India’s security in 21st Century is one of the most fascinating developments in regional and international affairs. It has attracted attention from diverse quarter from various regions. It has been basically directed towards throwing the equation obtaining on the sub-continent’s balance. Among many factors, which have influenced the course of Indian Security in last five decades, the most crucial has been Indo-Pak relations. The objective of the present thesis was to study the India’s security raised by our neighbours especially Pakistan and China.

The relations between two or more than two countries are determined by internal as well as external objective situation in which their politics are supposed to work under the national and international obligations. The national interest of each country is an important factor in determining the relation between the two politics. The national interest come first for which each country may have to make some alteration in consonance with the global interest at large. The relations are strained at times, as one country perceives the other as a party to some alliance. There is clash of interest, which can again lead to conflict. India’s security concern is an important area of interest. There is fair amount of internal and external instability, in not only in India or its neighbouring countries, but, also in region is common, the establishment of a connection between the two, however, has been vague. Whether one follows the other, and if so, which comes first, are questions, which have not been addressed with any clarity. If an answer can be found, then,
some ways, perhaps, can be found for reducing the instability in the region.

The Geographical location of India in South Asian region is prime. It has vast coastal areas in the South to guard. It has strategic importance with sea routes for transportation, seabed minerals, oil etc. It links SE Asia and SW Asia, which are the main regions of contention by super powers. These regions and Indian Ocean cannot be looked at in isolation, the happenings and development, do have a direct or indirect impact on South Asia. Therefore, the significant role of Indian Ocean.

There is wide scope on the subject, as we are facing, end number of internal and external threats. The nature of threats is both Military and non-military. The Countries around India and Indian Ocean belong to the third world. They were colonies of the big powers earlier and after nominal independence are struggling to achieve real freedom. The historical, Political, economic, Social, Scientific and Military problems arise out of the requirements of National Security. There is a need to evaluate and reduce India’s strategic and Security issues. There is uncertainty. There is manipulation going on by vested interest. To create a sense of unity and solidarity among the people is a must. There is a deliberate attempt on India to divide and disintegrate on caste and communal basis. The security must be beefed up, policies must be reviewed.

The present study is primarily based on statements and documents of official nature; it is also based on reports, newspapers as well as magazines.

After introduction the study has been divided into eight chapters. The first chapter covers India’s Nuclear Defence Policy.
The second chapter deals with Kashmir problem and India's Security.

The third chapter of this thesis highlights Nuclearisation of South Asia and China as a factor.

The fourth chapter of this study deals with the India's Security Dilemma to include spread of militancy and low intensity conflict operations.

In the fifth chapter, India and Disarmament.

The sixth chapter concerns Pakistan’s Nuclear Doctrine.

Then seventh chapter covers 21st Century challenges to India’s internal security and external security.

The eighth chapter covers strategic management and specific recommendations.

At last summary of the Research is given.

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