

Human Rights Approach to Indian Foreign Policy

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Abstract: *The concept of human rights has brought about a profound change in the foreign policy priorities of several nation-states. States have been ready to use human rights rhetoric in foreign policy statements and less often to act in ways consonant with those policies. They appropriate the concept of human rights and bent it to serve their own needs. Each state has developed a distinct approach to human rights in its foreign policy. India being the world's largest democracy and also a strong votary of democratic values and ethics, there is hardly any scholarly treatment of the impact of human rights on India's foreign policy. This article reflects on how the practices of the Indian state can nuance our understanding of the foreign policy priorities with special regard to human rights.*

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“It has always been a mystery to me how men can feel themselves honoured by the humiliation of their fellow beings.”
Mahatma Gandhi

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