

Webinar Report on The History of India's Foreign Policy

Organized by: The Departments of Political Science and History in Collaboration with Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), Milli Al-Ameen College (for Girls).

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Overview:

The Webinar on “The History of India’s Foreign Policy” organized by the departments of Political Science and History in collaboration with Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), Milli Al-Ameen College (for Girls) was held with the aim of exploring to how Nehru developed from Buddhist thought the panchsheel (also known as the Five principles of peaceful Coexistence), which would be included in future agreements. Nehru based India’s foreign policy on these five principles, as articulated in 1954: coexistence, respect for the territorial and integral sovereignty of others. The event brought together esteemed Principal, teachers, scholars, authors, and students to delve into a the important objectives of India’s foreign policy include preservation of national interest, achievement of world peace, disarmament, independence for Afro-Asian nations.

Keynotes Speakers:

Mr. Biswajit Prasad Hazam, Research Scholar (Jadavpur University, Department of International Relations) and Works as a guest lecture, Panihati Mahavidyalaya, Sodpur. The Speaker has spoken about analysis of the history of Indian foreign policy and mainly highlighted the principles, facts and several historic incidents related to the same. The main architect of India’s Foreign Policy, P.M. Nehru very thoughtfully framed the principles of IFP and Mr. Hazam’s main focus was on this historical analysis. Overall the webinar was highly informative and was loaded with historical knowledge which enlightened both the students and well as the faculty members.

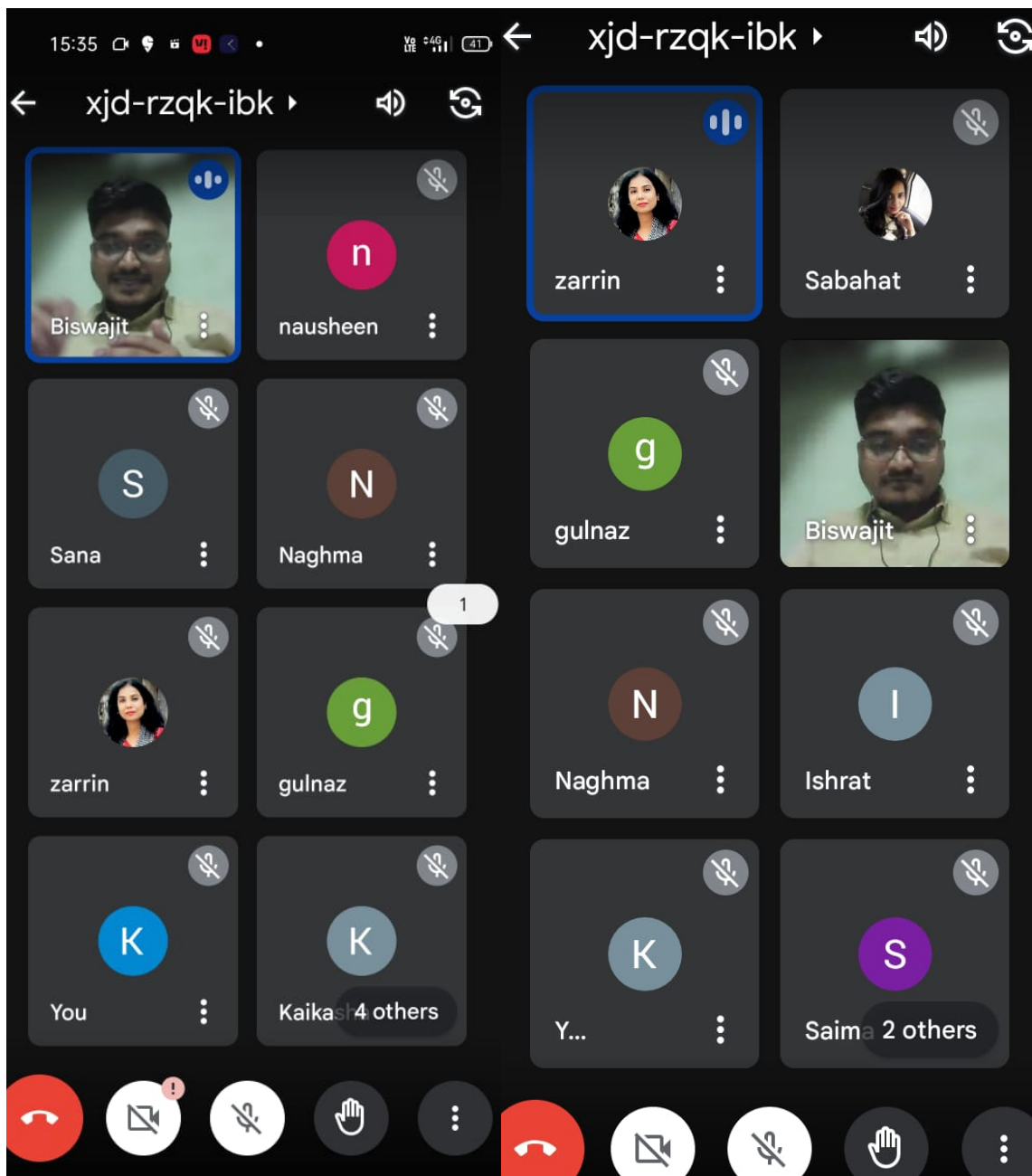
The Webinar concluded with a call to further research and the organization of similar seminar or webinar to continue exploring before independence, India’s foreign policy was largely determined by the British government. India’s early foreign policy was largely shaped by the Britishers and its founding leaders, especially Jawaharlal Nehru. Indian foreign policy has gradually evolved from the arguably impractical idealism of its early post-colonial years towards an increasing pragmatic realpolitik, founded on the perception of its national imperatives as a predominant power in Asia.

Overall impact:

The webinar served as a crucial platform for revisiting and reinterpreting in analyzing the evolution and working of India’s foreign policy at different periods of time, two inter-related tendencies could be identified that acted as its signposts. One, in providing for the evolutionary framework of India’s foreign policy especially during its formative years in the post-independence period, moralistic overtones and global concerns seemed to have taken precedence over the sheer imperatives of national interests. In other words, the idealist rather than the Realist perspective of international politics has been at the core of India’s foreign policy during its early phase.



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