

Panel Discussion

## **Rethinking India's Foreign Policy Since Independence**



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### **P R E S S   R E L E A S E**

**Friends of Tibet** and **Freedom First** cordially invite you for a Panel Discussion on "**Rethinking India's Foreign Policy Since Independence**" on Thu, May 19, 2016 at 5:30pm at The Alexandra Girls' English Institution, 31 Hazarimal Somani Marg, Fort, Mumbai 400001 (Landmark: Opposite south end of Bombay Gymkhana).

Panellists are:

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The panel discussion will be moderated by **Mudit Jain**, Managing Director, DCW Limited. Entrance is free and open to all.

**Discussion Theme:** Friendships and relationships are as old as mountains and rivers. Ancient texts talk about the existence and management of diplomatic ties from time immemorial to sort issues that arise between different societies and individuals living in groups. Business dictionaries define Foreign Policy as "*a plan of action adopted by one nation in regards to its diplomatic dealings with other countries*". Foreign Policy and Affairs of a country is closely integrated with fundamental security and developmental priorities based on its relationship with other countries. In theory, one of the primary functions of a country's Foreign Policy is to safe-guard its national and regional interests.

By cancelling visa to Dolkun Isa, leader of World Uyghur Congress and Chinese pro-democracy activists from Hong Kong and Tiananmen Square Movements who were invited guests for a conference organised by Initiatives for China, India has once again accepted the definition of 'terrorism' by China, one of the most brutal regimes in the world. The host country has also surrendered its national interest and dignity while appeasing some of the neighbouring countries.

In the wake of recent incidents, diplomatic blunders and U-turns, it is necessary for members of the civil society to reflect upon the question of the "Effectiveness of Indian Foreign Policy and its long-term implications on its relationship with hostile and friendly nations."

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