CONFLICTS AND COOPERATIONS BETWEEN INDIA AND CHINA RELATIONS.

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Abstract:-

Indo-Chinese relations also refer as joint relationship between the People's Republic of China and the Republic of India. Even though the relationship has been friendly, there are border disputes and an economic competition between the two countries that have at times led to tense relations. The modern relationship began in 1950 when India was amongst the first countries to end official ties with the Republic of China (Taiwan) and recognize the Peoples Republic of China as the reasonable government of Mainland China. China and India are the two most heavily populated countries and fastest growing major economies in the world. Growth in diplomatic and economic influence has increased the importance of their mutual relationship. Cultural and economic relations between China and India date back to earliest times.[1] Relations between modern China and India have been characterised by border tensions, resulting in three military clashes the Sino-Indian War of 1962, the Chola incident in 1967, and the 1987 Sino-Indian skirmish. [2] In the beginning of 2017, the two countries clashed at the Doklam highland along the disputed Sino-Bhutanese border. [3]

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Introduction:-

China and India are divided by the Himalayas. China and India today share a border with Nepal and Bhutan performing as barrier states. The first account of contact between China and India were written during the 2nd century BCE. Buddhism was passed on from India to China in the 1st century CE. [4] Trade relations through the Silk Road acted as economic contact between the two regions. China and India also had some contact before the transmission of Buddhism. reference to a people called the Chinas, are found in earliest Indian literature.[5]

On 15 August 1947, India became a sovereign, federal, democratic republic after its constitution came into force on 26 January 1950. Jawaharlal Nehru based his dream of "resurgent Asia" on friendship between the two largest states of Asia his vision of an internationalist foreign policy administrated by the principles of the Panchsheel (Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence), which he primarily believed was shared by China. India
established diplomatic relations with the Peoples republic of china on 1 April 1950. In April 1954, India and the Peoples republic of china signed an eight-year accord on Tibet that became the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence (or Panchsheel). It is the popular insight that the grasp phrase of India's negotiations with China in the 1950s was Hindi-Chini bhai-bhai, which means, in Hindi, "Indians and Chinese are brothers"[6]. The renowned Indian painter Beohar Rammanohar Sinha, who had previously ornamented the pages of the original Constitution of India, was sent to China in 1957 on a Government of India fellowship to establish a direct cross-cultural and inter-civilization bridge. Renowned Indian scholar Rahul Sankrityayan and diplomat Natwar Singh were also there, and Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan paid a visit to Peoples republic of china. In 1954, India published new maps that included the Aksai Chin region within the boundaries of India.[7] When India revealed that China built a road throughout the region, border clashes and Indian protests became more common. In January 1959, Peoples Republic of China premier Zhou Enlai wrote to Nehru, pointing out that no government in China had acknowledged as legal the McMahon Line, which in the 1914 Simla Convention defined the eastern section of the border between India and Tibet. In March 1959, the Dalai Lama, religious and temporal head of the Tibet, required sanctuary in Dharmasala, Himachal Pradesh where he established the Tibetan Government-in-Exile. Thousands of Tibetan refugees established in northwestern India. The Peoples Republic of China accused India of expansionism and imperialism in Tibet and throughout the Himalayan region. China claimed 104,000 km² of territory over which India's maps showed obvious sovereignty, and demanded "alteration" of the entire border.

**Sino-Indian War:-**

Border tensions resulted in a short border war between the People's Republic of China and India on 20 October 1962.[8] The border clash resulted in a defeat of India as the people’s republic of china pushed the Indian forces to within forty-eight kilometres of the Assam plains in the northeast. It also engaged strategic points in the Aksai Chin and Demchok regions of Ladakh, before declaring a one-sided cease-fire on 21 November. It claimed that it withdrew to twenty kilometers behind its contended line of control. India disagreed with the allegation. Relations between the Peoples Republic of China and India deteriorated during the rest of the 1960s and the early 1970s while the China–Pakistan relations enhanced. The Peoples republic of china (PRC) continued an active misinformation campaign against India and supplied ideological, financial, and other assistance to rebellious groups, especially to tribes in northeastern India. The PRC accused India of supported the Khampa rebels in Tibet. Sri Lanka played the task of chief mediator for the withdrawal of Chinese troops from the Indian Territory. Both countries settled to Colombo's proposals. [9]

In early 1967, there were two more conflicts between Indian and Chinese forces at their contested border, in Sikkim. The first conflict was dubbed the "Nathu La Incident", which occurred On 11 September 1967. This escalated over the next five days to a replace of heavy artillery and mortar fire between the Indian and Chinese military. Sixty-two (62) Indian soldiers were killed. China also suffered 35 casualties 91 wounded[10] and the other the "Cho La Incident" Which occurred on 1 October 1967 some Indian and Chinese soldiers had an
disagreement over the control of a boulder at the Chola outpost in Sikkim (then a protectorate of India), generate a fight that escalated to a mortar and heavy machine gun battle. China suffered forty causalities in Chola [11].

India and the People Republic of China (PRC) distorted efforts to improve relations after Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi’s Congress party lost the 1977 elections to Morarji Desai’s Janata Party. In 1978, the Indian Minister of External Affairs Atal Bihari Vajpayee made a landmark visit to Beijing, and both countries officially re-established diplomatic relations in 1979. The PRC’s leaders settled to discuss the boundary issue, India’s main concern, as the first step to a broadening of relations. The two countries hosted each other’s news agencies, and Mount Kailash and Mansarowar Lake in Tibet.

In 1980, Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi permitted a plan to upgrade the deployment of forces around the Line of Actual Control. India also undertook infrastructural development in uncertain areas. [12] In 1981, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People’s Republic of China, Huang Hua made a milestone visit to New Delhi. [13] India and the PRC held eight rounds of border discussions between December 1981 and November 1987. In 1986 and 1987, the negotiations achieved nothing, given the charges exchanged between the two countries of military infringement in the Sumdorung Chu Valley. China’s creation of a military post and helicopter pad in the area in 1986 and India’s award of statehood to Arunachal Pradesh (formerly the North-East Frontier Agency) in February 1987 caused both sides to arrange troops to the region. By the summer of 1987, however, both sides had backed away from conflict and denied military clashes had taken place.

A warming trend in relations was facilitated by Rajiv Gandhi’s visit to China in December 1988. The two sides issued a joint communiqué that stressed the need to restore friendly relations on the basis of the Panchsheel. Rajiv Gandhi signed bilateral agreements on science and technology co-operation, establish direct air links, and on cultural exchanges. The two sides also agreed to hold annual diplomatic consultations between foreign ministers, set up a joint committee on economic and scientific co-operation, and a joint working group on the boundary issue.

Top-level dialogue continued with the December 1991 visit of PRC premier Li Peng to India and the May 1992 visit to China of Indian president R. Venkataraman. Six rounds of talks of the Indian-Chinese Joint Working Group on the Border Issue were held between December 1988 and June 1993. Progress was also made in reducing tensions on the border via mutual troop reductions, regular meetings of local military commanders, and advance notification about military exercises. In July 1992, Sharad Pawar visited Beijing, the first Indian Minister of Defence to do so. Consulates reopened in Bombay (Mumbai) and Shanghai in December 1992. In 1993, the sixth-round of the joint working group talks was held in New Delhi but resulted in only minor developments. Prime Minister Narasimha Rao and Premier Li Peng signed a border agreement dealing with cross-border trade, cooperation on environmental issues (e.g. Pollution, Animal extinction, Global Warming, etc.) and radio and television broadcasting. In 1995, talks by the India-China Expert Group led to an agreement to set up two additional points of contact along the 4,000 km border to facilitate meetings between military personnel. The two
sides were reportedly "seriously engaged" in defining the McMahon Line and the line of actual control vis-à-vis military exercises and prevention of air intrusion. Talks were held in Beijing in July and in New Delhi in August to improve border security, combat cross-border crimes and on additional troop withdrawals from the border. These talks further reduced tensions. [14] sino-Indian relations hit a low point in 1998 following India's nuclear tests. Indian Defence Minister George Fernandes declared that "in my perception of national security, China is enemy No 1 and any person who is concerned about India’s security must agree with that fact", [15] hinting that India developed nuclear weapons in defence against China's nuclear arsenal. In 1998, China was one of the strongest international critics of India's nuclear tests and entry into the nuclear guild. During the 1999 Kargil War China expressed support for Pakistan, but also counseled Pakistan to take out its forces.

In 2003, China formally recognised Indian sovereignty over Sikkim as the two countries moved towards resolving their border tensions. In 2004, the two countries planned opening up the Nathula and Jelepla Passes in Sikkim. 2004 was a landmark in Sino-Indian mutual trade, surpassing the US$10 billion mark for the first time. In April 2005, Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao visited Bangalore to push for increased Sino-Indian cooperation in high-tech industries. Wen stated that the 21st century will be "the Asian century 1990s 2000. So the IT industry."Regarding the issue of India gaining a permanent seat on the UN Security Council, Wen Jiabao primarily seemed to support the idea, but had returned to an unbiased position. In the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Summit in 2005, China was granted an observer position. While other countries in the region are ready to think China for permanent membership in the SAARC, India seemed unwilling. Issues neighboring energy has risen in significance. Both the countries have increasing energy demand to support economic growth. Both countries signed an accord in 2006 to envisage ONGC Videsh Ltd (OVL) and the China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC) to placing joint bids for capable projects. In 2006, China and India re-opened Nathula pass for trading. Nathula was closed 44 years past to 2006. Re-opening of border trade will help ease the economic separation of the region. [16] In November 2006, China and India had a verbal fight over claim of the north-east Indian state of Arunachal Pradesh. In 2007, China refused the application for visa from an Indian Administrative Service officer in Arunachal Pradesh. According to China, since Arunachal Pradesh is a territory of China, he would not need a visa to trip his own country. [17] In October 2009, Asian Development Bank formally recognized Arunachal Pradesh as part of India, approved a loan to India for a development project there. previously China had exercised pressure on the bank to end the loan, [18] however India succeeded in securing the loan with the help of the United States and Japan. China uttered displeasure at ADB. [19-20] Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao paid an administrative visit to India from 15–17 December 2010 at the invitation of Prime Minister Manmohan Singh. [21] In April 2011, throughout the BRICS summit in Sanya, Hainan, China [22] It was reported in February 2012 that India will achieve US$100 billion trade with China by 2015. [23] Bilateral trade between the two countries reached US$73 billion in 2011, making China India's biggest trade associate, but slipped to US$66 billion in 2012. [21] A three-week standoff between Indian and Chinese troops in close proximity to each other and the Line of Actual Control between Jammu and Kashmir's Ladakh region and Aksai Chin was resolved.
on 5 May 2013, [24] days before a tour by Indian Foreign Minister Salman Khurshid to China; Khurshid said that both countries had a mutual interest in not having the border issue intensify or "destroy" long-term improvement in relations. The Chinese agreed to pull out their troops in exchange for an Indian agreement to destroy several "live-in bunkers" 250 km to the south in the disputed Chumar sector. [25] Chinese Premier Li Keqiang made his first foreign visit to India on 18 May 2013 in a proposal to increase diplomatic co-operation, to build up trade relations, and formulate border tension solutions. [26-27] Indian President Pranab Mukherjee's visit to Arunachal Pradesh, a northeast Indian state that China recognizes as "South Tibet", in late November, 2013 and in his speech calling the area an "integral and important part of India" created an angry response from Beijing. [28] On 16 June 2017 Chinese troops with construction vehicles and road-building apparatus began extending an existing road southward in Doklam, a territory which is claimed by both China as well as India's partner Bhutan. [29-30] On 18 June 2017, around 270 Indian troops, with weapons and two bulldozers, entered Doklam to stop the Chinese troops from building the road. [31] The Minister of External Affairs of India Sushma Swaraj said that if China unilaterally altered the status-quo of the tri-junction point between China-India and Bhutan then it posed a confront to the security of India. [32] On 24 July 2017, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi claimed that Chinese troops had not crossed into Indian territory by its own permission. [33] On 28 August 2017, China and India reached a agreement to put an end to the border stand-off. Both of them agreed to disengage from the confrontation in Doklam. [34] In May 2018, the two countries agreed to organised their development programmes in Afghanistan in the fields of health, education and food security. [35]

**OBJECTIVES OF THE RESEARCH PAPER**

1. To develop the awareness among the general masses for the importance of better relations between the two Asian Giants.
2. To highlight the main issues of misunderstanding between the two countries.
3. To Analysis the role of present NDA government’s foreign policy on India and China relation
4. To highlight the various issues which led to the various confrontations between two neighbouring nations.

**Conclusion**

India and china are two important neighbouring countries and the emerging largest economies of the world. Both plays a crucial role in establishing the peace, security and economic setup of the region. But these countries have not peacefully co-existed and so far resulted in direct and indirect involvement in various confrontations during part several years their overall relation effected due to economic competition and also by the boundary issues whose recent example was the Dokhalam standoff in skim and Ladakh regions who almost led both the powers to direct war and also impacted seriously on the trade relation. So far the overall development, security and peaceful existence of the south Asian both of them have to overcome from deteriorating relation and work mutual for the peaceful co-existence and economic development.
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