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Q. No. 4. Discuss the moral imperatives of “Indian Foreign Policy” with the contending spirit of “Panchsheel” and evaluate how much it helps to strengthen diplomatic objectives of the country’s foreign policy? **(20)**

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Introduction:

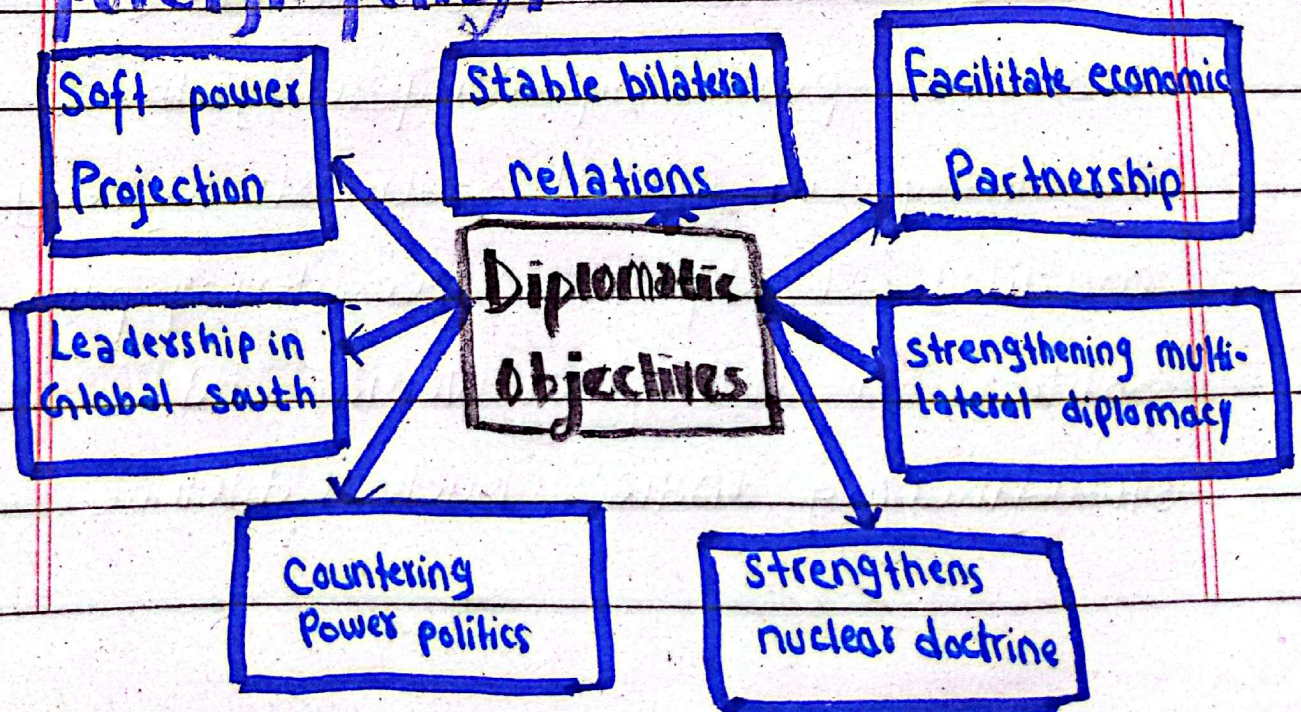
Moral imperative of Indian Foreign policy lies in five principles of Panchsheel. These principles of mutual coexistence were first formalised in Sino-Indian agreement in 1954. This helps to strengthen its diplomatic objectives of foreign policy through soft power projection through the principle of respect for territorial sovereignty and integrity, establishing stable bilateral relation, facilitate economic partnership, reinforcing India's leadership in Global South, strengthening multilateral diplomacy, countering power politics in multipolar world and strengthening India's nuclear doctrine.

(II) Moral Imperatives of Indian Foreign policy with respect to Panchsheel:

Five moral imperatives of Indian foreign policy with respect to Panchsheel include:

- Mutual respect for each other territorial sovereignty and integrity.
- Mutual non-aggression.
- Mutual coexistence.
- Mutual benefit and equality.
- Non-interference in internal matters.

(III) How Panchsheel helps to strengthen diplomatic objectives of Indian Foreign policy:



i) Enhancing India's image as peace for global power-Manifestation of Soft power:

Soft power is very significant in international relation to influence other. As Hans J. Morganthau asserted in his book that: "Power is not about to control someone, its to influence them."

In case of India, through the principal of mutual non-aggression it positioned itself as peace loving nation in the global politics. This principal also helped India to resolve conflict peacefully.

ii) Framework for stable bilateral relations-Liberal internationalism:

Liberal internationalism is one of the type of internationalism which ask for the development

of international institutions, laws and promotion of increased level of diplomatic interaction.

By analyzing the panchsheel through the lense of liberal internationalism, it provided frameworks for stable bilateral relation through the principle of **mutual coexistence**. Moreover, India uses platform like SAARC, SCO to diplomatically resolve any conflict.

iii) **Facilitating economic partnership** **- Win-Win politics:**

In international relations win-win politics is a situation which equally benefit the both parties or states.

One of the principal of panchsheel is **mutual benefit and equality**. This principal facilitated

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economic partnership of India. For example, despite the tensions between India and China, China is the largest trading partner of India.

IV) Reinforcing India's leadership in Global South-Neo Realism:

Neo-Realism is one of the significant theory of IR which states that: "Politics is the struggle for the pursuit of power, for the attainment of national interest."

India has emerged as leader in the Global South due to its commitment against anti-colonialism and anti-imperialism. Nepal, Bangladesh and other smaller nation trust India due to its principal of territorial sovereignty and integrity. Hence, India has secured its national

interest of leadership in Global South.

V) Countering power politics - Balance of power:

Balance of power is a concept of international relations in which weaker states tries to balance the power of stronger ones. Kenneth waltz in his book "Theory of international politics" stated that: "Due to the anarchic structure of world states which are weaker in power make alliances with the other states to counterbalance the stronger ones."

India's panchsheel principle of non-interference helps to achieve strategic autonomy of state. India's Non-Alignment Movement (NAM) ~~was~~ during cold war was also influenced by this principle. Moreover, India

has engaged in "military" alliances like Quad to counterbalance rising influence of China in Indo-Pacific ocean.

vii) Strengthens Nuclear doctrine of India - Neo-Realism:

Kenneth Waltz in his book "Theory of international politics" explains that: "International structure is anarchic due to which states prioritize maximization of their national interest through self-help."

Panchsheel principle of mutual non-aggression strengthens India's nuclear doctrine of "No First Use policy." This helped India to achieve NSG waiver despite the nuclear power. Hence, India's panchsheel principle helped to achieve national interest of it.

vii) Strengthens Multilateral diplomacy-liberal institutionalism:

Liberal institutionalism is one of the significant concept of international relations which emphasize the role of institutions in resolving conflicts and maintaining peace.

In case of India, it advocates for UN reforms using **panchsheel principles**. As a permanent member of UN, it also take parts in UN peacekeeping missions.

"India is largest contributor in UN Peacekeeping missions." UN Report.

Conclusion:

Hence, from above discussion it is clear that panchsheel plays a significant role to strengthen diplomative objectives of India's foreign policy.