

# How will Israel-Iran conflict impact India?

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1) **Related theory**: what will be various theoretical prescriptions for India handling this foreign policy challenge? Various views: Nehruvian, Neo Liberal view, Hyper Realist.

2) **PYQs linkage**:

- i) Discuss the realistic foreign policy initiatives taken by India to balance its relations between Israel and the Arab World. 15 (2015)
- ii) How does India-Israel bilateral ties reflect the autonomy of India's foreign policy choices? 20 (2022)

3) **Keywords**:

- violation of international law (Iran argued, reflecting their faith in international institutions and law) (liberal institutionalism)
- “pre-emptive” attack by Israel (Realist posture)
- Operation Sindu

4) **Key facts**:

- SCO's statement condemned Israel's aggression. (India disassociated itself from the statement)
- G-7 called Iran “a principle source of regional instability and terror”
- India abstained in a UN resolution for a ceasefire in Gaza, whereas all the members of BRICS, SCO, G-7 (excluding US) favoured it.

- Global south very critical of Israel's war in Gaza, have also expressed sympathies with Iran.
- West Asia source of 40% of India's remittances, 54% of oil imports, accounts for 170 billion in trade.
- Due to US sanctions threat trade with Iran dropped from about \$14 billion in 2017 to \$1.4 billion in 2024.
- Increase in India's defence imports from Israel from about \$5.6 million in 2015 to \$128 million 2024.

#### 5) Important points

#### **India's engagement with Israel in present crisis:**

- Clear stand India will not criticise Israel.
- Netanyahu called Modi (what else our PM needs 😊)
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#### **India's engagement with Iran in present crisis:**

- MEA expressed deep concern of the international community at the turn of events, and urged against retaliation, and for diplomacy.

#### **Key challenges for India:**

- A perceived pro-Israel shift has a reputational impact for India as it was first non-Arab nation to recognize the Palestinian state.
- During upcoming BRICS summit, India will face a challenge in separating itself from any statement issued there.

#### **Key stakes in the region:**

- Impact of prolonged Israel-Iran conflict on India's connectivity such as India Middle East Europe Economic corridor,
- Chabahar port project
- International North-South Transport Corridor for trade and connectivity
- Loss in remittances
- Trade route disruptions (Strait of Hormuz) 40% to 50% of India's energy imports come through this area.
- Rise in shipping costs, security and insurance premiums.

**Present stand of government on this issue:**

- Calling for dialogue and diplomacy
- PM emphasized the need for early restoration of peace and stability in the region.

Soon, I will include the dimensions of strategic culture of India. It explores and explains the international events where India's interests are involved through various theoretical prescriptions such as Nehruvian, Neo liberal and hyper realist. We can mention all these dimensions any issue we deal.