In the beginning the formulation of India's foreign policy took place against the background of drastic changes in international affairs, particularly in the sub-continent as newly independent countries like India and Pakistan asserted their right to formulate their domestic and foreign policies without outside interference. India's option for non-alignment changed the entire socio-political, economic and military scenario in the world.

A modest attempt has been made in these pages to study the various aspects of India's policy of non-alignment and its repercussions from 1947 to 1964.

The first chapter discusses the problem and constitution of India's foreign policy. India's relations with Pakistan, China, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bhutan, United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics has been taken up in the succeeding chapters. Conclusion relates to the chief gains according from India's policy of non-alignment and its impact on the foreign policies of various countries of the world.

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