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Relevance of United Nations

United Nations Organization (UNO) is turning 80 years by October 2025; rising on the vestiges of 'League of Nations' it has seen tremendous ups and down during the course of its evolution. It is more relevant in the contemporary world than any other time in its history. UN was brought into existence to serve as a crucial platform for addressing global challenges and soliciting international cooperation among the countries on the globe. Situations on the contemporary globe has turned alarming given protracted Russia-Ukraine conflict which is becoming increasingly complex with each passing day; Israel has almost decimated Hamas, Hezbollah and Houthis, and is getting offensive towards near-nuclear-powered Iran; America too invaded Iran's nuclear installations in a limited way to destroy the same as well as to strengthen and send the signal that it is standing strongly behind Israel; India almost dominated Pakistan's airspace for four consecutive days during May 7 to 10, 2025 before Pakistan pleaded for ceasefire. These are some of the most obvious developments over the recent past that warrants prevalence of international law and need for an agency to implement it effectively.

UN was conceived to establish a peaceful, just and sustainable world which would be capacitated enough to address global challenges. United Nation's efforts towards peacekeeping and peacemaking warrants its ever-expanding role in areas of conflict to enhance security of nation-states and protect the human rights of common citizens. United Nations is also required to foster sustainable development across the globe so that issues pertaining to global warming and consequent climate change are addressed effectively on long-term basis. Contemporary world is not only interdependent but is also highly interconnected in so many ways and through number of channels. Hence, UN need to make positive and effective contribution to strengthen peace to the people and strengthen the state's institutions in democratic and near-democratic countries. UN has constructive role to play by regulating the behaviour of nation-states on the globe given the multi-level and multi-modal engagement among nation-states in the present complex interdependent world. UN must work to contain armed conflict on the globe through its instrumentality.

UN is expected to bring countries on negotiating table to hammer out international legal regime through treaties, conventions, and declarations; and also evolve an agency for effective implementation of decisions. Countries on the globe must not consider, international legal regimes as mere positive morality rather a binding entity. UN alone is the legitimate entity which can transcend the national borders and address the issues which are of global nature with global impacts like: global warming, climate change, pandemics, economic development especially in the wake of globalization, and sustainable development. These are some of the issues which demands coordinated global action which United Nations alone has the capacity to perform.

Specialized agencies like United National High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR); United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), UNCTAD, and ILO, etc. may provide for humanitarian assistance in hours of need including disaster relief to vulnerable populations across the globe. Only some of the representative issues are being provided here to argue the imperatives for an international intergovernmental organization. Hence, the relevance of UN was always there and would continue to be always there. However, it is the effectiveness of UN as an intergovernmental organization which is being questioned, rather than its relevance.

Society is always in state of flux, so are other structures and institutions of decision-making. Hence, United Nations is relevant, but its reform is needed. Some scholars are of opinion that its structure is proper and only biting powers required to be accorded to UN for being effective. Other group of scholars are of the opinion that structural reform must precede functional reforms. Hence, UNSC (United Nations Security Council) requires to be expanded in view of rise of more of major powers on the globe. Even the international politics has undergone sea change, necessitating structural change within UN. Undoubtedly, UN is required to be made increasingly responsive to global challenges that the contemporary world is facing. Hence, its role continues to be crucial given the complexities of 21st century global challenges.

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