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Pivot Asia: USA's Concern and India's Preemptive Security Priorities-A Policy Decision Analysis

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Abstract

In the contemporary dynamic global order, shrinking sovereign nation-states prioritize the economic concerns than any other sphere. The hegemonic phenomenon still persists since from the origin of organized governance hitherto in the present century at various levels in differed forms. The Multi-polar system in the aftermath of the 9/11 catastrophe and its eventual action-oriented drastic policy decisions ended with both successive trials and as well as fiasco concerned with the existing state system. Deterrence and diplomacy function together in attaining the targeted decisions. The exhaustion and exploitation of natural resources around the nations of the world made think-tanks and great minds to explore and delve deep into the unexcavated sectors of human capacity. It is startling observation here to mention that most of the human inventions in the science and technology in the modern era serves as an element of curse in the annihilation of entire human community. In global sphere China's supremacy over south china sea and as well as its progressive actions related with Maritime silk road irks America which unleashed radical policy decisions for protecting its interests at mega level. That said, the initiative of Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) and its founding members from European countries adds fuel to the fire. String of Pearl theory related with India also creates a stir upon the minds of policy makers of India and as well as USA. Albeit of odd government in China, its progressive performance in economic sector is always the cause of concern for neighbors and countries at distant. It took seven decades in the erstwhile USSR for completing the experimentation with Communist revolution. Although China is nearing the same tenure, we may not imagine the similar fate for the dragon nation. Nonetheless the deterrence effect of China's can never be underestimated. In this junction this piece of work is an endeavor is to focus upon the dynamic policy of USA in the Asian continent and as well as to

caution about the Indian security to be strengthened by aligning with USA and other similar partners.

Key words: Asia pivot, China, Hegemony, India, String of Pearl, USA

Introduction

The International order as such outlined and expressed by exponents and expertise is undergoing an anarchic phase in the 21st century. The Japanese occupation of Russia, Boer war, Europeans suzerainty, world war-I, October Revolution, Establishment of league of Nations, Wilsonian Ideal initiatives, Breaching of International organization by Japan and other countries, Mussolini's uprising, Germany under Hitler, the II world war, Failure of Axis Nations, Origin of U.N.O, Cold war between USA and erstwhile USSR, NATO, WARSAW, Korean war, Cultural revolution in China, Russian-China skirmishes, Soviet break down, Uni polar world order, Russian invasion in Afghanistan, Gulf war, demolishing of German wall, Saddam Hussein's Supremacy in west Asia, Israel-Palestine crisis, India's 2nd atomic explosions, 9/11 attack in USA, Global war against Terrorism, Obama's arrival and departure were some of the passing phases in the international history.

Background

The growing multipolarity had shaped and reshaped the entire global system in a way, in which countries in all continents emerge as silent giants. In Asia it is China and India which compete with one another to gain continental supremacy. In other continents the multipolar suzerainty remains the same at various levels. When scrutinizing further, Asia, Africa and Latin America are the continents of serious concern. Among these, contentious issues prevail in Asia, since most of the gulf countries decides and determines the normal functioning of the world states by the supply of ingredient fuel resources. As well all know that, Gulf war and Hessian's demise was because of the three-letter word "oil". But Gulf countries are not at all a major concern for European and American powers.

The gargantuan and massive development at economic and military levels by china made U.S.A to formulate the "Pivot Asia" policy. China is a major concern for USA to tackle with its military suzerainty and as well as its vast human resources China's political stability is always a serious concern, since most of the democratic countries including India, have disadvantages in terms of its political stability. This remains same in most of the Afro-Asia-Latin America countries. The

political stability with communist fabric, well knitted establishment made China to further its geo politico-economic interests in all continents. Its initiative to build Maritime Silk Road across three continents made the entire world nations to turn their holistic attention on China. China, albeit of its freedom related communist establishment wants to retain its suzerainty which it possessed in the previous centuries. It is because of the opium war the world nations assaulted its establishment at all levels, by which it bowed in front of colonial and imperialist successors. Almost all the big powers had exploited Chinese resources in vast amount in the aftermath of opium war and it is its unforgettable history.

Its claim in South China Sea as a solo champion made littoral nations like, Vietnam, Philippines, Malaysia to opt for the help of USA. Recently USA, Japan and India made trilateral agreement to have joint naval exercise to counter- attack china. Another bone of contention at international level is the clash of china and Japan in “Senkaku or Diyeyu” in which the controversy remains very close level. USA is assisting Japan at all levels of its development in the aftermath of the first atomic bomb explosion and it is a well-known fact to the world. China, as an emerging giant after being affected with colonialist and imperialistic notorious effect, also established an International Bank AIIB, in which a greater number of European and American countries registered themselves as founding members.

This itself serve as a strong evidence for proving its power, authority and influence in the international arena, as stated by Robert Dahl. Before two decades, it has bulldozed billions of packages in Afro and Latin American region in infrastructure and as well as energy resources.

That said, String of pearl theory also justify the emerging and sustaining status of Chinese hegemony in the Asian continent. Nonetheless, in almost all neighbour countries of India, its investment is alarming in infrastructure and as well as other economic sectors. Countries viz, Srilanka, Bangladesh, Nepal, Tibet, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Burma, Bhutan are all the countries in which the influence of Chinese realized by the scholars and exponents in international relations. India still is facing a potential threat in Arunachal Pradesh in North east and as well as Aksaichin in Northern India. Tibetan issue adds fuel to the fire, since Dalailama enjoys asylum in India. Among all the countries, the only country in which two governments functions is only in India which gives mutual respect and recognition for the belligerent country.

Chinese aggression in Tibet with all kind of rights violation and denial is vehemently criticized by world media and statesmen of different nations. The undemocratic nature and restricted liberty in

China gained dissatisfaction and agonized Chinese lives with no way to express their grief and discontent. The High-level security grip in social networking sites and in the Nation made nation-states to focus their concentration in “freedom sphere” of Chinese governance. Albeit of all criticism levelled against the Chinese governance and its machinery, the influence it has at international level make astonishing remarks among the superpowers. In the above said discussion, an unsecured context or phase burgeons in India, which emphasize for new thinking and diversified conglomeration with superpowers for making itself a secured nation. The recent trilateral agreement between India-Japan and U.S.A also substantiated with the above stated thesis.

Methodology

An opinion survey was conducted among the students of international politics by which the author received oral inferences regarding pivot Asia, China Supremacy, and India’s preparedness to counterbalance the potential threat. 50 students were chosen based on purposive sampling and administered with Questionnaire. Those were classified based on Gender

Result & Discussion

Gender wise classification of respondents

Male	Female	Total
25 50%	25 50%	50 100%

50% each of the gender contributed their response for different kinds of queries administered to them.

Gender	Male		Female		Total
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Awareness of Asia Pivot	3 (6%)	22 (44%)	5 (10%)	20 (40%)	50 (100%)
China’s Supremacy	2 (4%)	23 (46%)	4 (8%)	21 (42%)	50 (100%)
Awareness of String of Pearl	3 (6%)	22 (44%)	4 (8%)	21 (42%)	50 (100%)
India – Threat	3 (6%)	25 (50%)	4 (8%)	25 (50%)	50 (100%)
India as global Power	21 (42%)	4 (8%)	20 (40%)	5 (10%)	50 (100%)
China as global power	21 (42%)	25 (50%)	20 (40%)	25 (50%)	50 (100%)
Total	25 (50%)		25 (50%)		50 (100%)

For the question of awareness of “Asia Pivot” high level of awareness identified among both male and female respondents. Regarding the query of China’s supremacy over the continent a

significant percentage i.e., 88% of them accepted the suzerainty. With the regard to the question of awareness of string of pearl theory also, a significant number of respondents positively responded. With relevant to the query of India under threat, all respondents articulated the same opinion. Regarding the query of India as a global power, a significant percentage i.e., 82% of male and female respondents gave negative opinion. Regarding the query of China as a global power, invariable of gender, all respondents opined same i.e., they consider China as a global power. Although female respondents forms low in percentage comparing with male, their expression related with pertinent queries are similar.

Implication

With the discussions and interpretations and in consideration with the first part of this paper it is inferred that:

- ❖ Pivot China is an extremely absolute policy of U.S.A which pointed out the grave concern of protecting the interests of U.S.A.
- ❖ China's domestic governance and as well as external is highly observed and criticized by the world society.
- ❖ Social networking sites are highly restricted, which in many ways curtailed the individual freedom in the country.
- ❖ String of pearl theory is significant, and India's interests are to be protected for the sake of National security.
- ❖ Issues of South China Sea portray the sea supremacy of China.
- ❖ Trilateral agreement of India, U.S.A, and Japan is justified.
- ❖ Maritime Silk Road is also advantageous for china in establishing its hegemony in the Global order.
- ❖ India as a Global Power was denied by the respondents that were drawn from the survey.
- ❖ "India under threat" is a serious concern under the gamut of china's supremacy.

Conclusion

India with all its resources and capacities should counterbalance china by rapid and drastic mutual understandings and agreements with the countries in the same Asian region and as well as other corners of the world.

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