

# UNDERSTANDING NATIONAL INTEREST

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Often for most of us **NATIONS** are **MAPS** or  
**FLAGS** *symbolically*

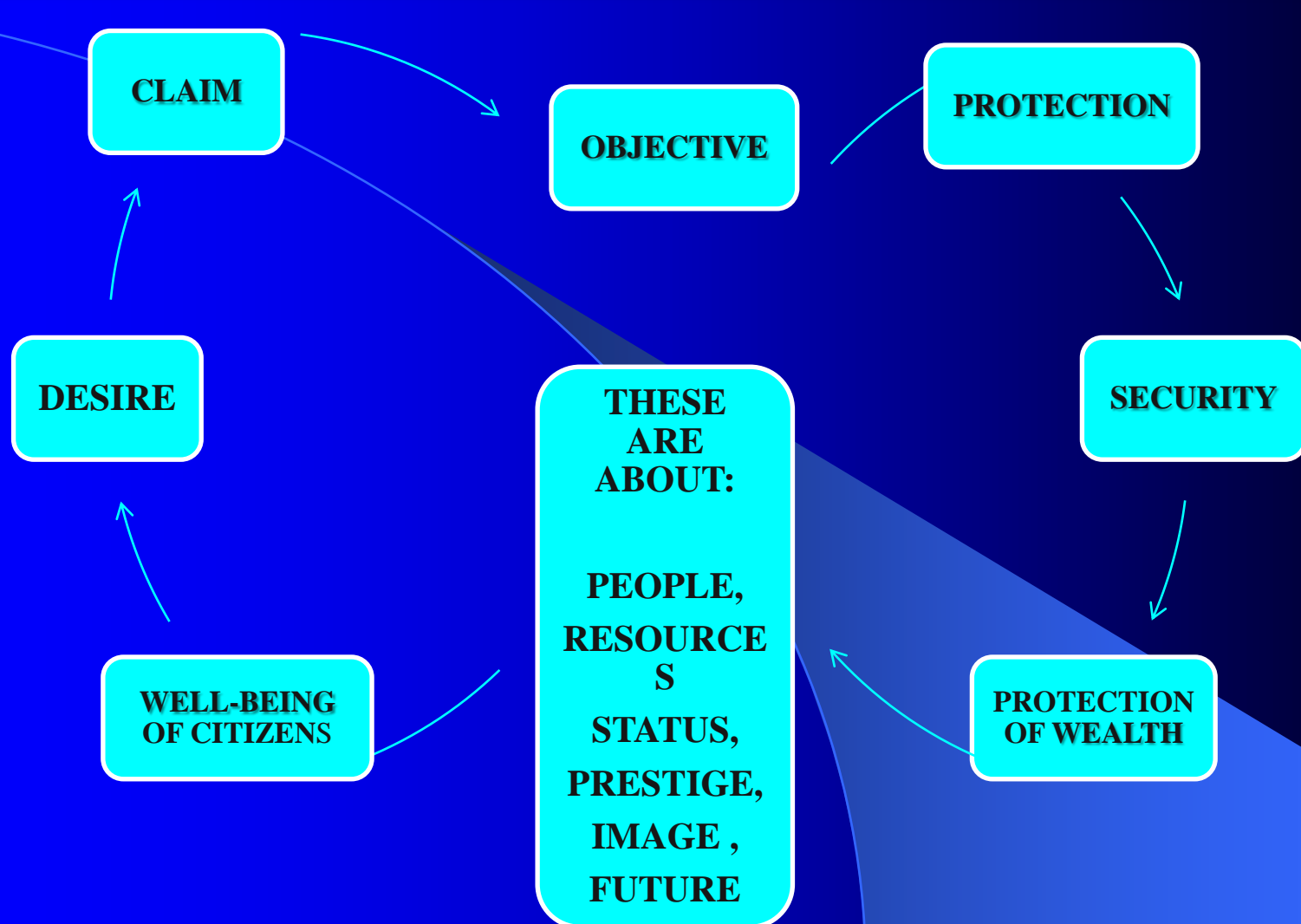


# OVERVIEW

- National interest is the most crucial & key concepts in *NATIONAL RELATIONS* and *FOREIGN POLICY*.
- Foreign policies are guided by their respective national interests.
- It is the purpose of ***FOREIGN POLICY*** to conduct foreign relation in a way so as to achieve national interest to the maximum extent.
- ***PERSUANCE OF NATIONAL INTREST IS THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF A STATE.***
- ***NATIONAL POWER and GOALS of FOREIGN POLICY are closely linked with NATIONAL INTRESTS***

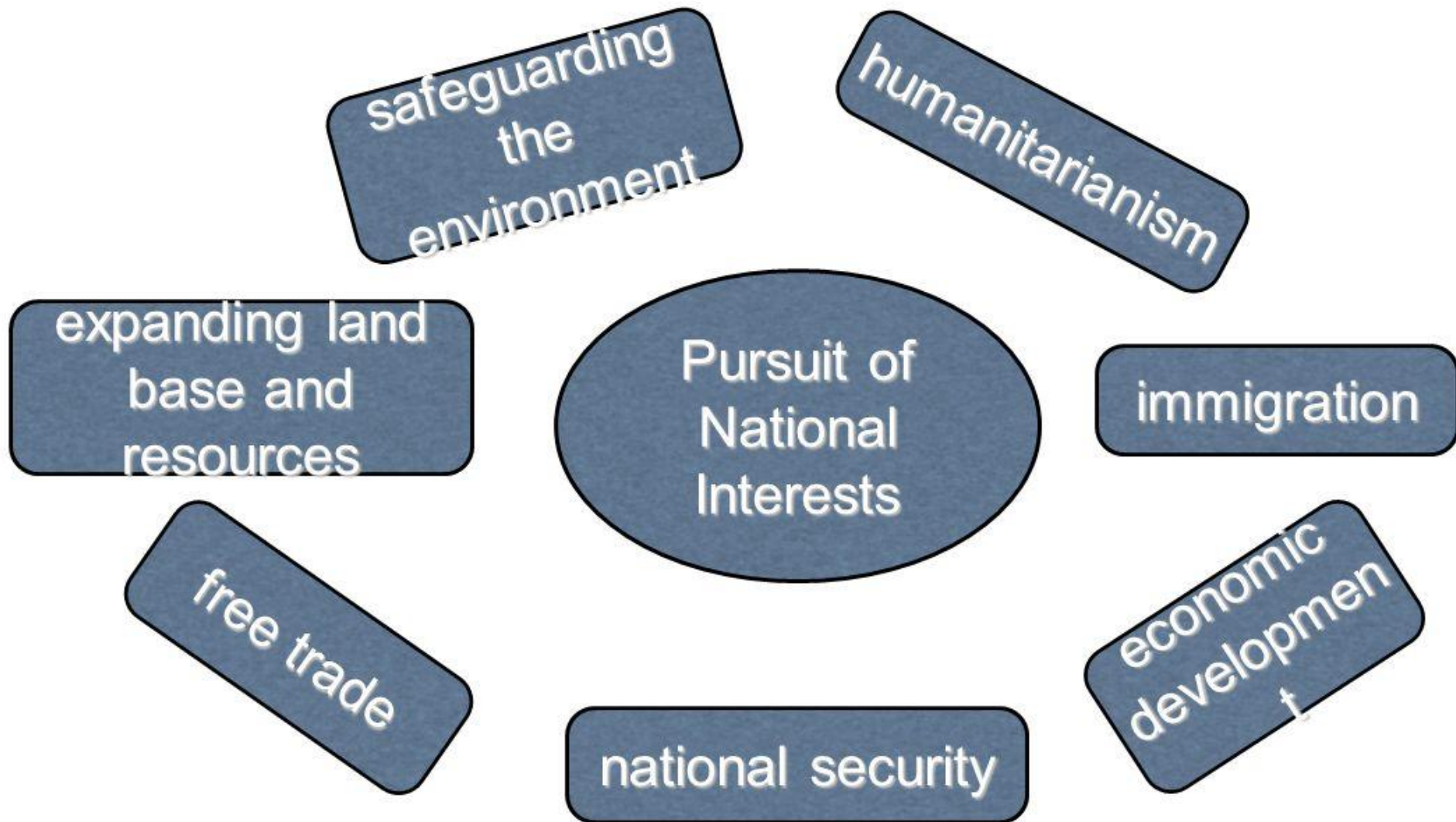
# WHAT IS NATIONAL INTREST ?

AN EFFORT MADE BY A STATE IN TERMS OF





# Differing Perspectives on National Interests



Here is a cartoon depicting importance of National Interest even at the cost of morality, cheat, breach of faith, is not it so?





# ANOTHER TAKE ON NATIONAL INTEREST

MODI MANTRA SUNDAY ANCHOR

## 'Enlightened national interest' is at core of Modi's foreign policy mantra



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### 'ENLIGHTENED NATIONAL INTEREST'



Priority for neighbourhood



Tightrope balance between China vs Japan & West vs East



Economic diplomacy: seek infrastructure investment



5Ts

Offer the world 5ts: Tradition, Talent, Tourism, Trade and Technology



### STRENGTHS

- Summit-style diplomacy
- Minimal entourage
- **DTB:** Direct-to-Business meetings
- **DTC:** Direct-to-citizens public speeches
- Special focus on overseas Indians



### WEAKNESSES

- Little time for preparatory work/ follow-ups
- PMO decision-making sidelines MEA
- No mention of non-alignment principle
- Precedents not followed

- Like human beings Nations are also guided by certain stable and dynamic interests- without which they cannot survive and flourish
- According to Morgenthau, the idea of the national interest has two factors one is 'rational necessity', other is changeable and depends upon situations.

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- **MORGENTHAU GIVES TWO FOLD CLASSIFICATION**

**NECESSARY OR VITAL COMPONENTS**

- These are stable and seek security and survival of a state like Territory population, Political System etc.

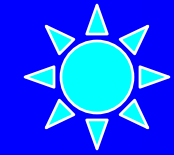
**VARIABLE OR NON-VITAL COMPONENTS**

- These are decided by situations like decision-makers, public opinion, party politics, international conditions. Like prosperity, peace, Ideology, Power, status





VITAL AND NON-VITAL INTERESTS ARE ALSO CALLED PRIMARY AND SECONDARY OR GENERAL AND SPECIFIC INTERESTS.



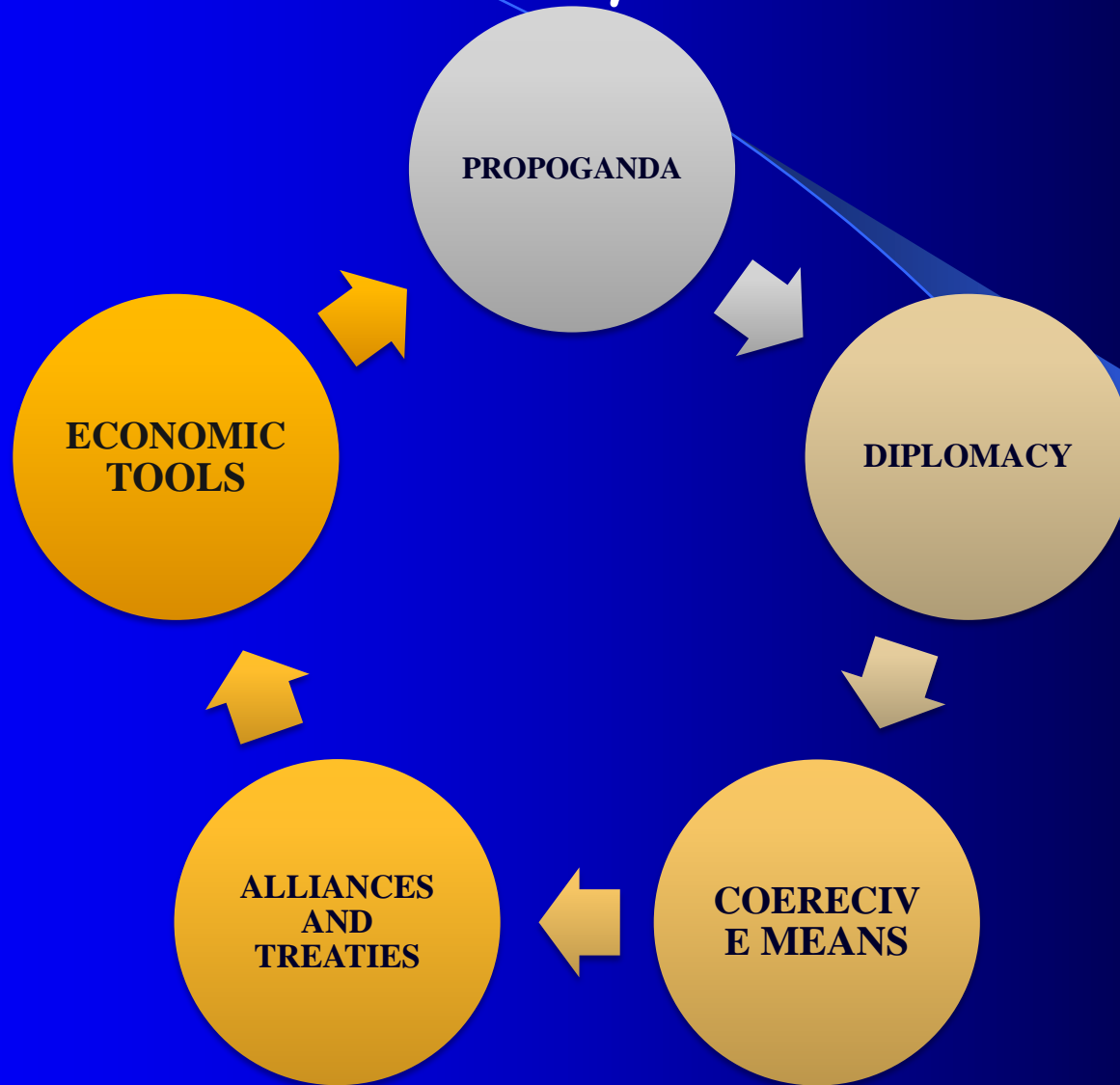
**NATIONAL INTEREST IS A COMBINATION OF THE SECURITY, ECONOMIC AND IDEOLOGICAL CONCERNS OF A NATION**



DIFFERENT NATIONS HAVE DIFFERENT CONCERNS



# ● FIVE TOOLS OF SECURING NATIONAL INTERESTS



# Three Great Powers of the world , Right ? Do they do Diplomacy ?



1. **DIPLOMACY** is the art that makes other countries to accept the demands made by a nation to secure its goals, objectives and desires
2. **PROPAGANDA** is a systematic attempt to affect the minds, emotions and actions of other nations and its leaders to secure those goals and demands.
3. **ECONOMIC CONCERNS** Present world is dominated by (recall Corona pandemic and undesirability of USA,UK and other developed countries to impose lock down simply on concern of economic fallouts) and use of trade & finance related tools is diplomatically used.



# A Perspective on National Interest ?

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**4. ALLIANCES AND TREATIES** are means strategic & friendly relations based on cooperation and collaboration in times of need for mutual gratification of interests like NATO, SEATO, CENTO, OPEC, OAS, ANZUAS, SEATO etc.

**5. COERCIVE MEANS** : It means using power and violent methods like intervention,,embargos,boycotts,non-recognition,reprisals,retaliation,retortion and severance of relations. War & Aggression are illegitimate means

# NATIONAL INTEREST & NATIONAL SECURITY

- National Interest & National Security are closely interrelated.
- National security is the paramount *raison de entre* of states.
- In present State System national security is important concern of every state but primacy of it becomes problematic for notion of Collective Security (Represented by UNO)



- However, there are at least four views of National Security

**IDEALIST  
VIEW OF  
SECURITY**

**REALIST VIEW  
OF SECURITY**

**NEO-  
REALIST  
VIEW OF  
SECURITY**

**CONTEMPORARY  
WORLD VIEW  
VIEW OF  
SECURITY**



**IDEALIST:** Like Woodrow Wilson , Bertrand Russell & Aldus Huxley etc. believe security aimed at bringing a world free from War/Violence/Strife through use of intellect and knowledge towards peace and prosperity.

**REALIST :** Security its proponents Niebuhr ,Morgenthau, Waltz lies in realization of National goals through use of National Power , Balance of Power, Alliances, Collective Security, Disarmament or Armament etc.

**NEO-REALIST :**also called Structural Realism, Instead of power alone, Waltz emphasized maintenance of a system or structural aspect of International State System based on policies of Deterrence , equilibrium, collective defense , Bi-Polarity etc. necessary for National Security

## ● CONTEMPORARY WORLD VIEW :

After end of Cold War and drastic transformation of world , in wake of revolutionary technological changes, feminism, globalizations, cyberspace, pseudo-capitalism, virtual space, Information detonators, Biological Weapons and WMD etc. concept of National Security is not just confined to states, UNO, Alliances etc but *even a single Individual or tiny organization* or group can lead to redefinition of concept of National Security.

See the Flag of a USA and here it is donned  
by a women symbolizing that Women  
Interests are also American Interests or vice  
versa, Really Yet?



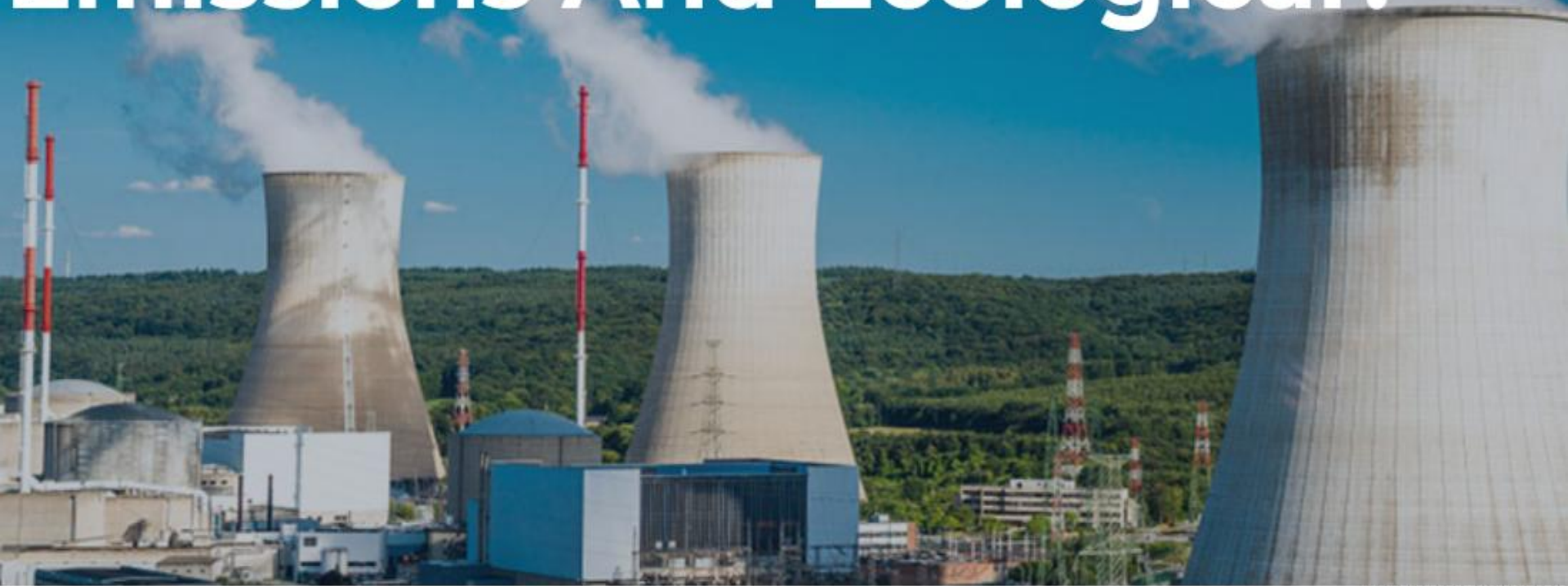
# USE OF **TRADE** AND **ECONOMIC** OR **FINANCIAL** TOOLS TO PROTECT NATIONAL INTERESTS





# A SYMBOL OF National Power A Nuclear Power Plant

## Is Nuclear Energy Clean, Zero Emissions And Ecological?



# **NUCLEAR ENERGY AND NUCLEAR BOMB:**

Two Facets of same Technology  
Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant, India



# Think We all ARE Humans

As the world is becoming more conscious, educated, knowledgeable and democratic -- **SECURITY** now means **HUMAN SECURITY**.

**IN FACT, NATIONAL SECURITY IS VERY MUCH DEPENDENT UPON GLOBAL SECURITY AND THIS BECOME CLEAR IN SITUATIONS OF GLOBAL CATASTROPHE LIKE CLIMATIC CRISES AND VIRAL PENDING AS COVID-19**

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