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## Preface

The latest edition of *Foreign Policies of Major Powers* is in the hands of our valued readers. We have tried to give all latest sets of information regarding the political game plans and structural intricacies of major powers in this volume. We have explained the concept of power in detail and tried to include the comments and views of all authors on this subject. These views are very vital from the examination view-point.

The Cold War has already begun. It may get converted into a new full-fledged war between Russia and the USA. As of now, covert operations are being done to avoid a direct conflict in East Ukraine. But if an overt war escalates between these superpowers, the entire world may suffer to the hilt. That is what European leaders do not want.

Even as the world struggles to come out of the pangs of recession, the war covert between Iran and Saudi Arabia has taken an ugly turn. The direct attack of Yemen by coalition led by Saudi Arabia has indicated that the Gulf region would remain the centre of this new war.

We have described all aspects of the foreign policies of all major powers in this volume. The entire text fully covers the topics related to examinations and interview schedules. Students are advised to read the book from the first page onwards to develop a full theoretical base. This very base would help them succeed in examinations.

The publisher, authors, DTP staff and support staff have left no stone unturned to make the presented volume a fine work of publishing. However, mistakes may have crept in due to human or machine errors. We request our valued readers to point the same. Thus, we would be able to incorporate them in the next edition of this volume. That would help readers get the latest and best knowledge on the subject.

Happy reading and best of luck in examinations!

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## ■ Introduction

The contemporary political scenario of the world is full of turmoil. The new era has not augured well for most nations, given that most of them are going through pangs of agony. That is because of recession, unemployment, internal strife, threat from the forces of terror and a stealthy yet certain transformation in their respective socio-cultural values. Political leaders of all countries are not able to stop the onslaught of terrorism and cultural transformation, these two being the key divisive forces in any country. You can take many examples of nations that have seen terror and internal strife due to a host of reasons. The examples are Australia (attack on a coffee shop in the busy district centre of Sydney and recovery of an IED from the Opera House nearby that coffee house in December 2014), India (attacks of 26/11 are still fresh in the minds of Indian peoples), Kenya (attack on a shopping mall in 2014) and Indonesia (149 Indonesian nationals missing in a plane crash, total toll was 162 in December 2014). Further, the ISIS is running around the length and breadth of Middle East and gunning down people and army personnel in Iraq and Syria at its own will. The residents of these two nations are facing the worst crisis of their lives. In Pakistan 132 children were butchered by the Tehriq-e-Taliban of Pakistan (TTP) on December 16, 2014.

On February 15, 2015, ISIS cadres kidnapped 21 Christians from Libya and butchered them. Thus, the entire world watched these events with awe and agony. The powers of the West and East must unite now to eliminate the threats of terror from all parts of the world. Terror does not prophesize any religion. The nations of this globe must unite now to create a new peaceful order that must last long enough. Let there be no war or conflict on the basis of religion, class, race, colour or economic status. This must be the priority of all nations, given that enough blood has been shed in the past 20,000 years by man on these very grounds.

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All terrorist organizations must be taken into confidence and efforts must be made to restore peace in the conflict-ridden regions of the globe. If this does not happen immediately, the human race may head towards self-destruction in no time. Cruelty and cruel people must be done away with at the earliest possible time. We have many problems at the global level and if we continue to indulge in useless wars, we would not be able to focus on those problems.

How can major powers bring about this shift from war to peace? This is an interesting question. Firstly, they can set their own houses in order. Then, they can influence their respective regions and neighbouring countries. Trade is a good medium for creating harmonious relationships with neighbouring countries. Then, these countries can use UN organizations and various other forums to make this entire world a peaceful place to live in. If they themselves face financial or political crises every now and then, we cannot hope that they would play useful roles for installing peace in various parts of the world. Only a stable leader can bring peaceful and stable followers behind him. Further, financial stability is also a matter of serious concern for many major powers and even Russia, a super power. If a major power does not have money to sustain its masses, its arms and weapon systems are useless. This brings us to another conclusion. The military capability of any nation must also be equated with its efforts to make and install peace in various parts of the world. If a major power is capable in military terms, it must not threaten its neighbour and other nations of the globe. If it does, it is viewed with suspicion. Developing military prowess is good because we have to defend our nation at all times. However, the blunt misuse of power is not warranted in the changed world scenario where every enemy nation is also a distant or direct trading partner. Gunfire is no alternative of wheat. Bullets do not fill bellies but wheat certainly can. Nearly 90 percent of have-nots are watching the latest happenings with awe and fear. Nearly ten percent of the masses of this world own huge resources. The wars going on in different parts of the world speak volumes of this growing hiatus. This hiatus must be filled up. Major powers can play vital roles to fill up this hiatus. They must decide when to start this noble task. The sooner, the better!

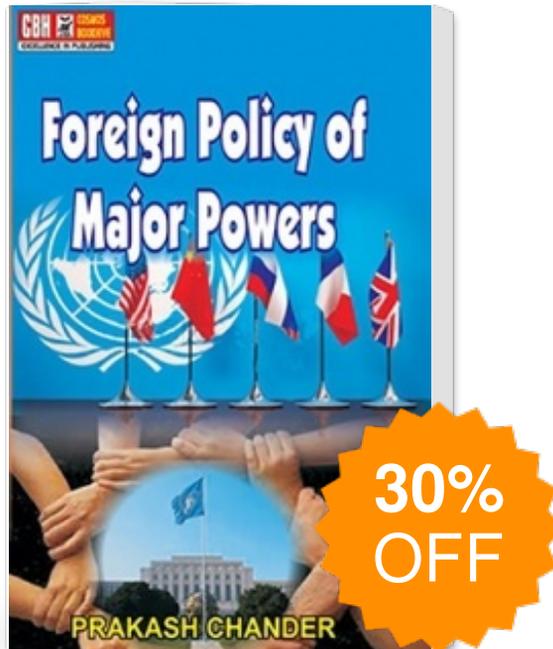
Terror groups roam freely in Pakistan and Afghanistan and the world just watches! In the wake of these gory developments, the major powers of the globe ought to alter their foreign policies so that peace and order could be restored in the affected regions. In some cases, across-the table talk would suffice. In some others, the power of barrel must be displayed to keep wrong elements at bay. The human race is going through a bad politico-economic-cultural phase. Major powers can change the scene only if they adopt rational, pragmatic policies in the interests of the entire set of human classes and creeds. This is easier said than done, though. Let us take a deeper look at the situation.

In February 2015, the President of Egypt spoke up against the forces of terror. Mr. Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi stated that a UN resolution must be passed in which coalition should be ordered to be created to intervene in Libya and save peoples of that country. He stated that rivals had surrounded Tripoli and that weapons must be supplied to the government of Libya. Thus, the global situation is very precarious because of the spread of terrorism activities in Libya, Kenya, Nigeria, Yemen, Iraq, Egypt, Syria and West Africa. The nations of the West quite often face this heat because fighters and terror elements spill over into the nations of the West (when they get opportunities) and harass or kill people at will.

### ■ A Framework of Reference

The current framework of reference in the context of foreign policies of major powers is fraught with uncertainties. That is because the problem of global or transnational terrorism has affected all nations in more or less the same manner. An interesting trend has been observed by Arvind Kumar, the author of this text. Earlier, terror outfits used to operate in their own countries and perpetuate terror activities. Now-a-days, these outfits have set up their branches in various countries and are exporting terror indirectly from their secluded offices and bunkers located anywhere in the world. Thus, they have their deputies to do various jobs. As an example, we would like to quote the bomb blasts conducted in Bodh Gaya (India). The local office of the terror group performed the necessary operations at the behest of its foreign masters. This trend is growing by the day. Political leaders all over the world are worried about this evil export of terror.

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