

## CPEC and Pakistan's economy

The miserable state of Pakistan's economy will immensely get relieved with the reinvigoration of CPEC project. At present, the country's economy is mired in a quagmire of plenty of problems. It is battling the unprecedented inflation rate that stands at above 25 percent. Similarly, there is tremendous stress on the currency due to higher outflows than inflows, leading to meteorically depreciating currency. Moreover, the FDI has almost dried up in the country, causing depletion in the foreign exchange reserves. Amidst all these ailments, resumption of work on the CPEC project is being seen as an ~~exilia~~ *exile*. It will bring investment to the country along with development of energy infrastructure. Besides, the project will boost the country's trade. Therefore, restart of work on CPEC will heal Pakistan's economic afflictions.

## Religious fanaticism

Pakistan has suffered immensely due to self-reck and transgressions of religious elements. It has now become a practice of routine to shed blood on the lines of religious and sects intolerance. Every other day, an incident inspired by religious hatred or sectarianism comes to the fore. This menace has severely afflicted the social fabric of the country, also impacting the economy adversely. People hailing to different religions and sects are driven by their fanaticism and are often seen at dagger drawn with each other. The reigns of Akbar and Alauddin Khilji were also afflicted with this ailment. They found it wise to neutralize this threat by punishing the wrongdoers severely and keeping the religion and the State at distance from each other, with none of them intruding in each other's domain. Thus, the solution of Pakistan's ailment also lies in <sup>eyes</sup> ~~keeping~~ <sup>keeping</sup> religion from ~~interfering~~ <sup>interfering</sup> with the State.