

**SESSION IV: *India's Engagement with Major Powers: US, China, and Russia.***

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**SESSION VI: *India's Foreign Policy: Opportunities and Challenges.***

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**SESSION I: *Regional Connectivity and Cooperation: SAARC, ASEAN, and Beyond.***

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**SESSION II: *India's Neighbourhood Disaster Risk Reduction Policy: Challenges and Way Forward***

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**SESSION III: *India's Foreign Policy: Retrospect, Perspective, and Prospect***

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## Major Themes

- ❖ India's neighbourhood policy: challenges and opportunities.
- ❖ Regional connectivity and cooperation: SAARC, ASEAN, and beyond.
- ❖ India's engagement with major powers: US, China, and Russia.
- ❖ Global governance and India's role in international organizations.
- ❖ Economic diplomacy and trade agreements: opportunities and challenges.

## Objectives of the Conference

- Safeguard national security while fostering stable ties with South Asia and Indian Ocean neighbours.
- Promote regional stability, connectivity in extended neighbourhood (IOR, Central Asia, SE Asia, Africa) through "Act East," SAGAR, BIMSTEC.
- Leverage economic diplomacy (trade, investment, tech, energy) to advance priorities regionally.
- Navigate global shifts (rivalries, mini-laterals like Quad/SCO/BRICS/G20), contribute to Global South on climate/peace/governance, enhance people-to-people/soft power, and recommend 2030 policy recalibration.

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Participants are invited to submit abstracts and full papers related to the conference themes. Selected papers will be given an opportunity to present during the paper presentation session.

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- Only original and unpublished work is sought.
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- Abstract and full paper should be in soft copy (word doc only).
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Students, Research Scholars, Faculty Members, Trade partners, Business People and Entrepreneurs

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