

Indian and Russian International Relations: Better Days ahead

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Abstract

Building international relations is always a daunting task with the neighbouring states, especially with those nations, such as Russia, which are ideologically different. Russia is known for its socialism, whereas India is known for its Democratic ideals. Despite the contrast in politics and governance, India has grown its relations with Russia more smoothly recently. The Ukraine crisis has put Russian ties with the rest of the world on the margins, but India has extended its hands to Russia and supported its economy to not crumble by importing oil from it. Firstly, the central issues between India and Russia have been examined at length to understand their relations. Secondly, the point of discontent between both countries is discussed to know how the relationship between India and Russia when both were not on the same table. Thirdly, the economic and cultural relations between Russia and India are examined. Fourthly, cooperation in the energy sector is analysed. And fifthly, the relationship between India and Russia during and after the Ukraine crisis is also examined at length.

1. Introduction

The political transformations in India and the structural modifications in the Russian Federation have not been able to dampen the historically friendly and cordial relations between India and Russia. This is the case despite the fact that both countries have undergone significant changes in recent years. The foundation of their cooperation with one another was built on the two countries' shared commitment to achieving geopolitical and strategic objectives in the Central Asian region that were complementary to one

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