

Kautilya's Mandal Concept

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Mandal Concept of Kautilya is a six fold policies of determinant of foreign relationship of King

- 1. Sandhi-** It means treaty of Peace or Alliance. Kautilya advices the king should enter upon treaty with other countries and by doing so king should ensure that most of thr countries remain his friends not enemy.

2. **Vigrha**- Vigrha means war. Kautilya advises the King that Vigrha should be avoided. The King should enter a war only when there is no other options.
3. **Asana**- Asana means neutrality. It implies that in case of war between two countries the king should remain neutral.
4. **Yana**- Yana means making preparation for attack without actually declaring war. It means Army Should always be in alert.

5. **Samsharaya**- It means seeking protection of another king in case of a war. This has been advised by Kautilya because he fears that a group of countries might also attack a King.
6. **Dvaidhibhaba**- It means making peace with one country and waging war with another country.