

Q) Modi's vision of Indo-US Strategic Partnership is a real challenge for Pak. Discuss the strategic Political and Economic implication of this unholy alliance with respect to Pak-China relations?

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A. Introduction

India has shifted from Nehruvian's vision of non-alignment to Modi's vision of forging alliances and band-wagoning. This shift can be clearly seen from growing Indo-US alliances at various level, such as defence partnership, technological exchange, economic interdependence and partnership on energy transition. This growing romance has caused some serious implication on Pakistan. For instance, disturbance in power of balance of power in the region, Kashmir cause of is being neglected at international platform and enlistment of Pakistan on FATF grey list clearly depicts negative economic, strategic and political implications on Pakistan. Pakistan-China relations can only counter this growing US-India romance. Pakistan can secure its national interest by becoming a middle power and pursuing independent foreign policy as highlighted by Dr Maleeha Lodhi. The coming paragraphs will depict growing ties between India and United States (US), and it will give political, economic and strategic implications on Pakistan.

B. Indo-US Growing Romance at Various Levels

Modi's vision of band wagoning can be seen through growing partnership between the states of India and US at various levels.

Defense Partnership

1. Indo-US Civilian Nuclear Agreement 2008

2. Logistic Exchange Memorandum of Agreement

3. Basic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement

Economic Partnership

1. Increase in bilateral trade to 191 billion

dollar in 2022- amount is doubled from 2014.

2. US-India Commercial Dialogue Forum

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Political Partnership

1. US attended G-20 tourism summit in Illegally occupied Kashmir

2. India is a partner to Blue Pacific alliance

3. US support India for permanent member on UN Security Council

C. Political Implications on Pakistan Due to Growing Romance Between India and United States

1. India is Isolating Pakistan on International Platforms

The growing ties between US and India has enabled latter to isolate Pakistan diplomatically on International Platforms. Pakistan took the Kulbushan Yadav case to International Court of Justice, and still I.C.J is unable to reach any conclusion. The issue arised due to growing Indo-US romance, and US power to persuade other states. Thus, it can be clearly said that Pakistan has been isolated diplomatically on International platform by India due to the backing of US.

US has turned eyes on India. The government of India reach the government of USA to make Pakistan reach the government of USA.

2. Violation of Human Rights by India

US has turned its eye on the violation being committed by India against Muslim majority in India. Pakistan has always been the most vocal about speaking of rights for Muslims at international platforms, because of Article 40 and being a member of Organization of Islamic Conference OIC. Many a times, Pakistan has tried to raise the concerns but US has turned its eyes saying it is an internal matter.

3. Kashmir Issue is being Neglected

Pakistan and India were suppose to act according to UNSC resolution which clearly stated to hold a plebiscite. However, revocation of Article 35 from the Indian constitution made Kashmir the part of India in 2019. ~~Pak~~ Pakistan tried to take issue to the UN, but US presence in and

^{G-20 tourism}
attending the summit has clearly neglected
the Kashmir issue.

D. Economic Implications on Pakistan due to Growing Romance Between US and India.

1. Sovereign Default Risk - Pakistan and IMF were unable to reach an agreement

Pakistan was recently facing a risk of sovereign default over repayment of its debt. The issue was arisen due International Monetary fund (IMF) and Pakistan were unable to reach the agreement. India has been using Beggar Thy Neighbour Policy against Pakistan by asking US to influence IMF to make Pakistan to adhere difficult economic policy. Such policies in turn increases inflation, jobs began to decline, all in all it can said that states goes into an economic melt down.

2. Pakistan Enlistment On Grey List (FATF)

Pakistan was enlisted on the grey list of Financial Action Task Force (FATF) on accounts of corruption and money laundering being used to fund terrorism activities across the globe. India was the main actor in lobbying against Pakistan, and it got all the help from the US.

• Pakistan Not taken on aboard on Regional Connectivity Projects

The rise of romance between US and India has isolated Pakistan from getting benefits of Regional connectivity Projects. US has supported all the projects of regional connectivity in which India was the participant. For instance, India-Middle East and Europe Transit Corridor (IMEETC), which was first initiated as an idea by Saudi Arabia, US has strongly support this project. On the other hand it criticizes Pakistan regional connectivity projects such as CPEC as debt trap.

E. Strategic Implication on Pakistan Due to the Growing Romance between US and India

1. Balance of Power is Disturbed

The balance of power was being maintained in the region for so long time. However, this increase in ties have disturbed the status quo which was being maintained by balance of power. For instance, The new US-India Industrial cooperation roadmap 2023 has enabled both states with coproduction of advanced defence systems. Thus, it can be said that balance of power in South Asian is being disturbed.

2. Pakistan Still focuses on Geo-Strategy

The rise of romance has made Pakistan unable to take advantage of geographical location by moving or shifting towards geoeconomics. Pakistan fears that India can or is trying to destabilize Pakistan to achieve its ambition of Akhandh Bharat. Thus, Pakistan is trying to stabilize itself from military aspect, and unable to play its role in Geoeconomy.

3. Blocking Pakistan's Nuclear Material

India has been trying to cut-off Pakistan's nuclear program. The only thing that has kept India from going to a general war with Pakistan. The growing ties between US and India can help the latter in achieving its ambition. For example, India has been trying to become a member of Nuclear Supply Group (NSG) and US is supporting India in it thro. due to its Indo-US Civilian Nuclear Agreement 2008. If India becomes a member it can block the material needed for running the nuclear program.

F. Strong Pakistan-China Relationship can Counter Indo-US Romance

1. China Supported Pakistan on Kashmir Cause

China has supported Pakistan on Kashmir cause by not attending the G-20 tourism summit in Kashmir. Which

clearly depicts China does not count Kashmir as a part of India, and it sides with Pakistan on Kashmir cause.

2. China-Pakistan Loans

Whenever, Pakistan had to or facing economic crisis, China has helped Pakistan by rolling over loans. According State Bank report, China has rolled over 2.4 billion Dollars since ~~2010~~ 2021. Which clearly states that China has always helped Pakistan at time of needs.

3. Pakistan is an Important Part of BRI

This year marks 10 years anniversary of China led Belt and Road initiative. China-Pakistan Economic Corridor is a Flagship project of BRI. At the event of ten years anniversary, China denoted the sacrifices Pakistan has made to the regional connectivity project.

G. Critical Analysis

The growing ties between the US and India clearly depicts that India has shifted its foreign policy base of non-alignment based on Nehruvian vision to band-wagoning with US based on Modi's vision. This shift can be clearly seen from going ties between US and India at Strategic, political and economic level. Which have serious implication over Pakistan.

Due to this growing romance India has been successful in isolating Pakistan diplomatically on International platforms. India has been successful in toning down Kashmir cause by holding G20 tourism conference in Kashmir. Moreover, it was able to put Pakistan on FATF Grey list, which was an economical setback. Pakistan can counter this romance by following independent foreign policy and becoming a middle power as highlighted by Dr. Maleeha Lodhi. Pakistan should grow its ties with China which has helped Pakistan to avert an economic crisis by rolling over bilateral loans supported the Kashmir cause by not attending tourism summit in Kashmir, and has acknowledged the sacrifices Pakistan has made in CPEC.

A. Conclusion

In a nutshell, US-India growing ties are visible and have serious implications for Pakistan. Pakistan can counter this this romance by playing a role of middle power and pursuing Independent foreign policy.