRICS summit in Brazil** enabled the Indian Prime Minister to hold meetings with other Latin America and Caribbean leaders on the sidelines.
- With a population of about 620 million and a **resource-rich land**, Latin America and Caribbean presents itself as a great opportunity for India to expand its global footprint.
- With the advancement of technology and transport mechanisms, the geographical distance can be narrowed to facilitate deeper engagement.
- History of friendly relations between Latin America and Caribbean and India also provides a foundation for enhanced cooperation in the 21st century.

India and Regional Organisations

SAARC (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation)



- SAARC was established on **8 December 1985** with the signing of the **SAARC Charter** in **Dhaka** to promote economic cooperation and development, the welfare of the people and for the close cultural and historical links among **the South Asian Countries**.

SAARC comprises of eight Member States:

- Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.
- **The Secretariat of the Association** was set up in **Kathmandu** on 17 January 1987.
- **The objectives of the Association** are outlined in the SAARC

Charter and the main area of focus includes:

- To promote the welfare of the **peoples of South Asia** and to improve their quality of life.
- To accelerate **economic growth, social progress and cultural development** in the region and to provide all individuals with the opportunity to live in dignity and to realize their full potentials.
- To **promote and strengthen** collective self-reliance among the countries of South Asia.
- To **contribute to mutual trust**, understanding and appreciation of one another's problems.
- To promote **active collaboration and mutual assistance** in the economic, social, cultural, technical and scientific fields; to strengthen cooperation with other developing countries.
- To **strengthen cooperation among themselves** in international forums on matters of common interests.
- To **cooperate with international and regional organizations** with similar aims and purposes.
- On the organisational structure, The SAARC has a **four-tier institutional set-up**, which includes the Summits comprising of the Heads of all the South Asian States and they **meet once in every two years**;



- The Council of Ministers comprises of the Ministers of Foreign / External Affairs of the Member States; **the Standing Committee** comprises of the Foreign Secretaries of the SAARC Member States and the Technical Committees comprising representatives of Member States are responsible for the implementation, coordination and monitoring of the programmes in their respective areas of cooperation.
- Until now nearly **eighteen summits** have been hosted by the member states.

Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (QUAD)

- It is an informal mechanism between India, the **US, Australia and Japan**, and interpreted as a joint effort to counter **China's influence** in the **India-Pacific region**.
- The idea of the **QUAD** could be originally attributed to **Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe**.
- It got **operationalized** in **2007** and was **revived** in **2017**.
- The SAARC member countries taking the growing economy scenario in South Asia have formed the **South Asian Free Trade Area (SAFTA)**.
- The agreement came into force in 2006, succeeding the 1993 **SAARC Preferential Trading Arrangement**.
- One of the main aims of the SAFTA is to recognize the need for special and differential treatment of developing countries in South Asia and formulate policies that would support the growth of the entire region.

ASEAN

- **ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations)** was established on 8 August 1967 in Bangkok, Thailand, with the signing of the ASEAN declaration or popularly known as **the Bangkok declaration** by the founding fathers of ASEAN, namely Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand.
- Since the establishment of ASEAN, other **Southeast Asian nations** who were not part of the organisation initially have also joined, which includes **Brunei Darussalam** joining on 7 January 1984, **Vietnam** on 28 July 1995, **Laos** and **Myanmar** on 23 July 1997, and **Cambodia** on 30 April 1999.
- ASEAN has around ten primary Member States and it has been the only official organization that pursued regional economic integration in East Asia.
- It is responsible for several economic integration initiatives in East Asia including
 1. **the ASEAN Free Trade Agreement (AFTA),**
 2. **the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services (AFAS) and**
 3. **the ASEAN Investment Area (AIA).**
- Although India's association with Southeast Asian Countries has been for centuries, its recent initiative towards engaging Southeast Asia started in the early '90s.
- **India's new growth story** in the '90s made India take interests on its new initiative **"Look- East policy"** and began reviving its economic relations with Southeast Asia.
- Meanwhile, having been for years influenced by China and other western partners, ASEAN too realized the importance of **India** as the **third- largest economy in Asia** and an **emerging regional power**.
- This understanding led to the acceptance of **India** as **ASEAN's sectoral partner** in early 1992 and its **full dialogue partner** in July 1996.
- The Look East Policy over the years has matured into an action- oriented programme, namely **'Act East Policy'**.

- **The Prime Minister of India** at the **12th ASEAN India Summit** and the **9th East Asia Summit** held in **Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar**, in **November 2014**, formally enunciated the Act East Policy.
- India's relationship with ASEAN is one of the key pillars of India's foreign policy and the foundation of Act East Policy.
- Important initiatives of India – ASEAN relations include Political-Security Cooperation; Economic Cooperation; Socio- Cultural Cooperation and Connectivity. In addition, financial aid schemes have also been established for socio-economic development.

Asia Reassurance Initiative Act (ARIA)

- It aims to establish a multifaceted USA strategy to increase USA security, economic interests, and values in the **Indo-Pacific region**.
- **The new law mandates actions** countering **China's illegal construction** and **militarization of artificial features** in the South China Sea and coercive economic practices.
- **ARIA** recognizes the vital role of the strategic partnership between the USA and India in promoting peace and security in the **Indo-Pacific region** and it calls for strengthening diplomatic, economic, and security ties between both the countries.
- It allocates a budget of \$1.5 billion over a five year period to enhance cooperation with America's strategic regional allies in the region.
- USA recently renamed its strategically important Pacific Command (**PACOM**) as the USA Indo-Pacific Command, indicating that for USA government, East Asia and the Indian Ocean Region are gradually becoming a single competitive space and India is a key partner in its strategic planning.
- USA launched Indo-Pacific Business Forum as an economic pillar for country's Indo-Pacific Strategy.

BRICS



- The acronym, **BRICS** stands for (**Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa**) and was coined by **Jim O'Neill of Goldman Sachs** in 2001 as part of an economic modelling exercise to forecast global economic trends over the next half-century.
- He predicted that by the year 2050, Brazil, Russia, India and China would become bigger than the six most industrialized nations in dollar terms and would completely change the power dynamics of the last 300 years.
- **BRICS** works on the benefit it gains from its collective strength and deals with wide range of political and economic issues of mutual interest as well as topical global issues, such as **Sustainable Development Goals**, international terrorism, climate change, food and energy security, reform of global governance institutions, trade and tax, health, traditional medicines, labour, disaster management, anti-corruption, information and communication technology, customs cooperation, industries, etc.
- In addition, **BRICS countries** also cooperate in People-to-People format on culture, sports, youth, cinema, academics, tourism, skill development, science, technology and innovation, etc.



- One of the major achievements of BRICS is the establishment of the **New Development Bank (NDB)** which has come into existence on 7 July 2015, with the vision of mobilizing resources for infrastructure and sustainable development projects in BRICS and other emerging **economies and developing countries**.
- The **NDB** helps the member countries to raise and avail resources for their infrastructure and sustainable development projects.
- **Contingent Reserve Arrangement** is another BRICS initiative that acts as a financial safety instrument for BRICS countries in the event of a financial crisis.

Indian Diaspora

- Diaspora refers to the **movement of the population** from its original homeland meaning a country's native people move out to some other homeland or country.
- A group of people with the **same culture or belonging** to the same country might **vacate their original homeland and relocate** in some other country or homeland due to several reasons such as economy, livelihood, political situations and other social conditions.
- Sometimes people are even chosen to leave their homelands and settle elsewhere.
- Such movement or relocation of the population can be either voluntary or forced due to **traumatic events, wars, colonialization, slavery or from natural disasters**.
- Feeling of persecution, loss and yearning to go back home is common amongst the people of the forced diaspora.
- Voluntary diaspora consists of a community of people who have left their homelands in order to search for better economic opportunities, for example, the gigantic emigration of people from depressed regions of **Europe to the United States** during the late 1800s.
- Unlike the forced diaspora, people from voluntary diaspora take immense pride in their shared experience and are convinced of the strength in numbers both socially and politically.

- Presently, the needs and demands of a large diaspora influence government policy ranging from foreign affairs, economic development to immigration.
- Diasporas play a major role in the economic development of their homeland.
- They also act as **senders of remittances**, they **promote trade and FDI**, create and nurture entrepreneurship and help in exchange of new knowledge and skills.
- The Indian diaspora is a common term used to represent the people who have migrated from territories and states that come under the **jurisdiction of the Republic of India**.
- This diaspora is presently estimated to be over 30 million, encompassing **NRIs** (Non-Resident Indians) and **PIOs** (Persons of Indian Origin) spread all over the world.

The Indian Diaspora is categorised as:

- **NRI** – Indian citizens living abroad for an indefinite period of time for whatsoever purpose.
- **PIO** – Overseas Indians who have claimed the citizenship of another country and have settled there.
- **SPIO** – Stateless Person of Indian Origin, those citizens who do not have documents to substantiate their origination as Indian.
- The Indian government recognises the **significance of Indian Diaspora**, as it has brought economic, financial and global recognition.
- These citizens have been away from India but are striving to make India shine on the global arena.
- In the period after **India became free**, **Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru** pursued a policy of “**active dissociation**” from the Indian diaspora.
- He was concerned about the impact of connecting with and advocating for, this diaspora on the sovereignty of host countries.
- Nehru's policy left a bitter taste for generations among Indian-origin societies abroad.
- **Indian community** globally was considered as ‘one’ only on national days or other important occasions.
- It was under the **regime of Rajiv Gandhi** that there was a boost in the diaspora policy.
- He offered support at **Fiji Indian crisis in 1986**.
- Besides, having realized Indian diaspora as a strategic asset, he took administrative measures to establish the **Indian Overseas department in 1984**.
- The policy of reaching out to the Indian diaspora began during the leadership of **Atal Bihari Vajpayee**.
- During his tenure as **the Prime Minister**, the **Pravasi Bharatiya Divas** was first launched in 2003.
- It is to be celebrated on 9th of January which marks the day when **Mahatma Gandhi** returned to India from **South Africa**.
- The government planned to celebrate it annually by holding events including conferring awards on the prominent members of the Indian diaspora.

- The initiatives undertaken by the Indian government during last two decades has bolstered the role and **significance of Indian diasporic community** in the development of the country, in addition to attracting global investment, aids and technology.
- **India's diaspora has sent \$79 billion back home**, retaining its position as the world's top recipient of remittances.

Tamil Diaspora

- The Tamil Diaspora refers to the people who emigrated from their native lands in **Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Sri Lanka**.
- They are spread over fifty countries across the world in **South East Asia, Oceania, the Americas and the Caribbean, Europe, Middle East and Africa**.
- Throughout ancient history, **the Tamils** have been **seafarers** with a strong interest in exploring beyond their lands.
- The Tamils hence have a long history of overseas migration.
- The early settlement patterns could be traced to sugarcane plantations in **Mauritius, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, Suriname, Guyana, rubber estates and railways in Malaysia, coffee and tea plantations in Sri Lanka**.
- In addition to being taken as labour, there were voluntary emigrants who took up clerical, administrative and military duties.
- It is these emigrants who gradually became dominant in trade and finance in South East Asia, particularly in Myanmar, Singapore, Malaysia and South Africa.
- **The modern Tamil diaspora** accounts for around 3.5 million people who voluntarily migrated as skilled professionals to several countries across the world which includes **Singapore, the United Kingdom and the United States**.
- Singapore has a dedicated **Tamil newspaper, Tamil TV channel** and radio for the promotion of the language.
- Many Tamil diasporas across the world participate in the annual **Pravasi Bharatiya Divas festival**.
- Despite moving out of their homeland, they remain culturally engaged and contribute to the **spreading of Indian and Tamil culture** across the world.

MORE TO KNOW:

Bandung Conference

- **Bandung Conference** (Indonesia) held on **April 18-24, 1955** attended by 29 Heads of States are the immediate antecedent for the creation of **Non- Aligned Movement**.

Vivekananda House

Vivekananda House

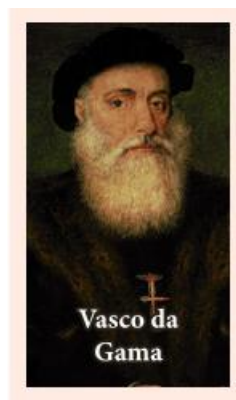


- The famous Vivekananda House on **the shores of Marina beach in Chennai**, which was once called **the Ice House**, stands as a testimony to **India-USA economic ties**.
- It was used for storing the ice that was transported from America by Tudor Ice Co., formed in 1840.
- The poet **Henry David Thoreau** who saw ice being harvested for Tudor at Walden Pond wrote in 1847 - "The sweltering inhabitants of Charleston and New Orleans, of Madras and Bombay and Calcutta, drink at my well".
- Interestingly, socio- economic relations go back much before the 1600s when the American merchants came regularly to India in search of business and profits.
- **Elihu Yale, born in Boston**, served as the President of East India company for two decades.
- **Yale University in Connecticut** is named after him.
- Some of **the earliest Indian diaspora** were the soldiers of the **British Imperial Army**, who went to **North America** to fight the **Anglo-French war**.

PL48

- Under PL480, **five agreements** were signed between **India and USA** for supply of **agricultural commodities** to India in 1954.

Vasco da Gama



- In 1498, **Portuguese sailor** Vasco da Gama succeeded in finding a **sea route to India** from Europe which opened the doors for direct trade between **Europe and India**.

List of Countries in Africa - 54

- Algeria, Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cape Verde Is, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Ivory Coast, Djibouti, DR Congo, Egypt,
- Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea- Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco,
- Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Swaziland, Tanzania,
- Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe,

List of Countries in Latin America and Caribbean - 40

- Latin America is generally understood to consist of the entire continent of South America in addition to Mexico, Central America, and the islands of the Caribbean.
- Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, French Guiana, Guadeloupe, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Martinique,
- Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, Saint Barthélemy, Saint Martin, Saint Pierre and Miquelon, Uruguay, Venezuela
- Caribbean countries Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Haiti, Jamaica, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago

The Indian diaspora

- Over Thirty-one million people of Indian birth or descent are part of the Indian diaspora spread around the world.
- Of them 3.1 million, or 10 per cent, are Indian- Americans living in the US.
- **The Indian- American diaspora** has proven to be a vital resource contributing to the economic, political and social development of India.

Status of Tamil around the world

- (1) Countries where **Tamil is an official language** are **Singapore, Sri Lanka**
- (2) Countries where **Tamil is Recognized as Minority Language** are **Canada, Malaysia, Mauritius and Seychelles, South Africa, Reunion and France**