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China Pakistan Economic Corridor, CPEC

Introduction:

China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) has been under way since a decade. It is a flagship project of China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). CPEC has ambitions for not only China and Pakistan but also the region and the world at large. A mix of economic, social, energy and infrastructure projects, CPEC is targeted at reviving economic and social status of Pakistan. The realities of CPEC lies in its achievement and pace of working. Thus, CPEC is an umbrella project targetting every sector of the society.

A Brief Overview of CPEC

Basis of CPEC lies in BRI (Revival of Old Silk Route)

In 2013, China under

The leadership of Xi Jinping (President) started to restore the historic Silk Route with a \$900 billion strategy called One Belt One Road (OBOR) also known as Belt and Road Initiative, (BRI).

The project was a way to enhance China's connectivity with more than 60 countries in Asia, Europe and Africa.

China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is the most important project under China's BRI.

The Introduction of CPEC.

CPEC is under way since a decade. As it was first launched in 2015. It was established during Chinese President Xi Jinping's "late Changping visit" to Pakistan in April, 2015.

Thus, a multi lateral project worth \$46 billion was revealed in Pakistan.

Diverse Ambitions of CPEC.

CPEC is an ambitious step towards uplifting socio-economic conditions of Pakistan. Various projects are working for such achievements. Thus, ambitions of CPEC for Pakistan are:

To bring economic prosperity, CPEC has objective of bringing in economic prosperity in Pakistan. There are several projects based upon this objective:

1- Development of Gwadar Sea Port.

Gwadar is the deep sea port of Pakistan. Development of this port in warm waters of Pakistan is crucial.

The port is located at the convergence of two main regions the oil rich Gulf region and consumer market South Asia.

2- Establishment of Economic Zones.

CPEC could result in economic progress and development in Pakistan by establishing economic zones. These economic zones are under construction in various parts of the country.

i) Rashakai Special Economic Zone
in Nowshera, Khyber
Pakhtunkhwa

ii) Dubeji Special Economic Zone
in Thatta, Sindh

iii) Allama Iqbal Industrial City
in Faisalabad, Punjab

Thus it is rightly said
in a research article that,

"CPEC is a big opportunity
for economic development of
Pakistan." (Role of CPEC in
the Economy of Pakistan, published
by International Journal of
Scientific and Engineering Research)

To cater Energy Needs of Pakistan.

China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is fundamental in addressing energy problems of Pakistan. CPEC is of much significance in this regard as it is causing energy mix with share of renewable energy resources.

The energy projects under CPEC are related to coal-fired projects, wind energy, solar energy.

i) Sahival Coal-fired power plant for 1320 Megawatt (MW)

ii) Quid-e-Azam Solar Park, Bahawalpur for 1000 MW.

iii) Wind Farm, Thimpir, Thatta for producing 100 MW of energy

iv) Sukki Kinneri Hydropower Project, KP for 884 MW

v) Matiari to Lahore 1KV HVDC transmission Line with 4000 MW Evacuation.

To Establish Infrastructure.

CPEC is ambitious to construct diverse infrastructure in Pakistan. It includes hospitals, schools, universities, roads, railway and many others.

The infrastructure projects under CPEC are:

- i) Orange Line Metro Train, Lahore
- ii) Hekla D.I. Khan Motorway.
- iii) Gwadar Smart Port City Master Plan
- iv) New Gwadar International Airport
- v) Pak-China Friendship hospital in Gwadar
- vi) Desalination Plant in Gwadar.

Reform Movement of Sheh Waliullah

Introduction:

Sheh Waliullah was a great Muslim Reformer in India. He was a Thinker and a Scholar. At that time, Muslims were losing their power in the Sub-continent. They were losing the right path of Islam. Examining such conditions, Sheh Waliullah took efforts to revive Muslim glory in the region. Through various interventions, he tried to improve socio-political and religious conditions of Muslims. His movement had deep social impacts upon Muslims of India.

A brief biography:

The real name of Sheh Waliullah was Qutub-din Ahmed. He belonged to Delhi. His father Sheh Abdur Rahim was a famous educationist. He ran a Madrasah called Madrasah Rahimiya. Sheh Waliullah got his early education from

his well talented father. He also left for Arabia to seek higher education. He returned back in 1732 AD.

Declining Muslim Conditions:

The conditions of Indian Muslims were deteriorating in every walk of life. The Mughal Empire was losing its power. Muslims were facing decline of moral, social and religious values. With introduction of 'Emperor Akbar's Deen-i-Ilahi' Muslims were experiencing shattering true Islamic principles.

Thus, Muslims were facing difficulties at various grounds.

Efforts of Sheh Waliullah

Sheh Waliullah took various steps to uplift conditions of Indian Muslims.

↳ Translation of Holy Quran: The major work of Sheh Waliullah is his translation of the Holy Book in

persian language. It was aimed to introduce Muslims with Quranic teachings in their own language.

2, Expanding Madrasah in India.
Sheh Waliullah taught Muslims at his Madrasah-i-Rahimiya. Later on, he opened its branches in far-reaching regions to expand scope of his Islamic teachings.

3, Supporting Ijtihad:
Sheh Waliullah proposed Ijtihad for resolving religious matters. Through Ijtihad the Muslims could resolve their issues in line with Islamic teachings.

4, Writing books.
Sheh Waliullah also wrote books for uplifting the Muslims. It is reported that he wrote over 50 books in Arabic and Persian.

5. Writing letters:

Sheh Waliullah wrote letter to Ahmed Sheh Abdali to help Muslims in crushing the Marhattas. They were posing a constant threat to the Mughal Empire.

Political Impacts of the Movement-

1- The defeat of Marhattas, Ahmed Sheh Abdali defeated Marhattas in the third Battle of Panipat in 1761. It resulted in removing threat to the ruling Mughals.

2- Concept of a welfare State: Through Sheh Waliullah's efforts, the Muslims came to know concept of a welfare State.

3- Contemporary political debate: The ideology of Sheh Waliullah paved the way for Islamic revivalism. His ideas have left a remarkable mark on contemporary political debate.