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Q New Great Game and role of India, Pakistan & China in the multipolar world?

Answer

Introduction:

New great game is different from 19th century great game. At that time two regional rival powers were in competition with each other. Russia and Europe wanted to approach warm waters of Indian Ocean and Europe was in a struggle to maintain its reign over sub-continent. The "New Great Game" most fascinating aspect is that it is not about territories but about corridors, not about weapons expansion but of economic expansion. Three countries are playing a strategic role and wants to play a diverse role in strategic economic expansion.

→ SCO Implicit Role In New Great Game:

Recent, SCO summit of 2025 (31st Aug -

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1 September) also signifies its implicit or indirect role in expanding its influence in Eurasia.

SCO Summit Role

- Talk about Western Power Hypocrisy
- Emphasize Israel-Gaza Conflict
- Address Terrorism in neighbouring countries
- Enforce Yuan based-Trade
- Diplomacy flexibility
- Dialogues and negotiation need

→ SCO Significance

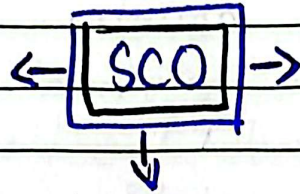
SCO Summit is a kind of legal platform or arena which gives a chance to rival powers and states to compete practically and regionally through organizations, economic policies and regional diplomacy.

SCO is a kind of organization initiated by China and is helping China to influence regional powers by enforcing policies, achieving alliances and attaining unity against Western powers like U.S

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consist 50%
of countries



represent 47% population
of world

attain GDP-8.4\$ bn in 2024

① China Role : An Architect of New Great Game

China being an emerging power influenced regional powers like U.S. alot. It uses soft powers, Foreign Development Infrastructure policies and seeking regional alliances through organizations like; BRICS
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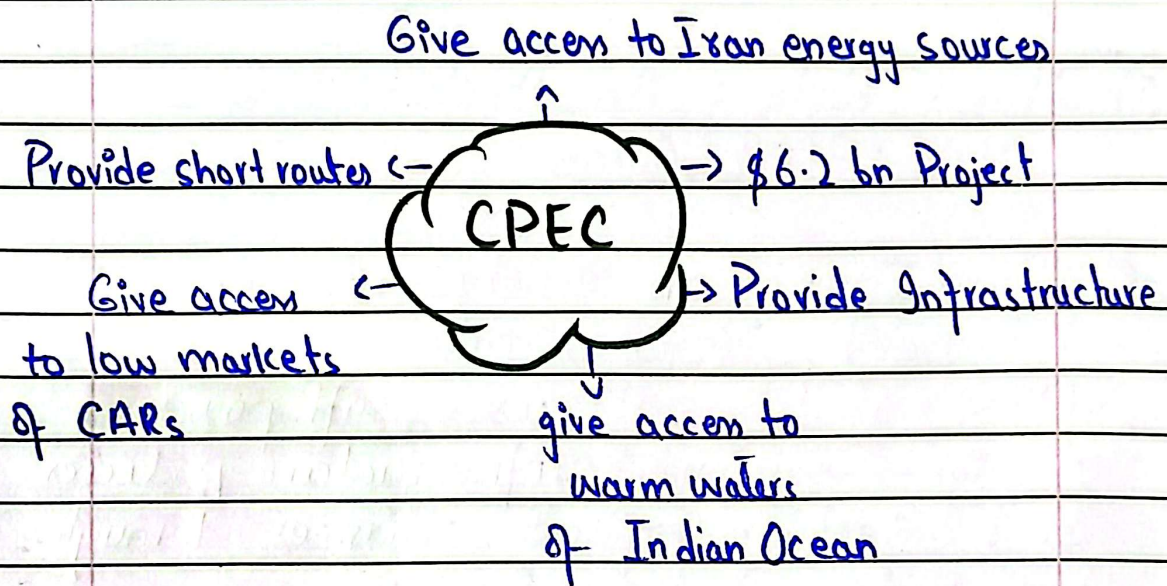
• Promote Regional Connectivity

China shares boarder with Pakistan of about 593km. Pakistan being a close-friend of Pakistan since 1961 provid regional significance to China. Pakistan is a strategic point it has accen to Arabian sea through Gwadar Port, it also

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Shares close border with Iran, an energy rich country. Keeping in view these regional importance China started BRI Flagship project in Pakistan. Which has following importance:



Due to these advantages, China hold Pakistan tightly. It not only benefit China but also Pakistan and other neighbouring countries.

• Economic Reforms

Along with regional connectivity expansion, China also enforcing economic reforms via using different platforms.

For Instance, China started its

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Made In China Policy in 2015. This greatly benefit china industries. Similarly, now china is trying to attract regional powers to participate in organizations such as SCO and BRICS by offering economic advantages to them.

For example; China in recent "SCO summit of 2025" emphasized that it will offer \$1.8 bn loan to participating countries.

As it is evident from china's economic Report, that approximately \$4.5 bn of GDP has been seen in 2024 through SCO trade.

2 India Role : Ambitions of regional Power

India being a strategic balancer is trying to middle course by not wholly inclining towards one country. In this, it is trying to achieve its ~~own~~ regional power in Indian pacific ocean by enforcing different organisations such as SA

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India is trying to make neutralized the growing power of china is warm waters and also limit U.S and other great powers influence in trade - zones oceans.

• Seeking Regional alliance

India along with achieving power in oceans, is also looking for regional powers alliance in order to strengthen its own economy. In this way in ~~promote~~ signed projects like Chabahar and INSTC.

Chabar Port → This offers access to central Asia, bypaning Asia

INSTC Corridor → This provide access to Russia and Europe.

• New Autonomy 2.0

It means India is trying to be strategically autonomous - means it does not depends of either country or state entirely.

India is forming alliance with U.S, based on strategic projects

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like QUAD and ASEAN, but does not allow ~~for~~ much interference of U.S. in any internal policy.

Case Study:

Recently, in 2025 Trump slapped India with 25% tariffs with warning not to buy cheap oil from Russia. Despite this India pursue its oil trade-based projects with Russia on which Trump further escalate Tariffs up to 25%. Total 50% tariffs which greatly influenced India trades.

Case study in Case of SCO Summit.

Recently, in SCO summit on 31st August - 2025, ~~refuses~~ to shake hands with Pakistani leadership, due to Pahalgam conflict. This was against SCO policies but India did not care ~~about~~ even about China and address its own issues of environment and trade, and cross boarder terrorism - indirectly pointing out Pakistan.

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3 Pakistan pivotal role : But Fragile policies

Pakistan being on the crossroads of South Asia, is very pivotal in New Great Game. China flagship project is greatly giving benefits to Pakistan economy by improving its infrastructure, providing green jobs, decreasing trade deficit and also helps in attaining regional importance by accening middle countries and other regionally rich energy countries.

But Pakistan might face to certain problems due to its own weak policies and low economic benefits.

- Fear of U.S Strict Policies

With the course of time, china and U.S is becoming a rival countries. As Trump said in his speech, "Wishing Congrats to china and Russia, on their hypoxisy against U.S".

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Due to this reason, Pakistan partnership with China might get difficult. While Pakistan great part of economy depends on China initiated CPEC project. Due to this reason, Pakistan need to balance policies between U.S and China. It needs to treat equally in order to avoid both countries harsh treatment.

Conclusion

New Great Game being a mightful game brings multipolarity while eliminating unipolarity of America. This also brings many benefits and opportunities for Eurasian. But it might affect those countries which cannot be isolated from U.S. Keeping in view this factors countries similar to Pakistan need to develop strategic diplomacy.