

## PAK-AFFAIRS (2020)

Q: China, Pakistan-Russia cooperation will find suitable support mechanism in Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO). Elaborate.

### SUPPORT MECHANISMS FOR CHINA, PAKISTAN-RUSSIA UNDER SHANGHAI COOPERATION ORGANIZATION:

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## INTRODUCTION:-

Shanghai Cooperation Organization is an important regional organization evolved to foster peace, sustainable development and combat security threats. SCO aims to be a conduit for connectivity in region with regard to energy, transportation and communications. Chinese President Xi Jinping, stated SCO members have created a new model of international relations- partnership instead of alliance. SCO comprises of ten permanent members & states equally respecting

mutual coordination. Among these states the China, Pakistan-Russia cooperation is of great importance and in terms of its ~~supp~~ emerging support for one another. SCO provides a security support mechanism to the triade collaboration. Economy and trade of this association will also gain support under SCO. The joint military exercises, China and Russia's technological advancements further enhance the alliance of three countries. Furthermore, cultural and educational exchanges will prove to be a strong feature to strengthen the ties. <sup>Along with these,</sup> ~~Therefore,~~ the nuclear powers of three countries can act as a cover to support the alliance and oppose western pressures.

## B- SUPPORT MECHANISM FOR CHINA, PAKISTAN - RUSSIA UNDER SCO:

China, Pakistan and Russia will find prospective support mechanisms under Shanghai Cooperation Organization.

### 1- Joint Military Drills:

To promote regional security and domestic stability SCO security paradigm rotate around supporting military cooperation and collaboration.

In 2021, Pakistan hosted Joint Anti Terrorism Exercises titled PABBI Anti-Terror-2021 under SCO framework.

Russia was part of this exercise.

In Nov 11-17-2023, China and Pak took part in Sea Guardian 3 exercises in the Arabian sea. These military and naval drills provide support mechanism to the alliance against terrorism.

### 2- Mutual Trade and Commerce:-

Trade between Russia and China is at

rise since 2010 and both are looking for new market. Pak can serve as a bridge.

In 2024 Pak-Russia Trade and Establishment Forum will be held in Moscow. This forum will give impetus to cooperation. China, Pakistan and Russia import and export large number of goods. This will jointly increase mutual benefits which will ultimately support this alliance.

3- ~~Counter terrorism~~

**Rail and Road Networks:**

China and Pakistan are sharing rail and road networks. Russia seems interested to develop rail and road networks to improve trade routes. Deputy PM of Russia emphasized importance of enhancing regional infrastructure through North-South Transport Corridor and linking it with China's Belt and Road Initiative. This initiative will facilitate the bond of these countries.

#### 4- Trade Market:

Russian economy depends heavily on revenues generated from the sales of natural gas and petroleum. Therefore, China and Pakistan can serve as a viable energy consumer. This trade link will create a strong bond between these states which will help ~~is~~ to shake the monopoly of ~~is~~ developed states of world in ~~the~~ ~~price~~ market.

#### 5- Shared Defense Mechanism:

<sup>and China</sup>  
Russia have a strong military technology. Pak is becoming part of their strong technology. Pakistan and Russia have signed defence cooperation deal in 2014. Pakistan purchased Mi-35 Hind Gunship helicopter from Russia. Pakistan and China also involve in development of JF-17 Thunder fighter attack. These shared defense mechanisms serve as a strong support mechanism towards world.

## 6- Infrastructure development:

Russia and China being economically strong countries and Pakistan's strategic positioning collectively contribute to strong support among countries. Russia helped Pakistan to establish Pakistan steel Mill in 1973. China ~~has~~ has also helped Pakistan build its infrastructure <sup>BRI.</sup> through. This results in mutual trust and association among these states.

## 7. Educational Exchange Programs:-

Pakistan and Chinese universities are ~~are~~ undergoing various educational scholarship programs. ~~Rus~~ According to Baqir Sajjad Russia and Pakistan have signed MoU on September, 2024. ~~which~~ ~~with~~ Russia is interested to promote Russian language in Pak. Urdu-Russian dictionary was also launched in 2012 in <sup>scholarships</sup> ~~to~~ Pakistani students. Pakistan These educational exchange

will ~~strengthen~~ contribute towards people to people interaction thus, ~~is~~ proving as a support mechanism for the cooperation of three states.

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## • Transit Route:

China, Pakistan and Russia cooperation is will be strengthen through transit route. China Pakistan Economic Corridor has open up economic zones and build up transportation networks for both Russia and China. CPEC provides shortest transit route to China and benefit Russia by providing easy access to warm waters. This strengthen the ties between three states. This acts as a support mechanism in favour of the state.

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## 9- Nuclear Power alliance:

World is shifting towards multipolarity. The US and its western allies have their own vested interests. China, Pakistan and Russia being nuclear state can restructure the international system for which their mutual cooperation is mandatory. It can also serve as a support system in tussle between west and south in terms of approaches <sup>and</sup> interest towards problems.

## 10- Cultural Exchange:

Promoting language is one of the main component of cultural programs. China and Pakistan have taken initiatives through language courses to learn respective language and Urdu-Russian dictionary launched in 2012 is also serving as a cultural exchange cooperation.

## Conclusion:

China, Pakistan and Russia are strengthening their collaboration under Shanghai Cooperation Organization. This organization serves as a strong support for the emerging association of three states.

This collaboration creates a new trade market for economic stability cooperation. Development of infrastructure and rail and road networks also serves as a support mechanism among three states.

Furthermore, the shared defence and intelligence is a prime support for the cooperation of states. People to people contact will bring governments and common people closer for better understanding which will ultimately strengthen the ties. As mentioned earlier, the

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Three states can create a strong support mechanism under Shanghai Cooperation organization through trade, ~~and~~ ~~military exercises,~~

~~economic development~~

security, economy. These key features will prove as a strong support for China, Pakistan and Russia Cooperation