



Editorial

Negotiating Relations being Compelled or Compelling Others: Lessons from China-Russia-USA Triangle

Architecture and structure of states across the globe are affected by the China- Russia-USA triangle. The United Nations Organisation's positioning as the 'centroid' of the triangle to provide global stability got very limited success with diminishing return over last few decades. Now that the UNO fails more to balance between super powers' ambition for domination in fast evolving complex world, utility of such an institution is increasingly questioned.

UNO in superpower triangle

UNO emerged from the ashes of the World War II to save it from conflict and stimulate development in just liberating colonies. Over decades, the reality almost transformed it into three (the USA, Russia and China) median's point of intersection. UNO was supposed to be the triangle's 'center of mass,' acting as its point of balance. This body's failure to contain any big conflict raises a question — what then for both umpiring and organising functions? The veto provision in Security Council could help on many occasions, yet failed the globe on more occasions. Increasingly, UNO is being utilised by members of the triangle to protect own interest in different parts on the Earth. Besides utilising, reneging on promised contributions to UNO made its many organs such as World Health Organisation non-functional to a great extent. There is no morality, no ethics — UNO's structural components are either subverted or allowed to die so that its architecture collapses.

Complexity of global state system is increasing with more defence and cooperation pacts between countries being inked. Though number of such pacts are going to increase, this won't help much, rather create situations unknown till now. Terrorism and internet-based economic-political networks' intertwining are offering higher complexity, subjecting territoriality to bizarre tests. UNO's framework is often hijacked by state actors including permanent members. This uncertainty is corroding superpowers' perceptual ease of at the top in international politics and economy. The more this happens, the more they are bound to commit mistakes frequently destabilising 'Conflict to Peace Continuum' to the level of collapse. Their nature of spread across other states is very important to factor here.

Superpowers' spheres of influence

The USA has spread its cover too wide through decades in influencing and forcing others in security, democracy, dictatorship, trade and education which is difficult to scale down fast. Collapse of Soviet Russia and rise of civilisational Russia idea have gradually decreased length and breadth of their cover. However, as the inheritor of soviet cold war stockpiles and great mineral resources with cultural-economic-political compulsions in Eurasian neighbourhood, Russia asks by act that every other country including USA should keep thy hand away. It is now easier for Russia to wield their influence in Eurasian sphere better. It is even easier for the country to influence things from remote. China, the balancing veto power for long, through command export driven capitalist embrace in communist governance mould and loan game in Asian and African weak states could spread the cover wide enough.

Temporary advantage old socialists

In this scenario, old socialists China and Russia have advantage of being authoritarian in practice. Their growth in market-driven economy is bound to be better for ease of doing business. Capitalism's gradual expansion in both countries almost over four decades have put them in higher pedestal. However the tendency of dictatorship may be advantageous in short run for domination yet capitalist model is bound to subject human to greed every moment and every few years, weakening such countries in 'elitist capture'. Dictatorial statism, how much patriotic and core community and culture centred it may be, is a two way sword. For the promised status improvement, it curtails freedom of common man and creates a cohort of small number of elites failing to create common man's elevated intellectualism. 'Othering' thought process driven strategy from non-closure of informedness and impact visualisation ends in more conflicts. They need to shift to avoid pitfalls.

Superpowers in duress

Superpowers' long term strategies in friend making, investment in social sector and business partnership are getting halted. Their uncertain behaviour damages partners' confidence. The dominant model of economic assistance-driven relationship no longer works as insurance in the triangle. China and USA have experienced this already with weak partners in their networks. Networked capitalism and capitalistic socialist networks' political ideology export in expanding spheres of influence is under duress.

Reasons for the duress may seem many but are actually very few.

First, dominance demands prolific assistance and loan expenditure towards countries in spheres of perceived influence. The cost creates strain on coffer in the long run. Mindless hegemonistic ambition initially built on strong economic basis devours economic strength.

Second, creating spheres of influence through big loans to weaker countries for development and governance has mostly failed during last six decades. It often happens that weaker countries lose control on their own institutional structure with higher access to easy money; dereliction of trust-based leadership duties often fail such states.

Last, more export orientation in Gross Domestic Product and increasing dependency on investment from other countries are recreating the dependency syndrome. This time this is for well-off economic powers instead of weaker countries when observed from money-standard view point of development.

Only one key can solve three duress for superpowers: limit based discrimination. This is required very much for good health, sanitised environment and hygienic global living. This key can only be developed well, fitting to requirement of each one of them by contributions from holistically educated state leaders in politics, economy, society and technology. The Conflict to Peace Continuum demands their desire not to allow low skirmishes to flare up. However, the continuum needs balancing weights outside the triangle.

Conflict to Peace Continuum

The Conflict to Peace Continuum, that heavily burdened straight line with peace and conflict as two end-spaces accommodating topsy turvies in between, needs centre of holistic weight urgently. Bharat's old spiritual legacy of remembering Mother Durga, the powerful who ends violence and aggression for restoring peace in the world offers a lesson in such state of affairs.

So far, powerful nations came together on two occasions for a global centroid to save the Earth from imminent danger of collapse. However, UNO became their turf to help domination. The touch of motherly love was absent on both occasions. The globe needs the motherly touch for Ecologically Sustainable Transgenerational Progress (ESTGP) in human-nature-machine symbiosis with nature-society-community-

family- individual-state-globe as interactants. From statism, it's time to move to holism for a balanced architecture of the global system.

Motherly Touch

Only the mother can measure and shape thinking of the offspring by dint of allowing meditating grind in the womb and neural wiring through the process called mind. Families, communities and societies develop in this process by developing institutions for consultation, governance, prosperity and coexistence. This motherly mindset can only save the Earth. Motherly mindset signifies all round sustainable intervention; lacking therein puts generations in distress.

How do we achieve this without further delay? Delay would bring another global collapse because we *homo sapiens* is gradually morphing into demonic *homo sapientales moneycus (hsm)*. This transformed species is on devastating run, more than what cyborgs may harm in future. This run is no animalistic advance because even the lion, once hunger is satiated does not kill. The *hsm* has no limit to and discrimination in amassing riches. Humans' own creation, the exchange value symbol is lording in this money-centric system. Even countries of unbroken civilisational are in dilemma.

There are two blocks whose past offers hope in this reality. Unbroken civilisations in Asia, with assimilation of civilisation learnings of ESTGP may bring the much required balance in the straight line from conflict to peace. The European Union (EU), coming together of countries learning from two World Wars' devastation is the other block.

Bharat and European Union

Bharat, retaining her society in tradi-modern continuity has advanced fast over last two decades with improving size and depth of economy, democratic stability, gradually stabilising autonomous international strategy and as dependable friend for many. Her impeccable track record of never being an aggressor stands very tall. Over last few years, her argument in global and inter-country stages has shifted global politico-economic debate from propaganda-supporting rhetoric to all sides exposed discussion. The time has arrived when her positioning in the China-Russia-USA interface may offer depth to global action protocol. Amidst China-Russia-USA triangle of veto power, economic power, military power and thought conditioning power, She is steadily improving. Her sublime communicative action in the context of crisis situations thrust upon her sometimes seem unbecoming of the stature. In high context of her tradition, this is actually testimony of non-fearing yet non-defying stance towards any power in the global stage. This position is unique on three counts: disrupting western thought and action process, consistency in progress and no hegemonistic ambition. However, divisive tendency within society arising in protective solidification of caste system during thousand years' subjugation needs dissolution in spiritual wisdom based practice.

The EU has delivered on the promise of how neighbouring countries may come together for synergy in developing together. It has gradually developed structures and systems for deep integration at continental level. On the other, most of the ex- coloniser EU states are now reeling under the pressure of low productive return from ex-colony migration due to opening up. They have to negotiate with two thought processes: holistic-civilisational and 'othering-decolonial'. The way to expiate colonial sin is gradually putting EU members into socio-cultural maintainability challenge. How far they would be able to solve this problem would decide the socio-cultural maintainability of the EU. The EU is unique on two counts: offering a model of deep integration where cooperation, unlike the UNO is organic; their thought process differs from USA in this regard. However, powers in the EU are in a fix regarding their own proection as USA is increasingly becoming unpredictable to support them in all weathers.

The truth: the globe is flattened

As long as Russia and China were in socialist economic thought process, and Bharat was sleeping there was no threat to USA and its few allies' domination. The non-aligned countries' socialistic- welfarist-subpar-market ideology was also no threat. Both these ideological stances offered USA and North Atlantic Treaty Organization states in Europe the chance to draw talents from those countries. Western capitalist block got huge return in productivity and expanded spheres of influence due to them. With low population having riches from colonial exploitation, industrial capitalism offered tremendous growth.

The 1990s ushered the flattening of the globe. Breakdown of Soviet Russia, China's ambition to stall USA's capitalist overrun in capitalist approach, World Trade Organization compelled opening of markets across countries, Bharat shrugging command economy gradually and European countries increasing urgency to subsume some aspects of sovereignty for broad common culture and market are important happenings since then. But more than that, World Wide Web and its Internet information superhighway liberated communication as the instrument of progress through multi-functional time-space independent phenomenon. This enabled realizing 'information as the six element', the mind process output based sixth category of resource. Artificial Intelligence, exploiting human mind process has been changing all notions of human supremacy in Frankensteinian way. Network of capitalism has become real; so is terrorism arising from 'Cold War' domination psyche and religious hatred handshake. Now it's very difficult to know whether the investment's profit goes for funding terror and conversion; this new normal is going to disrupt the global system's interactive capacity.

Now that the ideological flattening of the world is real in economy, the Western capitalistic goal that every state adopts capitalism have been achieved. However this has offered challenges in their own turf which they must accept. Certain civilisational values of east, south-east and south Asia have been harnessed already to bring them at par with the Western countries in economic sphere very fast. That adaptability key opens better with holistic vision is already proven even by those South Asian countries who follow "othering" vision.

Civilisational China and Bharat have a legacy of holistic thinking which could ensure them closure of informedness and impact visualisation. However, the leadership being driven by either extreme socialist and capitalist ideology or capitalist ideology ignored their inner strengths for serving own people in ESTGP mode. So far, their policy making has been driven by the ambition to outsmart western powers following their path. To apply discrimination with self-limit observing any unfolding phenomenon in all angularities and shadow zones would work better for them for course correction. Holistic way of education can imbibe the sense of balance by including all aspects of logical reasoning and relational reality across structural components from every citizen to family to community to state apparatus through tradi-modern approach.

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