

When Nehru Looked East: India's Foreign Policy Under Jawaharlal Nehru

In the annals of history, the name Jawaharlal Nehru stands as a beacon of leadership, his vision shaping India's destiny in the post-independence era. Among his many transformative policies, the "Look East" policy holds a place of great significance, cementing India's place on the global stage. The book "When Nehru Looked East" offers a captivating account of this pivotal foreign policy initiative.



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The Genesis of the "Look East" Policy

Nehru's "Look East" policy emerged from a deep understanding of India's historical and geographical connections with its eastern neighbors. He recognized that India's future lay in forging closer ties with Asian and

African nations, and in 1947, he articulated his vision for a united and independent Asia.

The "Look East" policy was not merely a diplomatic strategy; it was a fundamental shift in India's world outlook. Nehru believed that India, as an ancient civilization with a rich cultural heritage, had a crucial role to play in shaping the post-colonial world Free Download.

The Bandung Conference and Afro-Asian Solidarity

A defining moment in the implementation of the "Look East" policy was the Bandung Conference of 1955. Nehru played a central role in organizing this historic gathering of 29 Asian and African nations, which became a symbol of Afro-Asian solidarity.

At Bandung, Nehru eloquently articulated his vision for a peaceful and prosperous world, free from colonial domination. He called for the end of apartheid and the recognition of human rights, laying the foundation for India's leadership role in the Non-Aligned Movement.

India's Growing Influence in Asia

In the aftermath of the Bandung Conference, India's influence in Asia grew exponentially. Nehru forged close partnerships with leaders such as Sukarno of Indonesia, Nasser of Egypt, and Tito of Yugoslavia, forming a network of like-minded nations that advocated for peace and development.

India also played a key role in the establishment of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) and the Afro-Asian People's Solidarity Organization (AAPSO), further strengthening its ties with the developing world.

The Legacy of Nehru's "Look East" Policy

Nehru's "Look East" policy left an enduring legacy on India's foreign policy. It transformed India from a newly independent nation to a global player, respected for its principled stand on issues of colonialism, apartheid, and world peace.

India's current "Look East" policy, launched in the 1990s, is a continuation of Nehru's vision, reflecting the country's growing economic and strategic interests in the Asia-Pacific region.

An Invaluable Resource for Historians and Students

"When Nehru Looked East" is an indispensable resource for historians, political scientists, and students of international relations. It provides a comprehensive analysis of Nehru's foreign policy, offering insights into the motivations, strategies, and outcomes of his "Look East" initiative.

Through meticulous research and lucid prose, the book sheds light on the complexities of India's post-independence diplomacy, highlighting the challenges and triumphs that shaped its global trajectory.

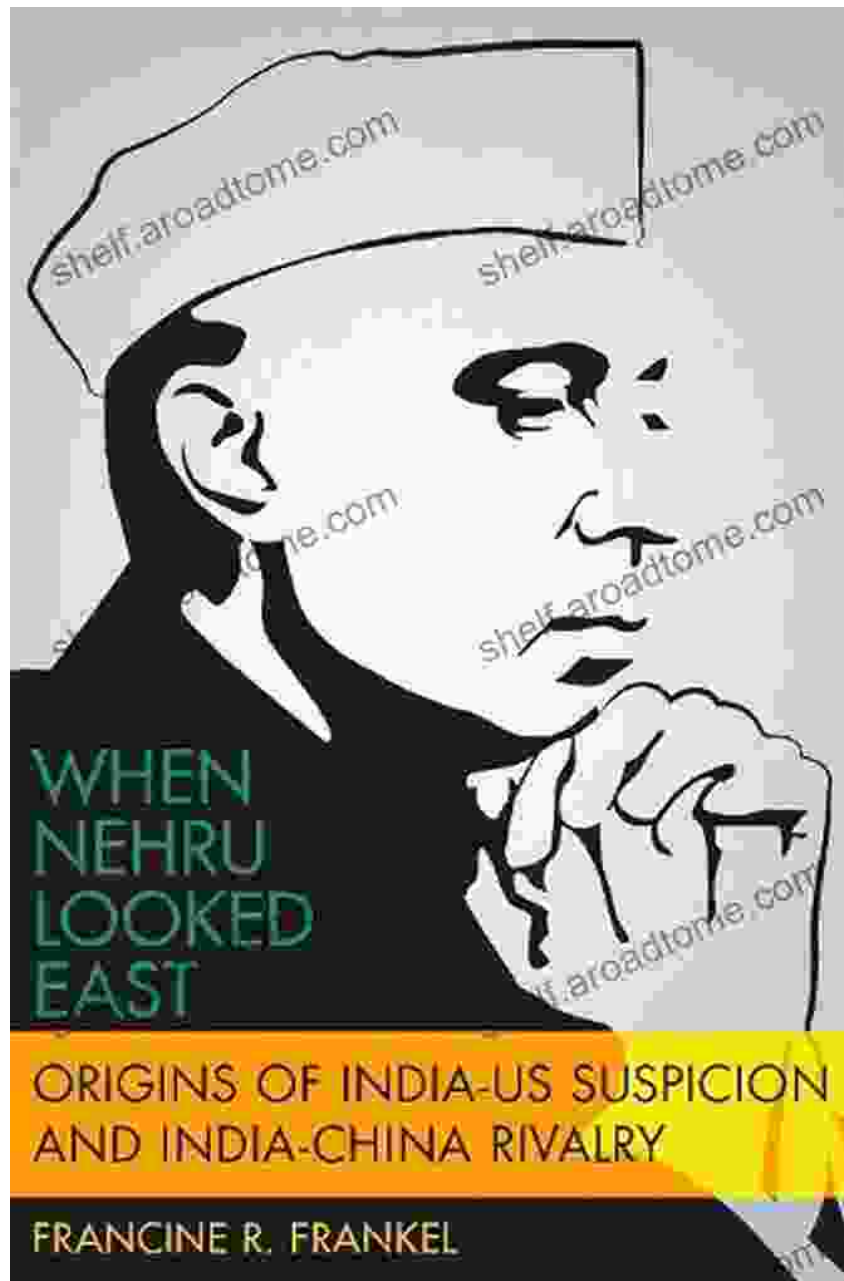
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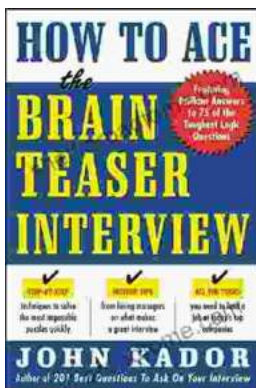


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