

***INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & FOREIGN POLICY: A WAY FOR
DEVELOPING INDIA***

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Abstract

Development has often been largely synonymous with economic development. More recently, writers and practitioners have begun to discuss development in the more holistic and multi-disciplinary sense of human development. Other related concepts are, competitiveness, quality of life or subjective well-being. Developing countries can use free trade to improve their production efficiency. Most nations are capable of producing some type of goods or service. However, a lack of knowledge or proper resources can make production inefficient or ineffective. Free trade allows developing countries to fill in the gaps regarding their production processes. Individual citizens may also visit foreign countries to increase education or experience in specific production or business methods. These individuals can then bring back crucial information about improving the nation's production processes. International markets can open up avenues for a new line of service or products. It can also give you an opportunity to specialize in a different area and can be the milestone for development of a nation. There are a number of ideas and ways available for development of a country. But it is also true that with the strong foreign policy and global relations, nations can build up a good amount of capital along with the infrastructure and the technical knowhow. I think this is the nearest way for the ultimate development of a county. Development has its own dimensions. I have tried to find out how much impact the global relations have on developing India. It is not easy at all; there are lots of challenges and limitations to have a day dream about developing a nation through the global relations.

Keywords

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Introduction

The growth and development of the nation depends on certain economic as well as non-economic factors. Development can be defined as making available the means of resources, improvement in the distribution of food, shelter, health, protection, jobs & opportunities. Development also means higher living, higher income, better education etc. in short; one can state that development is expansion in the range of economic and social choices available to individuals & nations. Nation's development depends upon the following factors

A) Economic Factors

- Capital Formation
- Natural resources
- Marketable surplus
- Agricultural development
- Foreign trade
- Globalization & free market economy
- Economic System

B) Non-Economic Factors

- Human resources
- Technical Know-How
- Political Freedom
- Social organization
- Corruption
- Desire to develop
- Culture
- Health care standards
- Market
- Competition

- Global relations

Growth & Development

Development and Growth are two different terms. The difference between these two will mention the orientation for the sustainable development of the nation. Development is increase in savings, income & investments along with Socio-economic structure of a country. Development is typically a growth of human capital, decrease in inequality and structural changes that improves the quality of life. Whereas Growth is increase in the real output of goods and services in the country. Growth in gradual income in GDP, consumption, government spending, investment & Net exports. For country to earn success in a long run growth & development should go hand and hand. There should be no comparison for both but it should be taken care that there is always balance between growth & development.

Major 4 factors can be critically examined to understand the growth & the development of a country.

- Political factor
- Economic factor
- Social factor
- Technological factors.

PEST analysis can give the exact idea about the development of the country along with its opportunities. Taking all the factors for discussion will not be complete so, for a study I have taken only one factor responsible for developing India along with its opportunities.

Global relation is something about which one need to talk about. All the factors responsible for development can be gained from this international relations and foreign policy. Nations can easily earn capital along with the market with international relations. It also will be helpful to

achieve the technological development and cultural exchange. For fair international relations within the countries, World organizations need to take firm steps with fair policies.

A number of factors are responsible or are the elements or the drivers of development of a nation, but after focusing only on international relations it will surely prove that this alone factor can bring about the maximum change that the country would be able to achieve with the efforts on the rest of the factors. Go global, call is really very much helpful for the underdeveloped country for the fastest growth. Global relations resulted in the following outcome

- Capital Formation
- Employment generation
- Infrastructure development
- Agricultural development
- Reduction in regional disparities
- Protection of environment.
- Poverty reduction

The Republic of India is considered one of the emerging superpowers of the world. This potential is attributed to several indicators, the primary ones being its demographic trends and a rapidly expanding economy and by GDP India became world's fastest growing economy in 2018 with 8.4% GDP rate. The country must overcome many economic, social, and political problems before it can be considered a superpower. It is also not yet as influential on the international stage when compared to many nations. India has developed relationships with the world powers like the European Union, Japan, Russia, and the United States. It also developed relationships with the African Union (particularly South Africa), the Arab World, Southeast Asia, Israel and South American nations (particularly Brazil). In order to make the environment favorable for economic growth, India is investing on its relations with China. It has significantly boosted its image among Western nations and signed a civilian nuclear deal with the United States in March 2006. It is also working for better relationships with Pakistan.

In absolute terms, the number of poor fell from 630 million to 360 million during last four years. The decrease in poverty headcount has been driven mostly by an improvement in living standards, through better availability of material goods such as cooking fuel, sanitation facilities, and household assets. More significantly, improved nutrition, has also contributed to the reduction in poverty. If poverty reduction is the main goal, trade policy cannot be a main vehicle for improving the situation of the poor. Opening up an economy to international trade increases the income of that country. Whether trade liberalization increases long-term economic growth and more open countries achieve higher growth. Market access is a core precondition for increasing exports from developing countries. Hence, Aid for Trade and many of the other efforts proposed will not be beneficial to poor countries. UNDP supports government efforts to reduce poverty and achieve sustainable development that leads to transformational change, bringing about real improvements in people's lives.

Bretton Woods Institutions - that arose after the Second World War with a focus on economic growth, alleviating poverty, and improving living conditions in previously colonized countries. International development also aims to improve general government policies of these developing countries. "State building" is the strengthening of regional institutions necessary to support long-term economic, social, and political development. Education is another important aspect of international development. Focusing only on the domestic market may expose you to increased risk from downturns in the economy, political factors, environmental events and other risk factors. It is a good example of how the focus today is on sustainable development in these countries; education gives people the skills required to keep themselves out of poverty. Developing countries can benefit from free trade by increasing their amount of or access to economic resources. Nations usually have limited economic resources. Economic resources include land, labor and capital. Land represents the natural resources found within a nations' borders. Small developing nations often have the lowest amounts of natural resources in the economic marketplace. Free trade agreements ensure small nations can obtain the economic resources needed to produce consumer goods or services. Theoretically, free trade can improve the quality of life for a nation's citizens. Nations can import goods that are not readily available

within their borders. Importing goods may be cheaper for a developing country than attempting to produce consumer goods or services within their borders. Many developing nations do not have the production processes available for converting raw materials into valuable consumer goods. For Exa : Nepal is having a lots of Natural resources which can be utilized by India for the fulfillment of day to day wants and can help Nepal in education and trade. So building International relations is going to help out India in a greater way and will be the most nearby path to achieve the development. Of course it is not the only way to development but with good international relations. The nations are very much excited for Indian continent because India has always been the good image at International platform. It never attacked the pride of any country, India has always thought of the development and success, instead of war and capitalization. India is always worked for the peace and harmony in the world and India has strong bond of relations with the whole world.

Findings

In short because of the efforts taken by our Political leaders India is on the way to development with different nations. These are the findings which explain how different nations are helping India in the development and growth.

Outcome of International visits

- Chinese companies have invested more than \$8 billion in real investment, and Indian companies have increased their investment in China by an average of 18.5% over the past three years,” the Chinese commerce ministry said in March.
- Belgian government and companies to proactively associate with India’s ambitious development projects, including Digital India, Start-Up India and Skill India. Belgian businesses can make their global supply chains more cost-effective by manufacturing in India
- Infrastructure development and real estate offer tremendous opportunities for UAE businesses in India. UAE’s power and India’s potential can make the dream of an Asian Century a reality.

- Saudi Arabia expressed its interest in investing in infrastructure development in India, especially in priority areas such as railways, roads, ports, and shipping.
- Modi became the first PM to arrive in Canada in a stand-alone bilateral visit in 42 years. Both countries signed an agreement for increase collaboration in the fields of energy efficiency, oil and gas development and renewable energy.
- PM Modi and Angela Merkel from Germany spoke in favor of educational exchanges will be encouraged along with collaborations between universities.
- Make In India, skill India, Start –up India are the key to development.
- France announced an investment of €2 billion in India and projects to develop three smart cities.
- India is looking at deeper engagement in Russia’s oil and coal sector besides stepping up cooperation in some other areas like diamond trade and agro-business. India is also likely to push for a Free Trade Agreement with the Eurasian Economic Zone.

Indian Development & International Relations

- International relations promote successful trade policies between India and other nations.
- International relations encourage travel related to business, tourism, and immigration, providing people of India with opportunities to enhance their lives.
- International relations improve financial performance of Indian Corporate sectors.
- International exchange rates can be beneficial to a business in Manufacturing sector and technology of India.
- Disposal of surplus goods is possible through the nations from India.
- Opportunity to specialize increases as there will be a world as a workplace.
- International relations allows India to cooperate with one another, pool resources, and share information as a way to face global issues that go beyond any particular country or region. International relations of India advances human culture through cultural exchanges, diplomacy and policy development.

- Countries Economically Backward but Rich in Resources may develop their Industries and opportunities like Nepal.
- The Productive Resources of the World are Utilized to the Best Advantage of the Country like India.
- Increased economic resources through each part of the world.
- Improved Quality life of all the Indian people at par.
- International relations provide a foundation for international growth.
- Domestic industries flourish more rapidly for competing with global market.
- Indian scientist has been the part of many global projects
- Free trade Agreement with Eurasia will help India more in Energy and Power sector.
- Skill development & cultural exchange is possible through the International relations.
- Remote cities and people can dream going global in India because of such international relations.

Conclusion

Development of India is the first priority of the political leaders. PEST analysis explains that the urge of the political ruling parties for the development is the first step towards development. Our Honorable Prime minister Mr. Narendra Modi is visited more than 42 nations in last 5 years. He has tried to build the international relations for trade and commerce. This laydown path is helping our nation to grow and develop. India can also use free trade agreements to improve their strength and their internal infrastructure, as well as to improve politically. This unintended benefit allows developing countries to learn how they should govern their economy and what types of government policies can best benefit their people. Developing countries with friendly neighbors may also be able to import goods more often. Importing from neighboring countries ensures a constant flow of goods that are readily available for consumption. Making the process work to benefit residents however requires a well regulated and functional government which is not common in developing nations. . Better foreign relations are usually an unintended result of free trade. Developing nations are often subject to international threats. Developing strategic free trade relations with more powerful countries can help ensure a developing nation has additional

protection from international threats. Our world is becoming increasingly interconnected. Decisions made in one country affect the lives of people in many countries. Developing India is concerned to develop our economies and state functioning, study of the interrelated fields of Political Science, International Relations and Economic Development. With the better foundation India is going to sit soon in the line of the Developed nations for sure.

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