

P R E F A C E

Indo - Soviet relationship adequately reflects the fact that difference in socio-economic and political frameworks is no barrier to develop a deep bond of amity and friendship between two nations. The research work at hand is an honest endeavour to throw light on different aspects of Indo-Soviet relationship that saw its growth over the last four decades from 1947 to 1989. What is more, it tries to uphold a clear outline of Indian foreign policy pursued over the years and quite parallelly to enlighten the nature and dimension of non-aligned movement during the period. This is not denying the fact that there are a Plethora of works on Indo-Soviet relationship undertaken so far by different scholars. But this study may claim a great deal of academic significance in so far as it covers the contributions of three important Prime Ministers of India who belonged to the same family. The approach is holistic, as it tries to show in what context the Nehruvian philosophy saw its birth, how it moulded contemporary policies and events, and with what acceptance it did pass down to the regimes of Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi. Considered from this point of view, this study is likely to provide a fillup to the gap in researches hitherto undertaken in this arena, and preserve a value that authentic history contains.

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