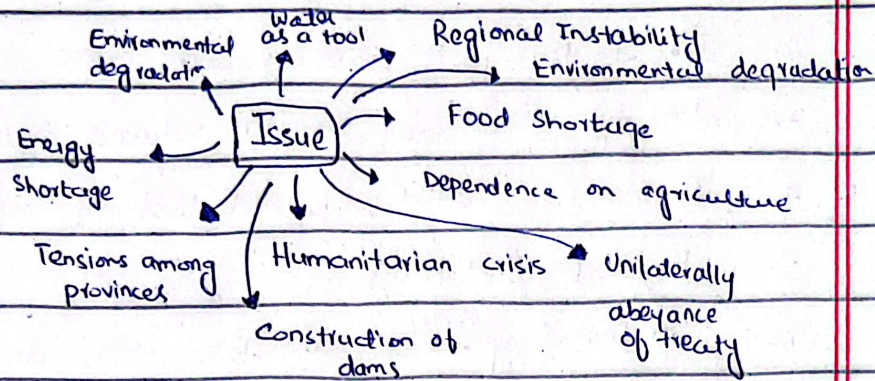


Indo-Pakistan Water Dispute: Ambiguous, Alarming Issue:



Outline:

A- Introduction

1- Attention grabber: The wars of the next century will be about water. (World Bank vice President)

2- Background Statement:

2.1 Water as a vital resource for survival, agriculture; and economy.

2.2 For Pakistan, an agrarian economy dependent on the Indus Basin, this dispute is not just political, but existential

3- Thesis statement: The Indo-Pak water dispute has become an alarming issue because it threatens Pakistan's agricultural survival, food security, energy security and regional stability.

B- Historical Background

1- Partition of 1947 and initial water stoppage

2- Indus Water Treaty - 1960

3- India's post treaty projects creating mistrust.

C- Why it is alarming for Pakistan?

1. 90% dependence of agriculture on Indus Basin
2. Threat to food security and crops
3. Energy shortage due to reduced hydropower
4. Economic instability and loss of exports
5. Regional Instability
6. Internal ^{provinci} political disputes over water

D- India's action intensifying the situation

- 1- Construction of controversial dams
- 2- Unilateral abeyance of treaty
- 3- Diversion of waters on western rivers

E- Way Forward

- 1- Strict implementation of the Indus Water Treaty
- 2- Revival of Indus Water Commission Talks
- 3- Third party mediation
- 4- Building dams, reservoirs, and efficient irrigation in Pakistan

F- Conclusion

ESSAY:

Ismail Serageldin, World Bank Vice President, once said

“The wars of the next century will be about water.”

Water is a vital resource for survival, economy and agriculture, but in South Asia the Indo-Pak water dispute has become one of

the most alarming challenges of 21st century. Water is not merely a resource but a lifeline for a country like Pakistan, where 95% agriculture is dependent on water. The Indus Water Treaty of 1960 was initially hailed as a model of cooperation between these two countries but India's repeated abrogation of treaty, construction of controversial dams and diversion of western rivers have fueled the mistrust. For a country like Pakistan, this issue is not just a political issue but existential. Adding to this, climate change, melting of ice caps, increasing population has further intensified water crisis. From 1947 till today, the water issue between India and Pakistan has been intensifying day by day. In essence, the Indo-Pak ~~issue~~ water dispute has become an alarming issue because it threatens Pakistan's agricultural survival, food security, energy security and regional stability. For an agrarian country like Pakistan, this issue requires urgent global attention to avert serious economic and humanitarian consequences.