

# India-Russia Partnership in Changing Times

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## **Abstract: -**

*India and Russia have experienced a profound and enduring relationship since the dissolution of the Soviet Union. The relationship, which has stood the test of time and is dependable and advantageous to both parties, has recently been put to the test in the changing global environment. India has resolutely maintained its alliance with Russia in the face of criticism from the West, declining to denounce the conflict in Ukraine and abstaining from Western sanctions on Moscow. The article explores the emerging pattern in India-Russia relations in the contemporary world and attempts to address a few questions like what is the current status of India-Russia partnership in the wake of Ukrainian crisis? How has the present international order affected India's relation with Russia and the collective West as well? Is India getting closer to Russia or to the west or maintaining a balance? Which issues are the main causes of friction in the relationship between Russia and India? What is the future of India-Russia strategic partnership? This study is based on a thorough investigation of numerous academic and official sources in order to give a comprehensive picture of India's strategic relations with Russia.*

**Key Words:** India, Russia, Ukraine War, USA, China, Quad, Indo-Pacific, Geopolitical.

## **Introduction**

One of the most unusual alliances in the annals of international politics is that India and Russia have maintained relatively deep ties since the early stages of the Cold War. They make excellent strategic allies because, despite changes in both countries' governments and sociopolitical structures, their relationship has remained stable. The friendship between India and Russia has endured for many years despite many challenges. Seldom are there two nations like India and Russia who do not see any threat from one another's ascent and instead have mutual faith in one another's growing strength. In 1971, this relationship was greatly strengthened, during the East Pakistan issue, by the signing of the 20-year pact of "peace, friendship, and cooperation" (Kennedy, 2011).

It is noteworthy that prior to India's freedom from British colonial authority, the Indo-Soviet partnership existed. As the Bolshevik Revolution celebrated its tenth anniversary

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