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New Delhi's perilous recalibration with the Taliban

India's Consideration to Allow Taliban Envoy

- India is considering allowing the Taliban to appoint a new envoy for its embassy in New Delhi.
- This follows a high-level meeting between India and Taliban officials in January.
- India's stance shifted after reopening its embassy in Kabul in June 2022.
- Accepting a Taliban diplomat would officially recognize the Taliban regime.

Concerns Over Women's Rights in Afghanistan

- Many countries refuse to recognize the Taliban due to its treatment of women.
- 1.4 million school-age girls are denied education.
- Women are banned from most jobs, beauty parlours, and national parks.
- The United Nations describes this situation as "gender apartheid."

China's Influence in Afghanistan

- China has accepted a Taliban envoy and invested in Afghanistan's infrastructure.
- China may include the Taliban in its Belt and Road Initiative, increasing its influence in Afghanistan.
- India aims to gain strategic ground as relations between Afghanistan and a neighboring country have soured.

Strained Relations Between Afghanistan and a Neighboring Country

- Afghanistan's relationship with a former ally has deteriorated.
- The Taliban is strengthening ties with China, Russia, and Central Asia.
- The breakdown in relations is due to the Taliban's failure to control terrorism.
- Afghanistan is a hub for terrorism under Taliban rule, with major terrorist groups active.

Security Concerns for India

- A terrorist group previously attacked an Indian consulate in Afghanistan.
- The group is trying to recruit for large-scale attacks in India, as reported by the United Nations.



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- This raises security concerns for India as it engages with Afghanistan.

India's Need for Caution

- India has always emphasized that Afghanistan should be free of terrorism.
- Further engagement depends on Afghanistan's commitment to fighting terrorism.
- The Taliban must take action against terrorist groups within its borders.
- India must carefully evaluate the risks and benefits of involvement in Afghanistan.

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