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Introduction:-

The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is a multi-billion project that has underway for over a decade. The project aims to connect China's Xinjiang province with Pakistan's Gwadar port through a network of roads, railways and pipelines.

The ambition of CPEC are grand. The project is expected to boost economic growth in China & Pakistan, to create jobs, improve connectivity between two countries.

**Ambition of CPEC**

**Economic Growth under CPEC:**

CPEC was envisioned as a game-changer for Pakistan's economy with promise of significant investments in infrastructure, energy projects, and industrial zone. It aimed to boost economic growth, Job Creation, improve connectivity, Promote regional cooperation. The recent example of this completion of Karachi-Peshawar, Gwadar East-bay expressway and Gwadar freezone. It's increased trade and cooperation between both countries China & Pakistan

## Trade & Economic Integration:

The trade and economic integration reduce transportation costs and improving logistics, CPEC enhance trade and provide shorter route to Arabian Sea. In July, 2022 China's has aim to extend CPEC cooperation to third countries. Economic prosperity consider important for the region due to which China offer provide loan to Pakistan for stabilization of economy with IMF.

CPEC expected to boost Pakistan's GDP by 2.5% by 2030

## Energy Security Ambition:-

CPEC included the construction of several energy including coal and renewable energy plant to address Pakistan's severe energy crisis.

Under CPEC, China builds 1320 MW Sahawal Coal Power Plant, 1000 MW Quaid-e-Azam Solar park, 2100 MW Karachi-Hyderabad transmission line.

## Regional Connectivity Ambition:-

CPEC aimed to improve connectivity between many other countries. CPEC connect Afghanistan and Central Asian countries. The project has the potential to transform the economic of both countries.

## Realities of CPEC:-

### 1) Security Challenges:-

The security situation in Pakistan face significant challenges. Pakistan and CPEC is major infrastructure project the terrorism considered as major obstacle to economic development of a country. For example, ~~the~~ the bombing killed Chinese teachers and many injured in 26 April 2023. Taliban claimed responsibility of this attack. The Pakistan government has taken step to improve security in the areas where CPEC project located. Baloch separatists also target the project in the Balochistan.

### 2) Debt Concern:-

One of the major criticism of CPEC has been the potential debt burden to Pakistan. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has warned that Pakistan's debt could become unsustainable if it is not managed. Asian Development Bank (ADB) also rise same concern and some expert have warned that CPEC could lead a debt trap in Pakistan.

### 3) Progress & Delay:-

There was a delays and challenges in the execution of various project due

to security concern, political disputes and financial challenges. For example the Dasu hydropower, Bawadar free zone and other project faces delay.

#### 4) Geopolitical tension:-

CPEC become a focal point in regional geopolitics particularly context of India's opposition in this project. India has express concern about CPEC and they arguing that it violates its sovereignty. USA has also expressed their concern about CPEC.

#### Conclusion:-

CPEC had made progress in certain area but faced challenges. The project's success and impact on Pakistan's economy and regional connectivity on how these challenges has addressed.

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#### Introduction:-

Shah Waliullah (1703-1762) was prominent Islamic scholar and reformer. Shah Waliullah reform movement had a profound impact on the political landscape of subcontinent during 18<sup>th</sup> century. His ideas and initiatives laid the foundation for significant changes in both socio-religious & political sphere of subcontinent.

## Influence of ~~Shah Wali~~ Shah Wali Reform Movement

### 1) Political Reform:-

Shah's writings contained ideas about just governance and the responsibility of rulers. He believed that ruler should govern in accordance to Islamic principle, ensuring justice, fairness and welfare of their subject. Shah's believed that a government should be efficient in order to be effective. He called for muslim to establish a government that well-organized and could effectively carry its responsibility.

### 2) Influence on Leaders:-

The ideas and writings of Shah Waliullah had a lasting influence on subsequent political and religious leaders in the subcontinent. Prominent figures like Sir Syed Ahmed Khan and Allama Iqbal were inspired by his teachings.

### 3) Shah Reform movement contribution:-

Shah Waliullah's call for Islamic revival and good governance contributed to a sense of identity and empowerment among muslims. This prepared the ground for later political movement including Pakistan movement led by Mubammad Ali Jinnah which resulted in the creation of Pakistan.

## Conclusion:-

Shah Waliullah's reform movement had a great impact on the political landscape of subcontinent. It is not only contributed the religious revival but also laid the groundwork for political reform, unity in muslims.

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## Introduction:-

Pakistan's energy crisis is a severe challenge that has persisted for a years. The manifestation of weak political will and misgovernance. Several factor impacted to the Crisis and its rooted in political dimension and governance failures.

### 1) Political Patronage:-

Political Patronage has important role in appointments of influential individuals as beneficiaries of energy contracts leading to lack of transparency in this sector. A recent report by National Electric power Regulatory Authority (NAPRA) found political interference has led to inflated costs for power project. In May, 2023 the Supreme court of Pakistan order to an investigation on these allegation.

## 2) Planning & Management Crisis:-

Misgovernance has led to inefficient planning & management of the energy sector. The change of policies & lack of long term vision have hindered the development of a sustainable energy strategy. May 2023, NAPRA Report also found planning & management crisis.

## 3) Debt Crisis in Energy Sector:-

The circular debt crisis in energy sector lead towards mismanagement. The government has also control prices but it fails due to debts. In May 2023, NAPRA report the circular debt reached in 2.63 trillion rupees. The also increased 20% from last year. The government has taken steps to address circular debt including increase electricity tariffs and providing subsidies power producer.

## 4) Lack of Investment in Infrastructure:-

Weak political will cause lack of significant investment in the energy infrastructure. This had result outdated power plants, transmission lines and distribution network that are unable to meet the growing energy demand. The NAPRA report also reported

the Pakistan's energy infrastructure in need of urgent involvement.

### 5) Misgovernance & Corruption:-

Misgovernance and corruption have allowed energy theft losses to persist at alarming rates. This not only contributes to revenue losses but also put additional pressure on the energy supply system leading the blackouts and shortage.

### Conclusion:-

Pakistan's energy sector faces complex issues with deep rooted political problems that create because of weak political will and misgovernance.