

# The SCO's evolving Role in Multipolar World.

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1. By the notion, world is changing, we should also change. Here, the term 'change' has been used used in sense of evolution, transformation, and transition in a positive, better, and more reliable way. Presently, the prevailing world order is not that much pathetic, but, on every point there is an option for improvement and change. This need for evolution and change is because of western led world order - United Nations, European Union, World Bank, and International Monetary Fund - is MULTIPOLAR in slogans and words. Whereas, reality of the same is quite opposite i.e UNIPOLAR.

Current world order is unipolar, because, each and every geopolitical and economic decision is taken by United States; and none of the states has guts to stand against US's decisions. Moreover, unequal representation of other continents, <sup>in UNSC</sup> except for North-America and Europe, is another contributing factor and big debate. Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) being part of the largest continent of Asia, has realized her potential, which can be observed from her policy 'shift of' border dispute resolution to overthrow western hegemony. Indeed, this shift in policy is

a turning table towards Multipolar world.

By virtue of the fact that SCO's alone contribution in Global GDP is approximately 30 pc, -10 members organization- however, with future collaboration SCO can overtake the UNIPOLAR-US led world order- by replacement of new, improved, and just Multipolar world order. SCO's heroic role in evolving multipolar will be crafted in golden words. SCO's role is prominent in provision/establishment of TRUE MULTIPOLAR world

Changing world order is not something, which can be done in one night, but, it is a process through thick and thin.

For change and evolution the most important thing that matters is the initial step towards right direction. SCO has the potential to change the world order. How SCO is a evolution towards Multipolar world? Many answers come to mind. Important ones, however are few. These are highlighted hence forth.

Initially, <sup>SCO</sup> emerged as Shanghai V, later on 2001 it transformed into SCO. Recently, SCO membership has seen a rapid increase. With increase of members and Global recognition it has stolen someone else thunder. Subsequently, emerged as a threat to unipolarity.

This threat further increases with SCO's going all nine yards to make the organization larger, more effective, and more appealing. SCO has broader visions, now, to provide just and equal representation of member states it has to play in both economic and political arena.

Prime objective of SCO is to politically stabilize the world by replacing unipolar world order by Multipolar world order. Where, the power will be equally distributed, unlike, the UN, EU, WB and IMF.

SCO's role is not only limited to politics, but, economic stability is also included in its plan of action.

where, all members will be deliberately treated equally. No country will be allowed to flex their economic muscles on other countries.

SCO's recent summit also includes the notion of "Free Trade ~~Mark~~ Agreements" between member states. Such, ~~initi~~ initiatives are cut corners for economic boost. and a move toward economic free multipolar world.

All these actions resulted in opposite reaction. For better understanding the ~~discussing~~ <sup>tion</sup> of various dynamics of reaction is necessary. Main of two are unfolded.

In order to meet strong opposition strong collaboration is necessary, so, 2/10 members i.e. China and Russia - VETO POWERS - concluded a joint declaration to face the reaction against SCO active roleplay. Various prokies have been employed in this regard, whereas, importantly, Russia-Nab in Ukraine and china-US in Taiwan are main center of world's attention.

Russia and China are leading their warfronts. However, US's all-time favourite - I wish if it was - Iran's sanctions led Tehran jump into Israel-Palestine conflict. This was also an anti-US movement executed by Iran-SCO important member - against the unjust support of unipolar world order.

Besides, all these oppressions against SCO's evolving role towards multipolarity, there are some internal challenges to SCO which are worthy of attention. A few of them are as under.

One of the most crucial challenge is the presence of India in SCO. Not just because of its conflict with Pakistan and China but ~~the~~ its ideology is capitalism and is considered as US's little brother. A dire need of table talks for providing common grounds to India is very mandatory, unless, it will cost SCO an arm and a leg.

For instance, if ~~we~~ India's confidence is also added, there will still remain the problem of connectivity between CARs and Pakistan. This is because of the presence of Afghanistan in b/w CARs and Pakistan's border. Without access to route economy cannot be boosted. and un-boosted economy cannot provide for strong standing of SCO. Thus, a need of improvement in PAK-AFGHAN affair is felt, without it it will be like a fish out of water situation for SCO.

An order to address all the challenges and propose a way forward recent summit of SCO was held in Oct 2024 at Islamabad. In summit the objectives of SCO were reinforced with a motivation to hit the ~~rad~~ road.

Iran's stance was the imposition of unjust sanctions on Tehran. In parallel, Iran was agreed to provide grounds for economic collaboration.

After Iran's stance, the debate was followed by India's Jai Shankar. He said added that we are looking for good relations, provided, if neighbors culminate their internal security issues. Which was a positive sign for future of SCO.

In reply to India's spokesperson China and Pakistan were on the same page. They argued for the promotion of BRI projects and they further added that their project should not be seen through narrow prism. As BRI inclusion can boost the trade flow in member states.

In an analysis of recent summit and the main ~~mission~~ key features of SCO, there is lack/shortcomings in few areas. Expansion of members, <sup>importantly</sup> having same ideology be preferred. Moreover, organizations such as BRICS be alligned with SCO for common grounds. Furthermore, new programs such as, renewable energy, climate control, Agricultural-climate resiliant crops, common currency, Free trade Market



small and medium size industries, ~~set~~ smart cities, innovation-promotion programs, knowledge based promotion programs, trans asian transport mechanism, tourism promotion, and space tech promotion programs are not included, thus, inclusion of such programs will be an important step to address the issues in member states. Moreover, these will ~~be~~ act as a limelight to inspire other states to join the evolutionary role of SCO in Multipolarity.

In a conclusion, world is Unipolar or multipolar. The former is good but the latter is the need of time. In this regard, SCO role in evolution of multipolar world is magnificent. By broader coalition, political and economic wins, overcoming the challenges, and ~~not~~ taking right steps in right way it can achieve its goal of just and equal rights ~~fall~~ for all member states; step by stepping into a TRUE MULTIPOLAR world.