

S No: “Challenges to Pakistan's Foreign Policy in 2024”

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Outline

I- Introduction: Pakistan has neither a dovish foreign policy nor hawkish; it has always been a reactive foreign policy. This approach has given birth to a multitude of challenges out and out. However, a proactive policy is requirement of contemporary discord.

II- Pakistan's foreign policy- a historical overview

III- Foreign policy of Pakistan - contemporary manifestations:

- a) Reiteration by the stakeholders to refrain from camp politics
 - Adherence to National Security Policy (NSP) by civil-military leadership.
- b) Continuation of eastward policies with neighbouring states
 - Open for dialogues to overcome callous attitude on both sides of border.
- c) Overhauling stance on humanitarian crisis - Kashmir and Palestine issue
 - Consistent and persistent advocacy on multilateral platforms

IV- Challenges met by Pakistan's foreign policy in 2024:

- a) Anarchy in international arena leaves Pakistan with a myopic view to strive for leaves and fishes
 - Continuous struggle for self-help and survival lies in national interests.
- b) Problem of approbation by global powers in aligning policies as per their vested interests
 - Pakistan faces serious hurdles in establishing an independent foreign policy.
- c) Delimitation attempts by India and continuous fraught attempts hampering potential rapport
 - The onus of cordial relations lies on India as a major power in sub-continent.
- d) Continuous efforts baying at the moon in establishing harmonious relations with Western border
 - Afghanistan's futile claims on de-jure border of Pakistan and lack of lucrative efforts to curtail terrorism serve as a hurdle in bilateral ties.
- e) Ripple effect of extra-regional wars in face of imported inflation
 - Exacerbation of economic crisis due to skirmishes in Ukraine and crisis in Middle East
- f) Lack of self-efficacy in combatting 5th Generation Warfare attracted cyber attacks on prestigious institutes
 - Foreign ministry, FBR and ^{some} other prestigious institutes have been hacked once or twice.
- g) Insufficient climate change funding owes to ineffective advocacy on multilateral platforms
 - State unable to meet Paris 2015 agreement.

V- Efforts done so far to overcome challenges to Pakistan's foreign policy.

VI- Further efforts required to overcome challenges to Pakistan's foreign policy in 2024:

a) Dealing with endogenous problems to tax exogenous ones

- Case study: India ensured political stability at home to enjoy affluence away from home

b) Overcoming bilateral isolation with India by offering olive branch

- Case study: Argentina and Chile shared a tumultuous relationship; however, they enjoy a cordial relationship owing to diplomacy.

c) Promoting idea of regionalism will help ease tensions with neighbourhood

- Case study: ASEAN countries have 17 disputes altogether; but they are united at a forum.

d) Revisiting traditional security approach would help reap maximum benefits

- Case in point: It will help address problem of FDI's and climate change.

VII- Conclusion
