

India - Pakistan Strained Relations:

The prospects of diplomatic engagement between Pakistan and India mostly remain bleak. Bilateral relations have been strained for years and India accuses Pakistan for the years-old cross-border terrorism. Pakistan, being a member of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO), is going to host its meeting in coming October in Islamabad. India will also be invited but the chances of Modi attending this meeting are highly unlikely. Both sides have also been reluctant in solving the years-old Kashmir Issue. India's refusal to discuss Kashmir Issue is a major challenge for Pakistan. Bilateral trade also got suspended b/w two countries, following India's illegal annexation of Jammu and Kashmir in 2019. Both countries show no interest to revive the economic ties. SAARC also became ineffective because India wants to maintain its hegemony in the region, showing discriminatory behaviour for other neighbouring states. Both the countries should resolve the persistent issues through dialogue if they really want to be prosperous.