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# India made a qualitative shift from Look East to Act East Policy, says Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar

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India's **Look East Policy** was launched in the year 1992. Look East policy **focused on the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) countries + Economic Integration.**

India's Look East Policy is an effort to cultivate extensive economic and strategic relations with the nations of Southeast Asia in order to bolster its standing as a regional power and a counterweight to the strategic influence of the People's Republic of China.

The '**Act East Policy**' announced in November, 2014 is the upgrade of the "Look East Policy".

Act East Policy focused on **ASEAN countries + Economic Integration + East Asian countries + Security cooperation.**

It is a diplomatic initiative to promote economic, strategic and cultural relations with the vast Asia-Pacific region at different levels.

It involves intensive and continuous engagement with Southeast Asian countries in the field of connectivity, trade, culture, defence and people-to-people-contact at bilateral, regional and multilateral levels.

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