



## **Iran-India Relations in a Changing Global Scenario**

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### **Abstract**

*Iran is a significant player in the Middle East and the adjacent region. India is a growing superpower that has seen significant shifts in its foreign policy thinking in the past two decades. Likewise, Iran has undergone tremendous changes domestically and regionally. Iran-India relations are to be studied in this light. The relations between the two countries assume importance since the changing trend of events. Though there has been a significant shift in India's relations with Gulf countries, Iran-India relations are special and important. The warm relations between the two countries are attributed to the fact that Persian language transcends boundaries and many components of Iranian culture have been incorporated into the culture of India due to the frequent interaction between these two regions throughout history. Shi'ism is a major component of India's Islamic tradition. Given the historical relationship Indian Muslims as a determinant factor in Iran-India relations cannot be dismissed. There are various issues that need careful analysis. Secondly, India's growing relations with United States and Israel needs balancing when it comes to Iran. As a growing superpower, India needs oil for its domestic consumption, which has become an utmost foreign policy consideration. The paper will also briefly look into various issues, like Iran and India's growing need for technology from the West. The two countries need active collaboration to become technologically sound. India and Iran should nurture this relationship by resorting to frequent cultural exchanges and open discussion about each other's security considerations. India and Iran should build this historical understanding into partnership that holds promise for the future of both the countries. India's strategic and cultural exchanges demand greater attention in an era of globalization and building a solid partnership with Iran can open new avenues for India and Iran. Cultural diplomacy coupled with initiatives from both sides will provide ample scope for mutual gains accruing from this relationship.*

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