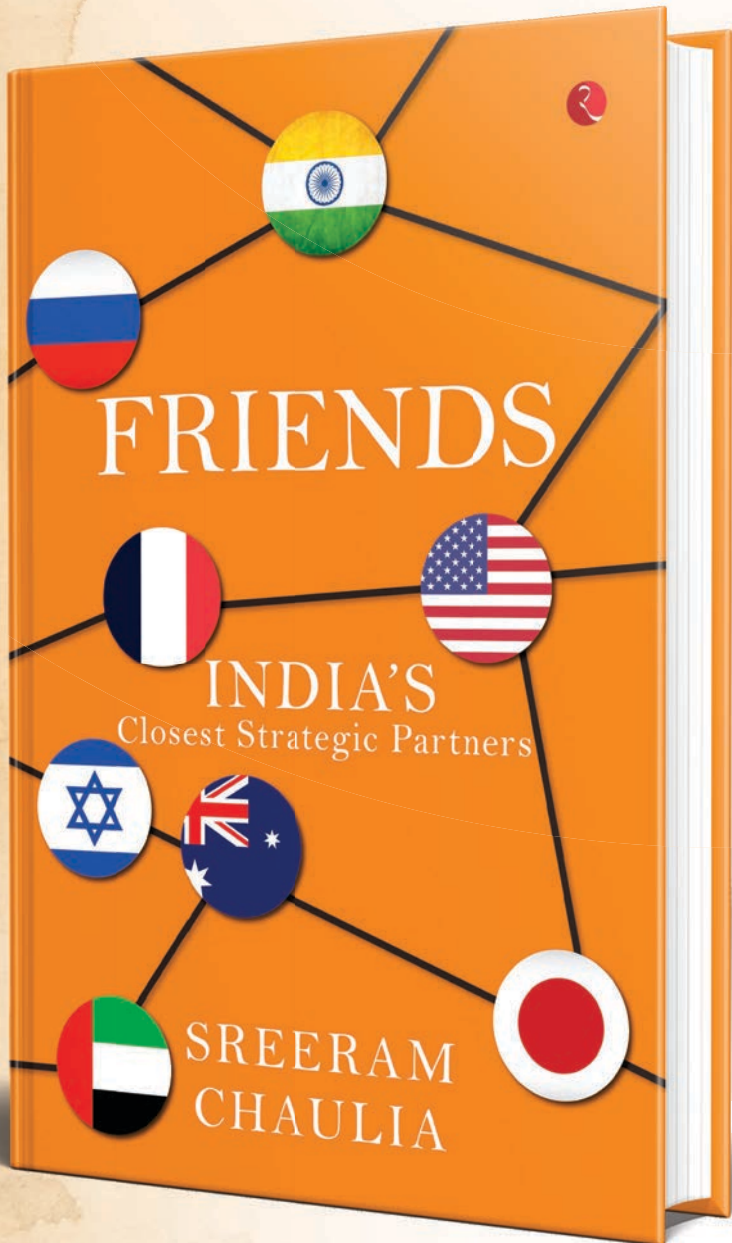


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India's Closest Strategic Partners



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5:00 PM-7:00 PM

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PROGRAMME

04:15 PM

High Tea

PART I: BOOK RELEASE

05:00 PM-05:05 PM

Arrival and Reception of the Chief Guest

05:05 PM-05:10 PM

Welcome by

Mr. Kapish Mehra

Managing Director, Rupa Publications

05:10 PM-05:20 PM

About the Author of the Book

Professor (Dr.) C. Raj Kumar

Founding Vice Chancellor, JGU & President, JII

05:20 PM-05:30 PM

Author's Introduction to the Book

Professor (Dr.) Sreeram Chaulia

Dean, JSIA & Director General, JII

05:30 PM-05:45 PM

Address by the Chief Guest

Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar

Honourable Minister of External Affairs of India & Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha

05:45 PM

Release of the Book by the Chief Guest & Group Photograph

PART II: PANEL DISCUSSION ON THE THEMES OF THE BOOK

06:00 PM-07:00 PM (*Followed by Dinner*)



CHAIRPERSON

Ambassador Lakshmi M. Puri

Former UN Assistant Secretary-General, and Former Indian Ambassador to Hungary and Bosnia & Herzegovina



Ms. Shubhangi Sharma

News Editor, Network18



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Professor, JSIA & Dean, Strategic and International Initiatives Office of the Vice Chancellor, JGU



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ABOUT THE BOOK

Why does India need friends and how are they beneficial for its foreign policy goal of rising to the status of a 'leading power' in the world? What kind of power is India today, and how does this reflect in its choice of friends and the forms of cooperation it engages in with these friends? What is the role of enemies in India's friendships and how are enemies factored into India's coordination with its friends? What do India's friends get in return and how have their estimations of the value of India changed over time? Will India be able to juggle strategic partnerships with countries that are in opposite camps in a highly divided world, or will it have to eventually prioritize some friendships over others? Will strategic partnerships be sufficient for India or will international circumstances compel it to convert them into formal alliances?

Friends: India's Closest Strategic Partners is a one-of-a-kind book on foreign policy and geopolitics that offers readers answers to questions which are key to determining India's future trajectory in international affairs. The book covers seven major bilateral strategic partnerships of India. Relying on case studies of India's ties with Japan, Australia, the USA, Russia, France, Israel and the UAE, the author argues that India's position as a rising power in the current transitory world order determines its approach to strategic partnerships. In a world ridden with turmoil and uncertainty, this book shows how India is building momentum and presenting itself as a viable leader, a beneficial partner, and a dependable friend.



ADVANCE PRAISE FOR THE BOOK

‘In this enlightening book, Sreeram Chaulia charts yet new territory in India’s foreign, security and economic policies. His case studies of India’s friends encompass what Abraham Lincoln said about destroying enemies when you make friends with them, and John Lennon’s getting by with a little help from one’s friends. A must-read work for anyone interested in India’s ascent to the highest rung in the international order.’

Lakshmi Puri, Former UN Assistant Secretary-General, and former Indian Ambassador to Hungary and Bosnia and Herzegovina

‘Dr Chaulia meticulously ties together India’s rise as a responsible and inclusive power with the need to engage with like-minded partners. The book makes for a compelling read for aficionados of geopolitics who want to understand the current state of play and India’s role within it. A timely and essential addition to the field of International Relations.’

Ram Madhav, President, India Foundation, and author of *The Indian Reality: Changing Narratives, Shifting Perceptions*

‘India’s relationships can bamboozle the West—like aligning with the USA while reassuring Russia, and working with the Quad while remaining in the BRICS. Sreeram Chaulia’s book is a must-read guide to understanding these intricacies and how they have helped establish India’s global influence and rise as the next superpower.’

Justin Bassi, Executive Director, Australian Strategic Policy Institute, and former National Security Adviser to Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull

‘No one in the world can ignore India. However, many are unaware of India’s way and approach in foreign policy. This book fills the gap via detailed case studies of India’s relations with both great powers and middle powers. It is one of the best works to explain the essence of Indian diplomacy and statecraft.’

Satoru Nagao, Non-Resident Fellow, Hudson Institute, and scholar on India’s military strategy and Japan–USA–India security cooperation

‘Chaulia has written an insightful survey of India’s most important bilateral relationships in the age of great power competition. Guiding the reader through the history and dynamics of each partnership, he explains India’s strategy of multi-alignment and points to its likely role in shaping a future global order.’

Lisa Curtis, Director of Indo-Pacific Security, Center for a New American Security; former US Deputy Assistant to the President; and former US National Security Council Senior Director for South and Central Asia

