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Q2-2 Current geo-political events demand a reorientations of India's foreign policy. Do you agree? Comment.

The Shanghai Co-operation Organisation (SCO)  
summit has happened when the world is at cross roads. India can reorient our foreign policy to match the dynamic geopolitical world order.

### Rerouting our foreign policy

① Non alignment to multi alignment is the new buzz word for us. As, India is set to become the world's most populated country by 2026, a shift towards multi alignment is ideal.

India is a part of Quad, and SCO

at the same time. It increased crude oil trade with Russia and also vouched for 3D - democracy, diplomacy, and dialogue to cool the conflict.

Ukraine

② Iran and China  
Iran being admitted as the 9<sup>th</sup> SCO member will help ease the crude import

to cool off the domestic prices. It can supplied 12% of our energy needs. It would also help propel the Chabahar port trade to connect us to Central Asia. The threat of CAXTSA has been watered down.

China ~~has~~ endorsed no limits relationships with Russia and ~~has~~ hinted Quad and AUKUS by small cliched nations grouping indirectly hitting us. India must take steps to close the trade deficit of \$70 Billion with China.

③ Nuclear Policy - a policy shift from credible minimum deterrence and no first use must change as we have hostile nuclear neighbours. The nuclear war heads of these nations are also on the rise.

India has the opportunity to start hint the policy changes in the upcoming meet of international groups such as G-20, SCO, UNSC in which we will be president.