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# **India-Japan Relations and the Contours of New Security Architecture in the Asia Pacific**

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Power in the most generic term refers to the ability of influencing and articulating the behaviour of other states in order to achieve favorable outcome a state desires through attraction, inducement or coercion. Various national governments have at different times utilized their economic and military muscle in realizing and enhancing their primary goals by increasing their raw power potential. The currency of power and security objectives are much evident in the 21st century globalised world with multiple transnational connectivity and changing contours of power. One can argue that India's power has been enhanced in Asia Pacific in general and in context to Japan in particular. In this presentation, I would like to address the following questions: a. What factors propel soft power and hard power interdependence between India and Japan? b. How should India's security objectives and foreign policy toward Japan Interplay between its hard power and soft power? c. How can China factor bring about a radical change in India's and Japan's foreign policy orientation? d. In which ways, the United States being the sole super hegemonic power with global interests affect and influence the emerging security and economic relationship between India and Japan in the Asia Pacific scene?

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**All interested persons are cordially invited!**