

MODI AND THE WORLD(RE) CONSTRUCTING INDIAN FOREIGN POLICY : SINDERPAL SINGH (Ed), WORLD SCIENTIFIC SINGAPORE, PAGES 184+XXIV, ISBN 978-981-3203-85-3

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The book 'Modi And The World (Re) Constructing of Indian Foreign Policy' presented for review is an edited work by Mr Sinderpal Singh, a senior fellow at S Rajaratnam School of International Studies Nanyang Technological University Singapore. He has keen interest in foreign policy of India and also written a book entitled "India in South Asia: Domestic Identity Politics and Foreign Policy from Nehru to BJP in 2013. The person who has summarised 65 Years of the Indian Foreign Policy in a single Book, Suddenly he feel the dramatic change in the Indian Foreign Policy and accept significance of another book on the current part of Indian Foreign Policy under the Prime Ministership of Narendra Modi. I think this is very notable point to establish the importance of the background of the book "Modi and the World".

There were a sphere of time when America denied to provide Visa to Modi and this is also a time when the World's super Powers provide 'Red Carpet' for the welcoming of our prime minister Narendra Modi. This is the beauty of our democracy and glory of the personality of our prime minister. Really we are seeing a new phase of our foreign policy which have 'Realism' on the Idealistic bases, want friendship with others on equal dignity, want honor for our sovereignty and we honor to all sovereignties equally like America to Afghanistan and Bhutan to Britain. Now we have a face who face all the International and Bilateral issues with full confidence and never hesitate to express any hearting line in front of the World Leaders. The Book 'Modi and the World' is definitely success to establish Modi as reconstructor of the Indian Foreign Policy.

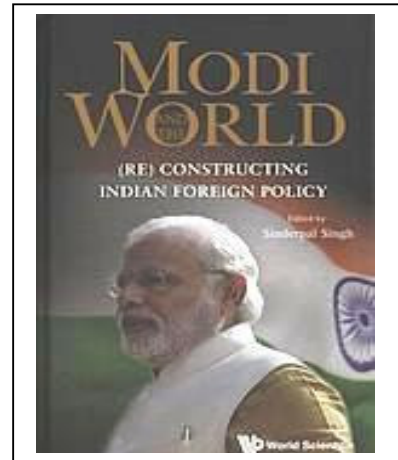
'Modi and The World' is a contributed gift to the scholars of the Foreign Policy and for all those who have interest in world affairs. In this Book there is two parts- In first part Authors engaged with bilateral issues like Indo-China, Indo-Pacific, Indo-America, Indo-Japan and most important Indo-Pak relations and issues. In second part

authors deals with thematic views like

'Neighborhood first' Foreign Economic Policy and Indian Ocean Policy. In both sections contributors have tried to check the continuity and change in the nature of Indian Foreign Policy and concluded it as 'Modi Doctrine'.

In first chapter 'Modi's China Policy –Change or Continuity ? Manjeet Pardesai success to establish the fact that there were a significance continuity in Indian approach towards China between the latest Congress led UPA government and present Modi led NDA government. Modi's government decisions to upgrade Indian 'Look East' Policy to 'Act East' Policy in east and south east Asia, He has also imposed the fact in this chapter that India can play a bigger role in the Asian region. In second chapter 'Constructing an Indo-Pacific Partnership : Modi's Engagement with Australia, David Brewster had pointed out that beside the fact that there is a continuity in Indian Foreign Policy, an important divergence under the Modi Government. This stems from the Modi Government being less encumbered by the Ideological baggages of previous governments.

Third Chapter 'Modi and America' deals with a very hot issue of the current international affairs. In this chapter Sylvia Mishra noted the certain downturns in the bilateral relations between India and America towards the end of the previous government tenure and under the Modi's leadership, India has not only successfully managed to receive the momentum in the bilateral relationship but pushed up with 'Several First' in the sphere of Defence Cooperation. The Chapter 'Embracing Japan: A work on progress' written by Anthony Yazaki highlighted the various domains in which the Modi Government has sought to infuse a significant amount of urgency in bridging the gap between expectations and delivery in Bilateral relationship.



A very crucial chapter 'The Pakistan Challenges: Modi's China Card' contributed by P S Suryanarayan, in this chapter author has tried to understand the key role of China in Indo-Pak Relations. In this chapter he has successfully delivered his experiences of the long tenure as foreign correspondent. P S suggest to Indian Government in this chapter to promote their relations with China not only for bilateral issues but because it can be a preventive actor in preventing another Indo-Pak War.

The Second part of the Book which is deals with Geo-Political Regions begins with the chapter 'Modi's Neighborhood First Initiatives' written by S D Muni. In this chapter Muni described an outline of Indias Neighborhood Policy in South Asia since 1947. Author stand himself on a very neutral stage when he delivers a mixed verdict on Modis Foreign Policy in South Asia. He had very clearly shown that a big gap between expectations and outcomes. Overall S D Muni is emerged like a neutral evaluator of the Indias Foreign Policy in this chapter.

Amitendu Palit written chapter 'Modi's Foreign Economic Policy' begins by situating Indias Foreign Economic Policy' within a broader framework. He successfully highlighted the aims of Modi's Foreign Economic Policy in four broad terms like- Make in India, Access to energy Resources, Engage the Indian Diaspora especially in extracting financial and institutional commitments and last forging a larger role for India in

Regional and Global Forums. Palit also describes the hesitations of the Investors to invest in India. In last chapter 'The Indian Ocean Policy of the Modi Government' author Rajeev Ranjan Chaturvedi had provide a sketch of the factors that render the Indian Ocean Region a vital waterway hub for trade and energy supplies. Author successfully established that Indian Ocean Region has became top priority for Indian Foreign Policy under Modi's Government. Overall the Book 'Modi and the World (Re) Constructing Indian Foreign Policy' has provide very free and fair vision to understand the nature of contemporary Indias Foreign Policy. All the authors have very neutral approach in evaluation of the outcomes of current affairs. They have successfully judge themselves as academicians. They reported the positive changes and outcomes but they are far away from any kind of biasness.

Finally, publisher World Scientific Singapore has proper right to getting hearty thank for publish the Book in very attractive package. Presentation of the Book especially pre matter content like Editors Identity, About the contributors and Acknowledgements are increasing the beauty of the Book. As a reader and like a scholar of Political Science and International Relations, I would like to see this book on my reading table, and I think this book should be a part of all libraries and all the readers who are interested in world affairs. Book is valuable for the supporters of the prime minister Modi's policies and essential for those who think Modi runs miles and miles but distance covers zero