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RESEARCH ARTICLE

**AN ANALYSIS ON THE GROWING INDIA AND ISRAEL RELATION AND WHY INDIA
REQUIRES ISRAEL**

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Abstract

India and Israel are the two oldest civilizations, India favours a multi-polar world where as Israel favours a uni-polar world , India did not recognition Israel as a state till 1950 and today it has been more than 25 years of diplomatic ties with growing economic, defence and strategic relationship, since 1992 the diplomatic ties between India and Israel started, capitalism was the main reason why India initiated the relation , though since 1992 there have ties on agriculture, water management, trade, cyber security, Space, India and Israel together have launched missiles , and today India is the largest export partner of Israel in defence supply. Both the countries also have similar ideological and culture , In India we find many Jews residing in different states. India and Israel have joint hands and are sharing intelligences to counter terrorism .India and Israel are emerging as powerful nations and Israel advancement in technology has provided massive benefits to India in different sectors and the most in defence . The defence ties of the two countries in Future will provide more and more provisions to India, however India NAM members at times freezes the relations between the two countries.

Keywords: India, Israel, Defence, strategic partnership, missiles, export, trade, cyber security

Introduction

The strategic relationship between India and Israel has grown over the past few years. Both the

Countries have achieved collaboration in the sector of economic, military and strategic partnership. Israel is also the second largest supplier of defence weapons to India after Russia .India has had a long standing

relationship with the Arab countries, India has a large Muslim community and geographic proximity, India is highly dependent on Gulf countries for oil and energy supply and has good amount of Indian Diaspora working in Middle East region, However relation with Israel was limited after 1990s the relation with Israel has growth with strategic partnership. India make sure to maintain its moth relation with the Middle East countries and now Israel also .Iran has also been a major factor.

Coming to early 1990s when things where been stabilized between Pakistan and India, Israel considered Kashmir to be an importance part of India .However the Delhi Declaration that was issued after Prime Minister Sharon visit to India, the declaration didn't hold any reference to the Israel position on Kashmir. Israel has maintained individual independent foreign policy with both India and Pakistan. Israel is highly depended on US, even told. India-Israel factor is also influenced by Israel US factor because of the India US relation .During the Israel-Palestine war, India voted against the Partition of Palestine, India didn't support Israel at that period, however in 1950, and India officially recognised the state of Israel. India has a long lasting pro-Arab policy so finally in 1992 India established its embassy in Te Aviv, Ezer Weizman was the first President from Israel who visited India in 1997 and in 2000, L K Advani was the first Minister from India to visit Israel, Israel also wanted to have good relations with India, and finally in 2003 Prime Minister Ariel Sharon visited India. In 2014 may when Narendra Modi got elected as the Prime Minister of India, the bilateral relations between India and Israel took a turning point, there has been constant share of trade, agriculture and defence relations with each country participating in the Summit of each other. In 2017, Narendra Modi was the first Indian Prime Minister to visit Israel where they exchange mutual applauses Israel to invest 68.6 million USD in sectors like agriculture, technology, innovation and tourism for the next 4 years. New Delhi found Israel Defence Industry as an important source for weapons because of their advanced Military technology .In 2016 there defence partnership reached almost 600 million dollar, in 2008 India has launched a military Satellite TecSAR for Israel from ISRO .In fact the bilateral

relation which started at 200 million dollar in 1992 reached 4.52 billion dollar by 2014. India serves as the 10th largest trade partner of Israel and import sources along with that 7th largest export source.

Research Methodology

For the purpose of this exploration, I have used a amalgamation of two of the archetypical social sciences research tools application—as they are authentic and brilliant method to assemble statistics from multiple appellant in an methodical and convenient way. Question were asked to the common youth, students of International relations, public policy, survey, interviews—consisting of several interrogation which were dispersed among representative of each contender group.

Objective of the Research Paper

The main areas of exploration in this paper incorporates

1. The growing India and Israel relations
2. History of India Israel relations
3. Growing strategic partnership between India and Israel.
4. The future of this diplomatic relations.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi visit to Israel led to sign of many arms agreement which amounted 2.6 billion dollar, in addition to tech and science deals. Today India is the biggest buyer of Israeli arms. It is surprising when India in 1948 didn't recognize the Independence of Israel, from non-recognition of Israel to being one of its largest bilateral trade partners; Capitalism brought the two countries together. After Israel victory against the Arabs, Israel declared itself as a state and it was soon recognised by USSR and other 19 countries where India was against the partition of Palestine and voted against Israel joining UN it was because of two main region the partition as a colonial imposition for Palestine and it has a long standing relations with Arab countries, moreover India was perhaps Palestine's most devoted or closed ally .India recognised Israel in 1950 but didn't prefer bilateral relations, it didn't allow Israel to form its embassy in New Delhi, capital of India, India was also part of non-aligned movement a group

founded in 1961, India was the first NAM country to recognise PLO of the Palestine the same PLO Israel considered a Terrorist organization, despite being a member of non-aligned movement, India did start shifting towards USSR, the India and Israel relations were just related to security till the end of multi-polar world and with the disintegration of the Soviet Union in 1991, it was also the year when new economic reforms came in India and liberation was accepted which meant to move towards US, that meant India has to forge its relation with Israel .American made it clear that if you want a close relations with Washington Dc, you need to first make up with Israel, which led to first diplomatic ties between Israel and India in 1992 which included opening of embassy in New Delhi finally . It was the arms relation was begins between Israel and India , moreover India couldn't access Americans arms because of various amendments against non-proliferation in the US Congress and in the late 1990s.

against Israel when these atrocities come to UN, so the idea if India breaks ranks other many follow but till not it didn't do it is held back by its membership at NAM and more recently in the BRICS block, this is largely because Russia, China and South Africa they will not countenance any kind of pro-Israel voting from India.

Findings

It has been more than 25 years of India Israel diplomatic relation with strengthening strategic relationship in the air , navy defence . Defence and security cooperation has been very crucial for both the nations. Defence sharing between the two countries also include intelligence sharing on terrorism and joint military training . In 2017 India exporter C-130J Super Hercules aircraft to Israel and a group of 45 members including Garud Commandos to participate in a multi nation programme Blue Falg-17 , this was for the first time that Indian Contingent took part in Israel military exercise which includes Air Forces of both India and Israel .

Israel is the largest export to India when it comes to Defence, the defence ties have amplified over the years and it also includes now cyber security, counter terrorism and space .India and Israel growing defence cooperation has provided massive benefits to Indian defence as Israeli defence industry is the leading technology edge in most of the areas .Israel supplied weapons to India during the Kargil war of 1999. India buys more than 1 million dollar worth weapons every year from Israel. The main imports include Unarmed Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) and Unarmed Combat Aerial vehicles (UCAVs). The first purchase from Israel Aerospace was the Searcher MK 1 in 1996 and Indian Air forces and Navy acquired it in 2000, which was followed by Searcher MK 2. In 2003 Israel provided Heron Mk 1 to India and this had a common benefit, as Israel was restricted to carry out full trail of the Heron, where India types of terrain provided full option to test UAV. India was the first user of UAV even before the Israel. Heron can undertake missile up to 52 km with a ceiling of 35000 ft. In 2018 May, the government approved the Heron

Indo-Israeli relations

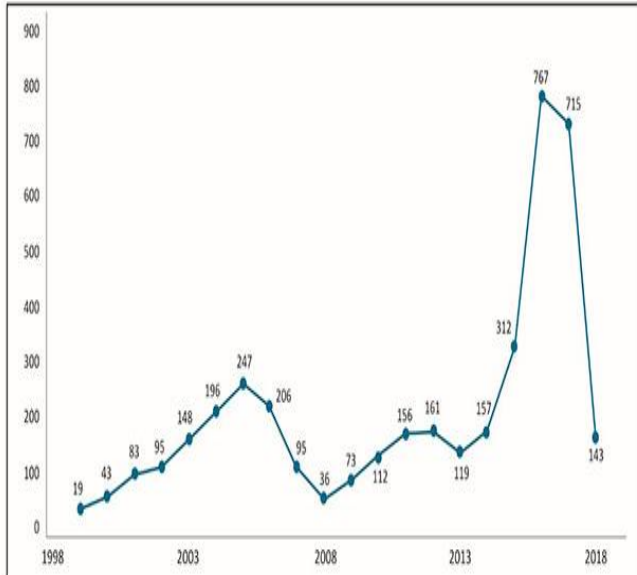


Russian arms was still suffering greatly from the collapse of the Soviet Union and here when Israel said to India that they can provide you American quality arms and also the connection between Hindu Nationalism and Zionism, both the countries share an ideological view, the current Hindu right government ideology is similar to that of the Zionist leadership in Israel. India and Israel has huge military presences in the Kashmir valley and Palestine region. It is also considered that all Non-aligned membership vote

MK 11 worth 400 million dollar, beside this Israel has excelled in technology support aircraft, naval vessels and battle tanks, The Indian Airborne Warning and Control system EL/M-2075 Phalcon was inducted in 2009. It also imports guided bombs, Beyond visual range Air to Air missiles and surface to air missiles and some can be launched from air, land and sea. Israel SPICE Kit bombs, India had purchased 100 SPICE kit from Israel.

Israel UAVs is being used for surveillance purpose by India, the Military aircraft that is guided by remote control or both, it carries sensors, target designation, offensive ordnance or electronic transmitters designed to interfere with or destroy enemy targets, Indian armed force has used UAVs for surveillance duties, Heron-TP drones has been in service with the IAF. Israel Defence Forces (IDF) does not comment on the arming forces of drones but reports show that Heron-TP has performed armed roles with missiles attached to wing hard points.

Figure 2: TIV Values of Arms Exported from Israel to India (1999-2018, in US\$ millions)



Source: SIPRI Arms Transfer Database

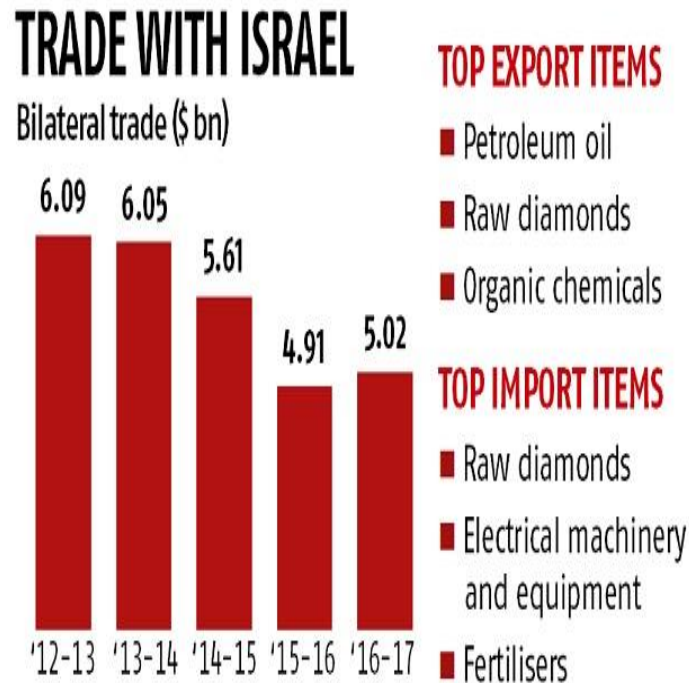
In late 1990s a crucial defence deal was purchase of Barak-1, an air-defence missile brought specifically for its capability to intercept US made Harpoon Missile deployed by Pakistan, other were

CIBMS Surface to air Python and Derby Missile System (SPYDER) integrated under water harbour Defence and Surveillance System (IUHDSS).

Apart from Defence there has been ties in other sector since post 1992 like Agriculture, Israel is geographically located in a desert, the condition is harsh, however it has been able to come out of this harsh condition by developing scientific farming techniques as well as harvesting. India is using Israel techniques to bring best practices in India where treaties have been signed by States like government of Karnataka and Rajasthan have signed treaty with the Israel government like in the case of olives growth, it can produce drought resistant crops, there has been scientific farming techniques and implementation, Israel has developed as the most advanced agriculture industry in the world. Water management and Desalination, it is a global leader who convert saline water into potable water and India is facing huge problem related to water management and address the issue of water scarcity issues, its diplomatic relation with Israel will help to bring the best practices. Space relation India and Israel together have launched TecSar and RISAT which has been launched by ISRO both these satellite have application are working on surveillance, next we have cyber security, Israel is a pioneer when it comes to cyber warfare, its capability are recognised across the world, its Talipot Programme which trains cyber warfare, and trainer who carry out both defensive and offensive exercises. It has an established cyber command structure and the workforce is coming from the programme, the Stuxnet is an perfect example, India can work with Israel forces and earn from Talipot Programme on cyber warfare. We also have a trade relation on Diamonds, IT, Pharma etc. Culture has been one of the main reason when it comes to ideological relation, Indi origin Jewish immigrants have been found in Israel in large number on the other hand we also have many Jews settled in India, like in Malabar, Maharashtra, Goa and North-east, in fact Yoga and Indian movies are very popular in Israel.

Defence and security ties still continues to Fulcrum their relationship in the Pokhran II test, Kargil Conflict –Israel provided India with Laser Guided Bombs and also in the operation Parakam,

after the 26/11 attack the Indian and Israel agencies: Raw and IB have development strong relations with Mossad and shipbot of Israel and are jointly working together to combat counter terrorism.



Source : Commerce and industry ministry

Way Forward

India wants a multi-polar world, while Israel favours a uni-polar world. Both the nations have strong ties with US, Israel has been receiving support from US years when the Arab Israel war was on, US provided funds to Israel. US has been a significant reason for India and Israel growing diplomatic relations. Today, India is the largest import of defence items. Even today where, the India defence export market has extended and it has become an alternative to China in the export of defence items earning in billions, along with its relation with Israel on strategic partnership has intensified. India being a member of NAM has never supported Israel during the times of war. India and Israel have now signed deals in the development of science, agriculture, waste water management, cyber security which has amplified and both are working together to counter terrorism. India today has the 4th largest military in the world and with advanced technology facilities being provided

by Israel. India and Israel growing relation will India to emerge as a global power in many sectors.

Conclusion

India and Israel relation is influenced by USA, Israel technology utilizes many of the USA components and USA has the veto power limit or stop the sale which can affect India badly, moreover India member of Non-Aligned Movement always had a negative impact on Israel-India bilateral relations. Cold War Politics like Arab-Israeli Conflict, Iran-Israel conflict constant interference of countries like Russia and America has affected the relation between India and Israel. India is highly dependent on Middle East countries in particular Iran for its energy and they have had a long lasting relations, India has also supported Palestine and was against the partition of Palestine and didn't recognise Israel as a state till 1950. Due to India's west policy, it has de-hyphenated its relation with Palestine and Israel. India's view on Palestine –Israeli conflict holds a lot of importance in its bilateral ties with both the countries.

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