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Q1 Assess the change in India's soft power diplomacy from the pre-covid to post-covid era. (10)

Q2 Maritime theatres are going to be significant determinant of a nation's standing in International diplomacy in the 21st century. Do you agree. Examine (10)

Q3 Various steps have been mooted, some implemented, to bring the integration and coordination between the various armed forces. Substantiate. What lacunae still remain? (10)

Q4 Recently, Indigenization had been stressed a lot to enhance the Internal security preparedness. Why? Critically examine India's progress with respect to Indigenization. (10)

Q5 Examine the role of Internet in increasing the risk of internal security and countering that challenge? Also discuss India's preparedness with regards to this. (15)

Q6 Is SAARC defunct? How should India utilise SAARC and such similar platforms to further its international interests. (15)

Q7 Why are Central Asia and Africa emerging so important for India ? Critically analyse India's response to this. (15)

Ans-1

Soft Power is a type of power in International Politics which is not about military or nuclear power. It includes art, architecture, culture, language, etc to restore the position of country.

India is famous for her Soft Power in International Politics

Change in India's soft Power diplomacy
Covid has brought huge number of charges.

1) Vaccine diplomacy is a new form of soft power in the covid situation and India has been reigning over it.

2) Vaccine Maitri is a new approach which India has devised to help other countries through transfer of vaccines, medical equipments.

- o) ~~Being~~ Hydrochloroquine drug emerged as a diplomatic tool during the covid especially when US asked India for its purchase.
- o) Culture like use of Namaste instead of handshakes and huge has been an invention of India, like Namaste Trump.
- o) Virtual organisations and dialogue post covid has also began a new form of diplomacy.

Hence with Covid Pandemic, there has been some changes in the software however structure remain the same.

Ans. 2

21st century international diplomacy is given a new shape with emerging Maritime Theatres.

-) There have been growing importance of Maritime Cooperation especially if seen in ASEAN context, IORA context.
-) The growing significance of Indo-Pacific region and the development of QUAD to emerge as the powers.
-) China's maritime 'String of Pearls' diplomacy.
-) The increasing importance of ASEAN countries and RCEP → these are the oceanic countries surrounding Indian Ocean.
-) Significance of Indian Ocean Rim Association, etc. (IORA).

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However, maritime theatres are not the only significant determinant as new emerging arenas are developing like

-) Cyber culture and growing importance of internet.
-) Trade and infrastructure of the countries.
-) Soft Power diplomacy as well.
-) Nuclear Power also an important determinant.

Hence, there may be multiple determinants for 21st International diplomacy but maritime theatres will going to be an important one.

Ans 3 India's structure of armed forces comprise of Indian Army, Indian Air Force and Indian Navy.

There have been multiple steps for its integration and coordination : -

-) Integrated Theatre Commands as highlighted by Chief Defense Staff.
-) Tools of modern warfare like assets, weapons, cyber systems to be used under unified structure
-) Creation of the Post of CDS was also to bring coordination among the three.

Lacuna that exists

-) Misdeed that Indian Army is considered superior
-) there is shortage of resources
-) lack of political will.

- 1) The post of CDS is vacant since the death of the previous CDS
- 2) Complexity of structure as to who will report to whom
- 3) India has no experience of integrated theatre command
- 4) Multiplicity of other forces as well
- 5) hostile neighbours -

Even Shettkar Committee has recommended for integration of armed forces hence there should be efforts to approach in that direction

Ans. 4

India has been moving towards the indigenization of defence to deal with the internal security of the country.

India's Progress :-

- 1) Defence Acquisition Procedure, 2020.
- 2) SRITAN Portal for this.
- 3) Draft Defence Production and export Policy 2020.
- 4) Going for indigenous manufacturing of Drones.
- 5) Submarines manufacturing → P75-I is also a step towards indigenization.
- 6) 'Make in India Programme'
- 7) Positive Indigenisation list.
- 8) launch of IDEX

Progress is slow :-

- *) Lack of Research and Development only spent <5% on defense.
- *) Lack of finances.
- *) Indigenisation requires technical expertise and skilled manpower → lacking in this.
- *) Poor Private sector Participation.
- *) Poorly formed defense equipments
- *) Reliance on Russia for imports

Indigenisation has become very important especially when India faces two hostile neighbours. Hence, there is a need to invest more and attract private sector.

Ans. 5

With India at 2nd position in the world in terms of smartphone users, Internal security faces new challenges and ways with respect to internet.

India has the world's largest digital biometric programme / database i.e. AADHAR and internet opens new doors to the security of the nation

Role of Internet in Increasing Risk |

- 1) Cyber Warfare emerging as a new threat especially threats from china during ongoing LAC clashes.
- 2) Cyber Terrorism also a risk as internet is being used by terrorists for fulfilling their agenda.
- 3) Cyber Phishing and hacking of critical infrastructure like banking,

fraud, etc.

- 1) Proliferation of Social Media and fake news → Muzaffarnagar riots of 2013 were caused because of this.
- 2) External state sponsored terrorism through money laundering, smuggling over Dark Net, etc.

Role of internet to counter the challenge

- 1) Surveillance through CCTV cameras, 24x7 vigilance is possible.
- 2) Social Media can be used to bust the propaganda of militancy or terrorism.
- 3) Information dissemination through strong networking over any doubt in emerging conflict.
- 4) Saving of critical data at one place.

*) Interoperability and Instant communication
through it.

India's Preparedness /

Steps taken by India :-

- *) National Digital Policy, 2018
- *) CERT-In for strong resilience.
- *) National Critical Information Infrastructure (NCIIIC)
- *) Cyber Swachhata Kendras
- *) Information Technology Act 2000

Way Forward :-

- *) Inclusion of emerging cyber crimes in various criminal laws.
- *) definition of new cyber related threat in ITA, 2000.
- *) strong resilient infrastructure.

Hence, internet can be used in constructive ways to strengthen the internal security of the country.

Ans: 6

SAARC which is the South Asian Association of Regional Cooperation is an Intergovernmental organisation comprising of South Asian Countries.

SAARC :- defunct ~~or not~~

•) There has been no formal meet since 2014 of SAARC members.

•) The emerging BRICS, and ~~other~~ BIMSTEC organisations have led to the diversion from SAARC.

•) Indian Prime-Minister has consecutively missed last two summits.

•) The growing India - Pakistan differences can also be viewed as a reason for its not functioning.

SAARC is not defunct

•) Recently, during covid - 19 Pandemic

SAPRC held an informal virtual meet to send pandemic related help from South Asia to other countries.

•) It has also been a prime organisation of representing the South Asia and its population.

•) Emerging other organisations like BIMSTEC which are meant for economic cooperation cannot replace the versatility of SAPRC.

However, there are opinions about its being defunct but actually cannot be said so as it can be resurrected through frequent dialogues and summits.

India's utilisation of such Platforms,

•) With India's aim to become a regional power and act as a net security provider, SAPRC can act as a relevant organisation.

- *) Considering the Growing Potential of Indian Ocean Region, platforms like SAARC, BIMSTEC can foster India to highlight its favourable leadership for the region.
- *) SAARC can also help India to ensure positive multilateral relations among South Asia and expand her trade potentials.
- *) SAARC, BRICS, BIMSTEC can help India achieve her membership of UNSC, NSG etc.

Hence, these emerging organisation can actually help India to serve her national and international efforts interests through proper linkages, dialogue and discussions.

Ans. 7

India has been exploring and building new relations with different regions especially central Asia and Africa due to the multiple significances these region hold for India.

Central Asia ^{Important} and India's response,

- 1) The recently concluded central Asian meet with India highlights India's growing interests in central Asia.
- 2) The Central Asian countries are also part of Shanghai Cooperation (SCO) which has furthered binded India with the region.
- 3) It acts as a gateway to Russia and Eastern Europe as India doesn't have direct connectivity.

o) Central Asia Region like Turkmenistan holds huge potentials of resources and minerals which is fueling India's engagement.

o) It can actually help in export diversification basket for India.

Importance
Africa and India's response

o) Africa's huge potential in the oil and gas can actually help India diversify her oil imports.

o) Africa's richness in terms of valuable minerals like Gold.

o) It's a huge potential market because of its high population.

o) South Africa is one of the fastest growing / emerging economy.

o) high Growth of real GDP

India's response in Central Asia

-) India hosted India - Central Asia Summit
-) common ideological support towards Afghanistan
-) PM Modi's historic visit
-) cooperation over 4C's
 - commerce
 - capacity
 - connectivity
 - contact

India's response in Africa

-) India Africa Forum Summit
-) Trade engagement
-) India & Japan - Asia-Africa Growth Corridor
-) India's Pan African e-network
envisaged-

Despite India's response, there is lag which needs to be strengthened by frequent engagements and dialogues as both central asia and africa holds huge importance for India.