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INDIA'S ROLE IN GLOBAL TRADE GOVERNANCE: A STRATEGIC DIPLOMATIC PERSPECTIVE

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Abstract

In the contemporary global order, international trade is increasingly shaped by geopolitical competition, economic nationalism, and trade conflicts among major powers. India's foreign policy in this evolving environment emphasizes strategic autonomy, economic security, and balanced diplomatic engagement. Amid growing trade tensions, particularly between the United States and China, India has adopted a pragmatic and flexible diplomatic approach to safeguard its national interests. India actively participates in multilateral institutions such as the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the G20 to promote fair trade practices and support the interests of developing nations. Furthermore, national initiatives such as Make in India and the Act East Policy aim to strengthen domestic manufacturing, enhance regional partnerships, and diversify trade relations. Through trade diversification and strategic engagement, India seeks to reduce economic vulnerabilities and maintain stability in global supply chains. Overall, India's foreign policy reflects a multidimensional strategy that balances geopolitical realities with economic priorities, ensuring sustainable growth and strengthening its position in the global economic and political system.

Keywords: Strategic autonomy, economic security, trade conflicts, foreign policy, diplomacy, trade diversification, Make in India, Act East Policy

Introduction

The global economic environment in the 21st century has undergone significant transformation due to rising trade conflicts, protectionist measures, and geopolitical rivalry among major powers. International trade, once driven primarily by economic cooperation and liberalization, is now increasingly influenced by strategic competition and national security considerations. Trade tensions between the United States and China, the world's two largest economies, have reshaped global trade patterns, disrupted supply chains, and created uncertainties for developing and emerging economies.

In this context, India, as one of the world's fastest-growing major economies, faces both challenges and opportunities. India's foreign policy plays a critical role in navigating these global complexities. The country has adopted a pragmatic and