



## I N T R O D U C T I O N

The theory of Non-alignment was expounded by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru when the world was divided between the two hostile camps and peace was in danger. After the second world war American's wanted to curtail Soviet Union, and Russia wanted to expand their sphere of influence by converting national movements into communist movements. India did not want to join any one of the camps though she was enemy of imperialism and colonialism.

The Non-aligned movement was initiated by Nehru with the help of Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia and gradually secured the help of newly independent countries, particularly of Asia, Africa, and Latin American countries. Non it can be said that the Non-aligned movement moderated the intensity of cold war because if such major countries like India, Indonesia Egypt were to join one of the camps the balance could have tilted in its favour. The precarious balance was maintained by the non-aligned countries.

Though the movement became the extremely powerful its theoretical postulates were primarily developed by Nehru who had a profound sense of history. He developed the theory of non-alignment with reference to post world war political situation. He sought to linkup the theory of non-alignment with the panch sheela approved by the Bandung Conference of Afro-Asian Countries, Peaceful co-existence and

mutual co-operation and non-interference respecting each others territorial integrity and sovereignty was the essence of panch sheela. Pandit Nehru held a view that peace was essential for the economic development of poorer countries.

International political situation was changed both of the cold war camps devided and new problems emerged but the non-alignment remained basic factor in the international politics, and during Mrs. Gandhis' stewardship it became instrument in the bands of poor countries to demand just share in the natural resources of the world.

Presant study is an attempt to analyse the theory Non-alignment expounded by different Indian political leaders like Nehru ,Shastri Mrs. Indira Gandhi and Morarji Desai An Indian prespective is critically analysed. The Indian perspective of the theory of Non-alignment is studied in the light of Indian foreign policy especially in the light of Indias relation with U.S.A. and U.S.S.R. The attempt is made to understand the form of non-alignment during the Prime Minister of Nehru, Shastri, Indira Gandhi and Morarji Desai. The second term of Indira Gandhi's prime ministership (1980-84) is not covered.

The research is library research project and an attempt is made to study theory of non-alignment through the historical perspective. Speeches and writings of concerned leaders are critically analysed . The main purpose of the work is to present a critical prespective of the theory of non-alignment expounded by different Indian leaders.

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