Preface

The study is based on a comparative study of America and India in the politics of the Indian Ocean.

The Indian Ocean is having India, Pakistan, and Iran in the north on the western side, there is the Arabian Peninsula, the Sunda Islands of Indonesia and Australia, and in the south there is Antarctica.

The Indian Ocean is the third largest Ocean with its multiple resources. Because of these resources, the west and the East have always shown a chief interest in the region. India, on the other hand, has strived to maintain peace in the Indian Ocean. India does have a large naval strength but nothing compared with the naval power of U.S.A. The other countries of the Indian Ocean areas are also not very strong in their marine power, which are in the Littoral of the Indian Ocean. Thus Indian Ocean area remains very weak without much of a defence.

The western countries with their presence in the Indian Ocean and their nuclear strength and their policy of intervention, Soviet Union to counter the Western move has converted Indian Ocean area into a zone of
confrontation. India, has always taken the cause of the third co-countries. This has made efforts to convert this area into a zone of Peace.

Indian Ocean region provides better perspectives for Eco-exploitation. The Islands of the Indian Ocean are also very important politically. This has aroused U.S. political interest as well. She has tried to occupy bases having strategic importance in various countries, but with progress of time she ever withdrew them. The most important one being Diego Garcia.

The U.S.A. has been basically interested in establishing armed presence in the region with variation in techniques and methods.

Thus the area has large potentials for Eco-resources. It has important trade routes with significant attraction to the U.S.A. and other outside countries. This has all gone to convert the Indian Ocean in the pivot of the world affairs.

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