

Abstract

India as a rising power, needs strategic partner especially to counter China's String of Pearls through the Maritime Silk route as well as through the Land route. India's growing economic needs and energy consumption, needs a new partner for its liberalized economy. Again, Terrorism originating from Afghanistan and Pakistan along with the Drug Trade through Golden Crescent connecting with Golden Triangle is a continuous threat not only to the sovereignty of India but also is a threat to the social mosaic of India. India therefore needs strategic, secured and economic partners to her North to deal with all these problems and establish a robust "Look North Policy" as it has successfully established a "Look East Policy". Further, the land locked Central Asian states look for accessibility of warm waters, consumer goods market, humanitarian assistance, and for training in the field of military. The Central Asian states also need economic power house to explore its natural resources. And India is gradually emerging as a natural partner for these countries in general and for Kazakhstan in particular owing to her progressive support to all the Central Asian Republics including Kazakhstan. Therefore, India's Connect Central Asia policy, an in depth observation of Kazakhstan and establishment of stronger bilateral relations between India-Kazakhstan finds its importance which has been discussed in details in this thesis through its Five Chapters.