

## THE DEMOCRATIC DIMENSION IN INDIA'S FOREIGN POLICY

**DR. SANGIT SARITA DWIVEDI**

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR,  
POLITICAL SCIENCE,  
BHARATI COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF DELHI.

---

### **ABSTRACT:**

The paper analyses the question whether promotion of democracy plays an important role in India's foreign policy as India is perceived as the world's largest democracy. It focusses on how far the security factor has influenced India's foreign policy in relation to its democratic advocacy and its interest in different forms of governments in different parts of the world. Under the Constitution, the Parliament possessed minimal authority in issues of foreign policy which is the domain of the executive. Since the 1990s, the Indian government has been putting more emphasis on economic and development cooperation. On the global level, India is involved with the Community of Democracies and the UN Democracy Fund. This paper is an attempt to elaborate the international dimensions of democracy in India's foreign policy.

**KEY WORDS:** Constitution, Democracy, Foreign Policy, India, Parliament, Peace, United Nations.

---