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US-India growing strategic partnership is mainly to contain China..... became a policy option for Islamabad.

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## INTRODUCTION: US-India Growing Nexus

Political scientists opined that growing US-India nexus has strong roots in containment of China.

US has been trying to contain China through many ways, be it tariffs, Indo-Pacific policy or more precisely this growing nexus. This growing partnership certainly has implications for China, such as a direct threat to its dominance in South Asia. However,

Pakistan (as an immediate neighbour) as well has certain implications.

Majority of them are negative. Nevertheless, silver lining for Pakistan lies in a firm foreign policy objectives



and strong leadership.

Following is the outline of  
the prescribed question:

Shedding light on  
US-India growing  
partnership



Implications of  
this nexus on

Pakistan and China



Policy recommend-  
ations for Pakistan.



Conclusion.

II- US-India growing nexus: Shedding  
light on it

This nexus is growing with  
passing days and based on socio-



economic parameters.

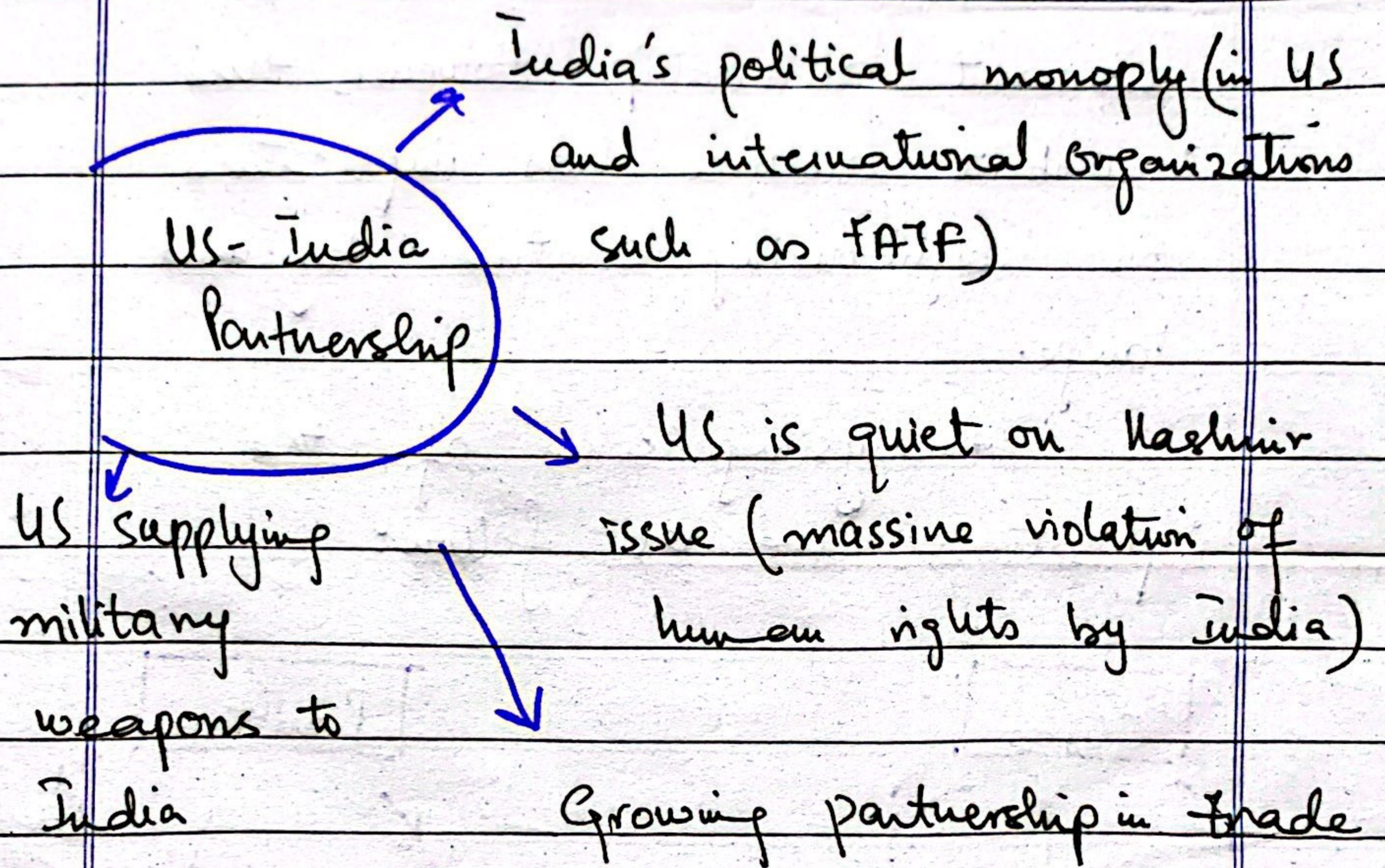


figure: US-India Partnership: Socio-Economic Harmony

These are ~~some~~ few of the many partnership examples amongst India and US.

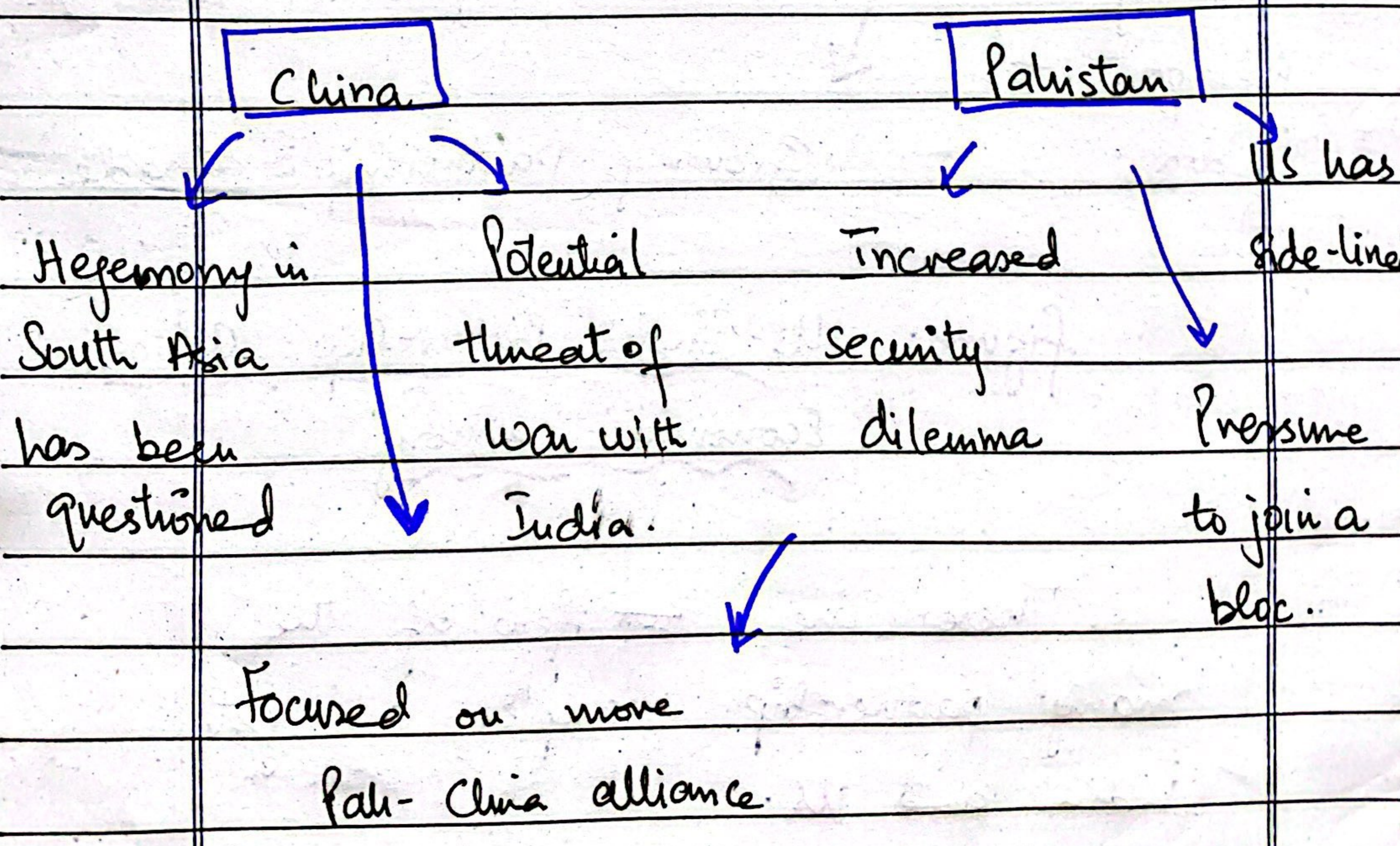
III- Implications of US-India nexus on Pakistan and China

Pakistan and China are all-weather



friends (National Security Policy 2022), whereas, US and India has an adolescent partnership. However, this incumbent alliance has implications on neighbouring countries, by and large.

Analysing some of the implications are as follows:



- China's hegemony in South Asia  
India has already surpassed China in population index. India now



has not only superiority in man-power, it has also a strong alliance with arch-rival of China.

This and more altogether questions China's dominance in region. China is on a quest to dominate a global bloc, however, India's growing military and economy are keeping China in check.

- Potential threat of war

In international relations, when two arch-rivals within a region tries to dominate, they are likely to go to war. However, to assume a war is naive to say at the moment. As both dyads ~~are~~ have not only nuclear but second strike capability as well.

Nevertheless, Ladakh and subsequent regions are a potential battleground.



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- Focused on more Pak-China alliance.

It is not a new alliance but it does ~~se~~ serve as a counter alliance to US-India ~~news~~

The growing global rivalry is pushing nation-states towards blocs. Although India has not explicitly announced to be in Western-bloc but its growing reliance upon US is a worry for China and Pakistan. This has ultimately magnified the ~~from~~ latter states in a ~~more~~ stronger alliance.

- Increased security dilemma for Pakistan

The political analysts believe that Pakistan has a reactive foreign policy towards India. India's ~~grow~~ persistent power maximization is a constant worry for Pakistan.



with US by India's side, Pakistan has been pushed into a vicious trap of security dilemma.

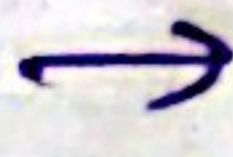
- Pakistan being pressurized to join a bloc

With the growing nexus and few other factors, Pakistan is under pressure to join a bloc. The irony is that Pakistan with past history cannot afford to join a bloc.

However, despite Pakistan's history, it may be forced and provoked to "join a bloc."

- US- has sidelined Pakistan

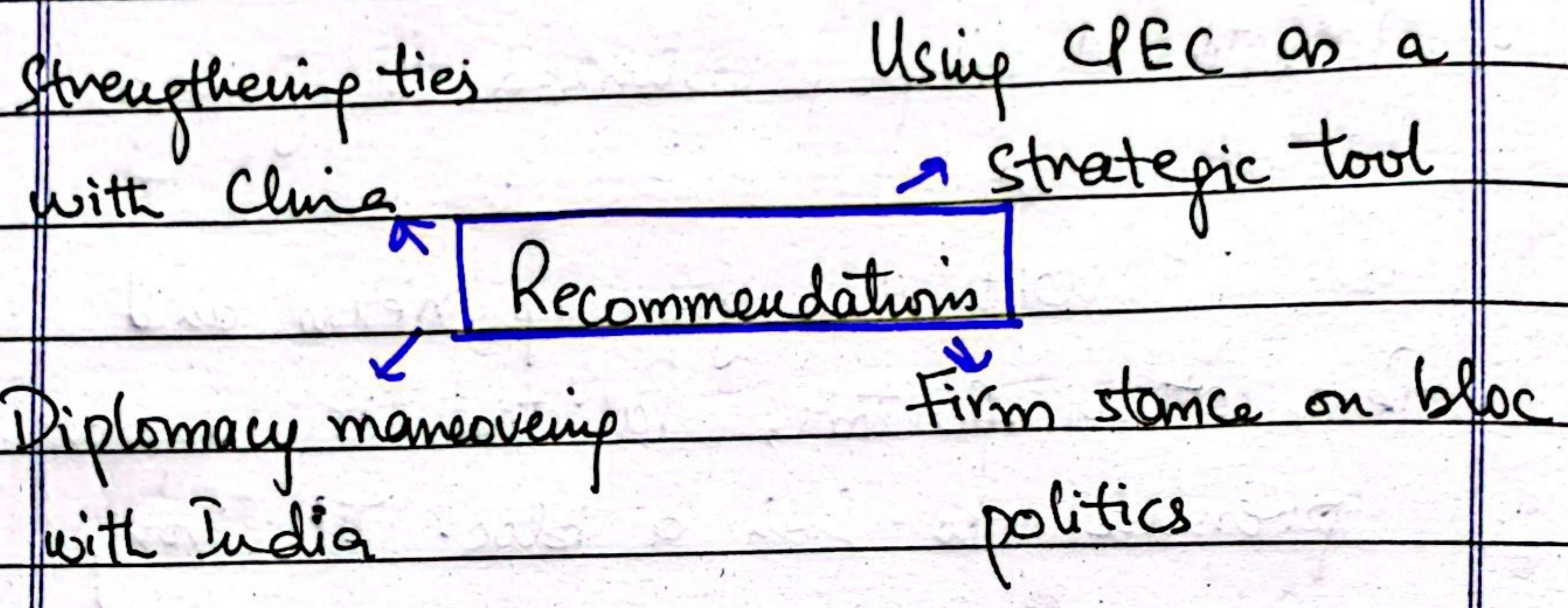
After the withdrawal of NATO forces from Afghanistan, short-sightedly Pakistan doesn't seem any interest of US. Therefore, US has more focused on its alliance with India at the cost of





isolating Pakistan.

### IV Policy recommendations for Pakistan



- Firm stance on bloc-politics

“Pakistan will not join any bloc.”  
(NSP, 2022)

Pakistan has enacted through its first ever national security policy, however, executive leadership must remain firm on the bloc-politics. It may superficially appear hard but history suggests it as a vital remedy.

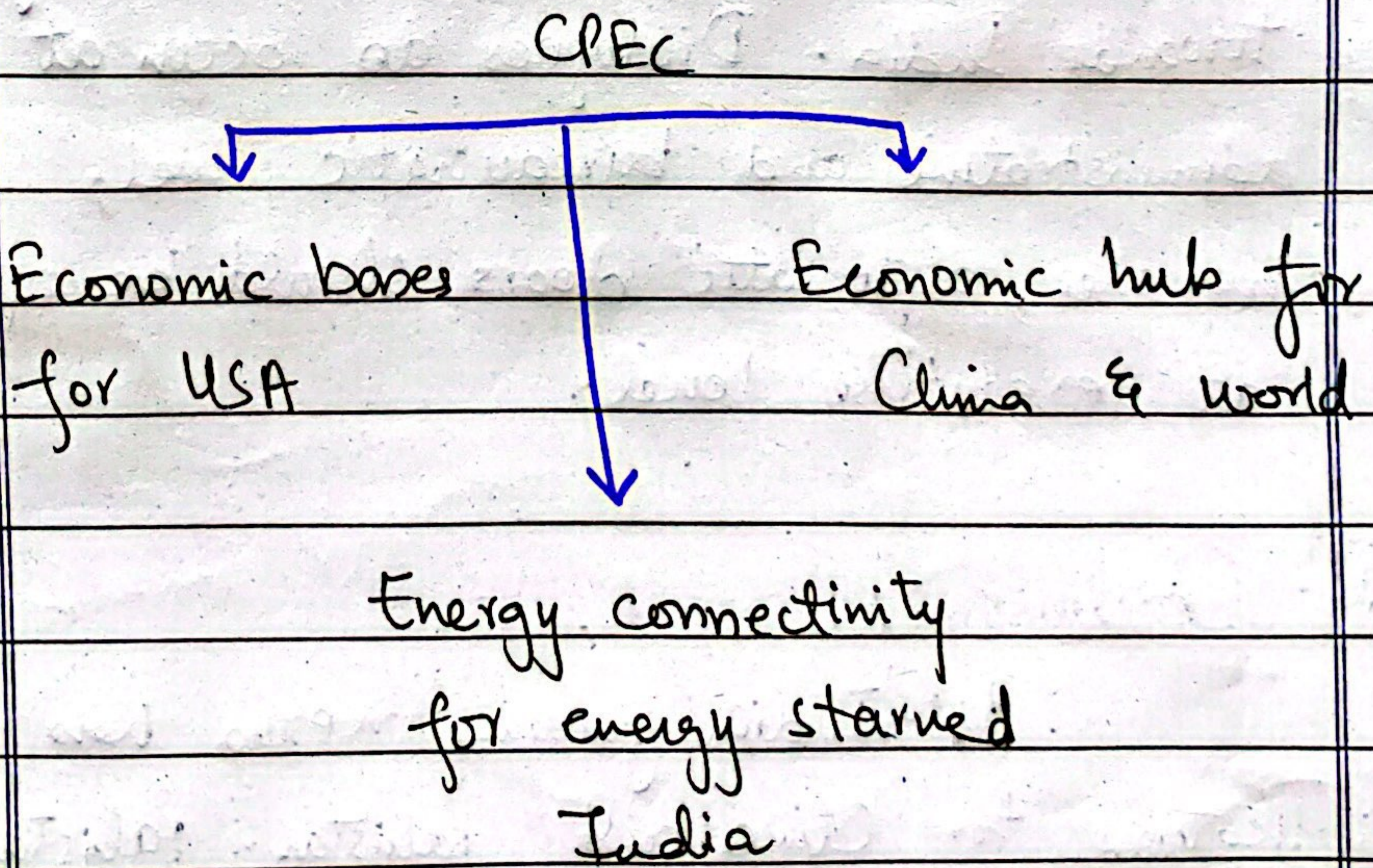


- Using CPEC as a strategic tool.

“Geo-economics is the new geo-politics.”

(Former Security Advisor, Moeed)

Pakistan to use CPEC to attract trade, commerce and investments not only from China but around the world as well.

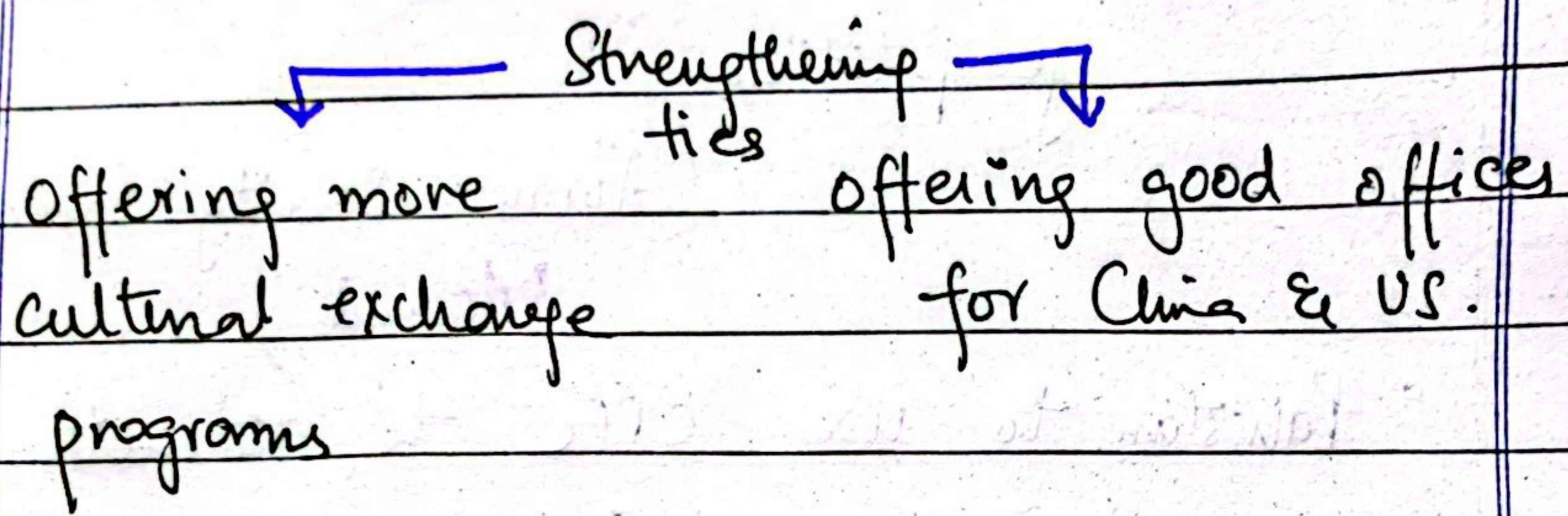


- Strengthening ties with China  
Although Pakistan has a



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Strong alliance with China, but Pakistan must further strengthen it.



### • Diplomacy manoeuvring with India

Being an immediate neighbour of India, Pakistan cannot turn a blind eye towards India. Dialogues do occur at administrative and bureaucratic level, however, diplomatic doors should be opened at executive level.

### II - Conclusion.

US-India growing nexus has stern implications for China and Pakistan. Pakistan needs to learn lessons from past<sup>and</sup> revise objectives of its policy. However, Pakistan's leadership has to be mindful that they cannot put all the eggs in Chinese basket.