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Trump also threatened  
India for being a  
part of BRICS which  
is anti-American policy  
and he together  
called Russia and  
India as dead-  
economies.

; India is the second  
longest importer of  
oil from Russia and  
China and over 3rd of  
India's crude oil  
imports from Russia.

There are some  
miscalculations done by  
India to understand the  
nature of President  
Trump;

Firstly, Trump priority was  
trade not India's strategic  
location, India thought  
this position will shield  
it from divergence of  
tariffs from USA.

Secondly, Trump mentioned  
dozen of times as  
"peace makers" in May crisis  
between India and

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Taristan. Modi himself  
declared that no  
country mediated between  
Indo-Pak crisis which  
injured Trump's ego and  
antagonist behaviour, when he  
was already railing  
against India's trade  
policies and Russian links.

Thirdly, India failed to  
recognize and understand  
the American Foreign Policy  
which was set by  
that man who  
unencumbered by past  
dynamics. To encounter  
China influence was  
not considered much  
weight as bargaining  
against China matters.

### Conclusion;

American  
trade policy is  
getting strict  
day by day and  
imposed tariffs on  
many countries

including India 25% levy  
on imports. This policy  
can destabilize the  
relation between USA  
and India and cause  
irregularity in region.

### •) Suggestions;

1) USA has  
to overlook on her  
policy to manage  
relation between India  
and USA.

2) USA is using hard  
power to influence  
in region and China  
is using soft power  
to enhance diplomatic  
relations with other  
countries. USA has to  
improve its strategic  
policies from hard  
to soft power.

3). India ~~has to~~ balance  
diplomatic relations with  
USA by maintaining  
its foreign policy.