

Political Aspects of Indo-French Relation in Post Independent India

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French relations took a new direction in the 1990s. The year 1991 saw the emergence of India as a major power. After more than 40 years of planned economy, India had the courage to open up the economy with the result witnessed by us even today. In 1992, the then, Prime Minister P.V. Narashimha Rao visited France and discussed the economic reforms that India was implementing. He called for investment, cooperation in nuclear energy, space and oil research and drew the attention to the issue of terrorism. The most striking feature of this period was Indo-French strategic partnership. The end of the 20th Century saw the nuclear explosion by India and Pakistan. Major Power condemned their action. But, France was one of the few countries which did not condemn Indian nuclear explosion or imposed sanction.