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Changing World Order and the Evolving Triangular Relationship among China, India and United States: The Possibility of Shifting the Pivot Position of US.

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The end of cold war had marked a beginning of new world order. China and India became significant actors for their gradual rise into great stature in international politics. The developments in international politics such as terrorism had posed threats and open economic policy created new opportunities. Those developments required cooperation among the US, China and India. The relations among the three nations had been conceptualized as strategic triangle following the realist school of international politics where US was perceived as the pivot actor. The objective of the study was to map the content of relationship among US, China and India through a historical perspective. Consequently, an attempt was made to predict the possible direction of this triangular relations and motives for such relations resulted in new type world order characterized by multipolar powers while United States remaining as the super power in the foreseeable future. The data for the study was collected through secondary sources and they had been descriptive presented to identify evolving trends of relations among the three nations. The study had concluded that Chinese and Indian ascendancy would displace US as the super power in the 21st Century.

Key Words: China, India, United States, Triangular Relationship, Conflict, Cooperation

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INTRODUCTION

Background of the Study

The scholarly literature on US, China and India revealed a persistence of triangular strategic relationship among the three countries from the very beginning of the two new nations i.e. China and India since 1940s. The significance of this relationship has increased in recent past with the gradual stature that the latter two states had

acquired with economic and military prowess in recent past. The significance of the rise of two nations had been studied by many from different perspectives. Many had paid attention to the power relations among the super power of US, China and India and future direction of world affairs in the new global order characterized by open economy and emerging threat of terrorism (Malik 2011; Gandhi, P.J. 2007; Yuan 2007). The literature on