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Pandemic - COVID-19 Challenges to India's Foreign Policy

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About the Webinar

COVID 19 Pandemic has thrown up enormous global challenges to the humanity. To quote President Trump himself, “Corona attack is like a Pearl Harbour and 9/11 moment for the US.” Infecting 50 million population and claiming 3 millions dead in 5 months time, are indications of a massive jolt to the mankind who failed to comprehend its beginning and end. Some say it is natural some others consider it a part of biological warfare waged by China. Its lethal impact can be gauged by the fact that 200 countries are envigelled by this deadly disease in a span of five months. India under PM Modi lost no time in sensing the gravity of danger and imposed a stringent lockdown which not only controlled the spread of the virus but also allowed the Govt. to prepare the health infrastructure. The main objective of this webinar is to evaluate the pros and cons of India’s Foreign Policy in the Pandemic World. It is clear that current national policy has entered into the fourth phase of historical transition since 1947. Beginning from post war non alignment of 60s to heavily weighted in favour of Soviet Block during 80s, to Globalisation post 1990s, India has provided leadership to developing countries wherever needed. However, the domestic unrest created by insecurities of religious minorities pushed our medical, administrative and police administration in such a tight spot that even Arab countries interfered to comment on India’s internal matter. Sensing the pernicious designs of China, Mr. Modi lost no time in connecting with the world players through international forums

like G-20, SAARC, WHO and NAM to invite a collaborative effort in containing the Corona crisis. PM Modi succeeded in getting the soft power of India recognised by the UN. Despite China’s collusion with WHO India has been voted to chairmanship of its executive body only a couple of days ago. Adopting itself to the changing global scenario and announcement of massive economic reforms have been some of the major breakthroughs made by the government in the wake of COVID-19. However, the moot question is how to counter the unholy alliance between China, Pakistan and Nepal in destabilizing India? How seriously can India bank upon USA to come to its rescue in creating the balance of power in Asia? How can India influence the global opinion in favour of national interest and become self-reliant in view of the 25 crores migrants severely hit by Corona Lockdown?

Sub-themes of the Webinar

- ✓ Dynamics of India’s Foreign Policy during/post COVID-19 Pandemic.
- ✓ Socio-economic-political reforms in view of Corona crisis.
- ✓ Indo-China-Pakistan-Nepal relations amidst Corona crisis.

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Valedictory Address - Prof. Sanjay Srivastava,
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