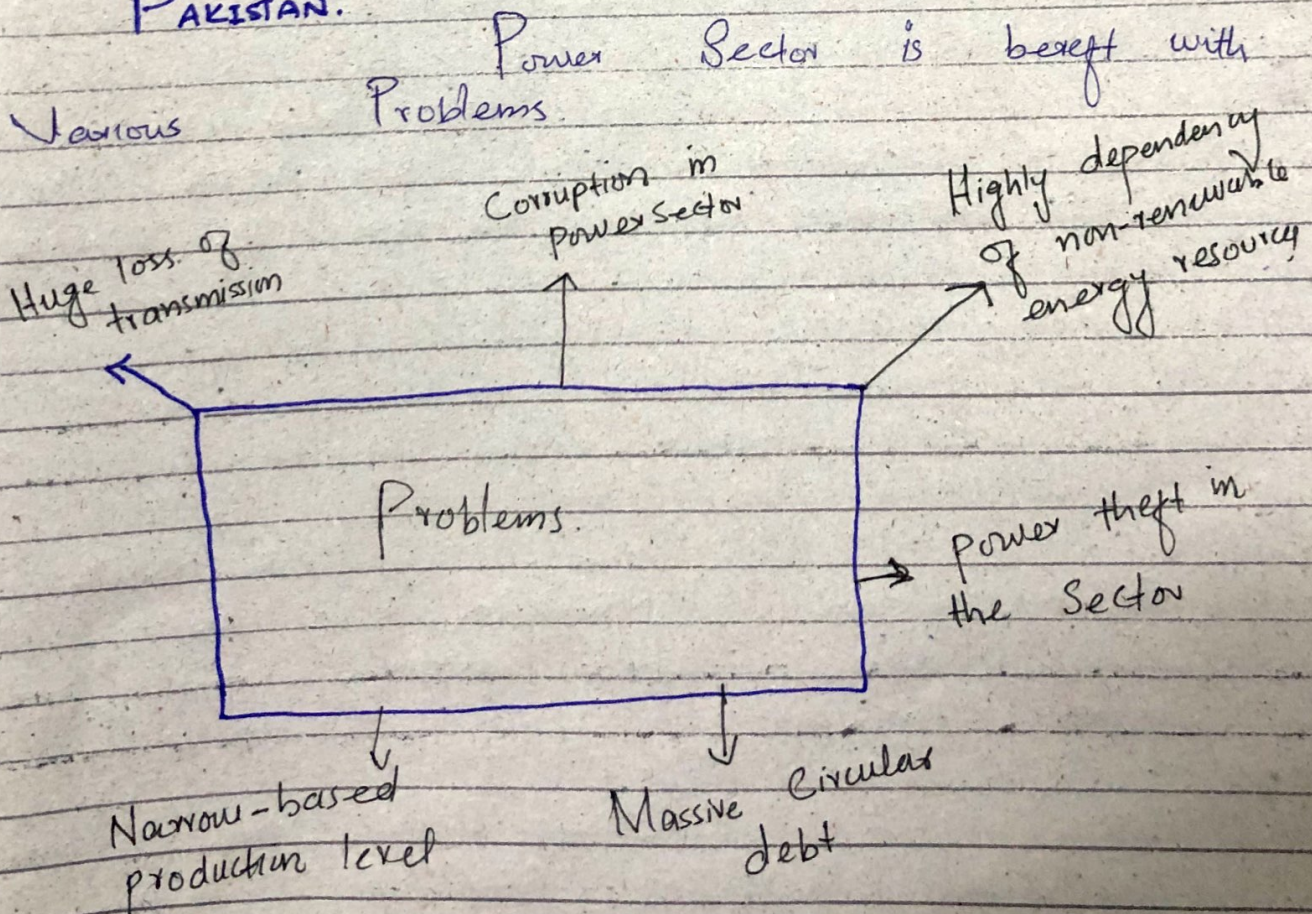


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Introduction.

Pakistan's power sector is at a crossroads. It is fraught with plethora of obstacles that have derailed its overall performance thereby resulted in so many repercussions on both individual and state. Problems like corruption, power theft, huge transmission and many others have created shortfall in the electricity which, in turned, have resulted in closure of industries, unemployment, anxiety, fluctuation among public, political instability and many others. The need is to address these problems as soon as possible.

2. Problems IN THE POWER SECTOR OF PAKISTAN.



2.1 Huge transmission losses is one of the main problems in the power sector.

Pakistan's transmission lines are obsolete and outdated which consume and waste immense amount of energy.

For Example:

According to Ministry of Power and Energy the transmission line loss in Pakistan is around 22%.

2.2 Massive scale corruption is undermining the performance and capacity of power sector.

Corruption in the power sector is widespread.

Reference:

According to Economic Survey report 2022-23, the corruption in power sector is in Billions of rupees.

2.3 Imbalance of energy mix is stunted the proper growth of power sector.

Pakistan's power sector is beset with non-renewable energy resources and devoid of renewable energy resources.

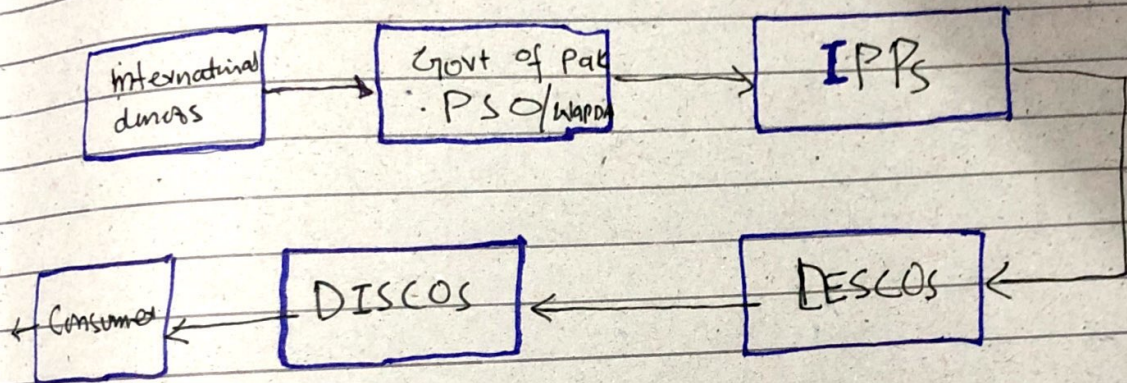
Reference:

Dr. Ishrat Ibad Hussain in his book "Governing the Ungovernable" highlights

that power 70% of power comes from the non-renewable energy resources.

2.4 Massive circular debt in the power sector hinders its performance.

Circular debt in Pakistan, in power sector, is increasing with each passing day.

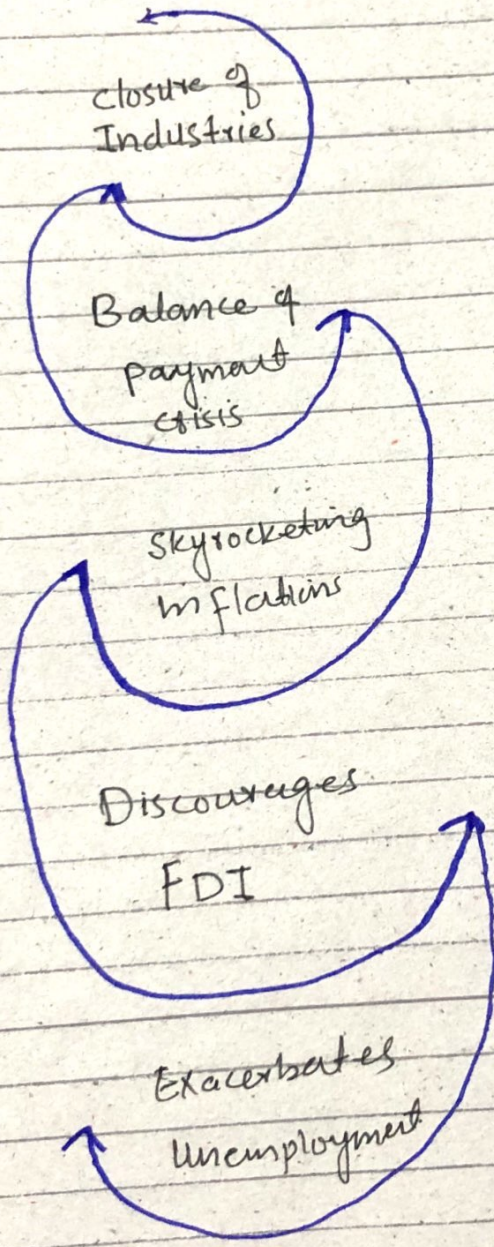


2.5 Production level of power sector is narrow and low.

Its low base and narrow-level has resulted in the shortage of electricity. The current phase is unable to meet the demands of public.

4. Economic Repercussions of Inexpensive and electricity shortages.

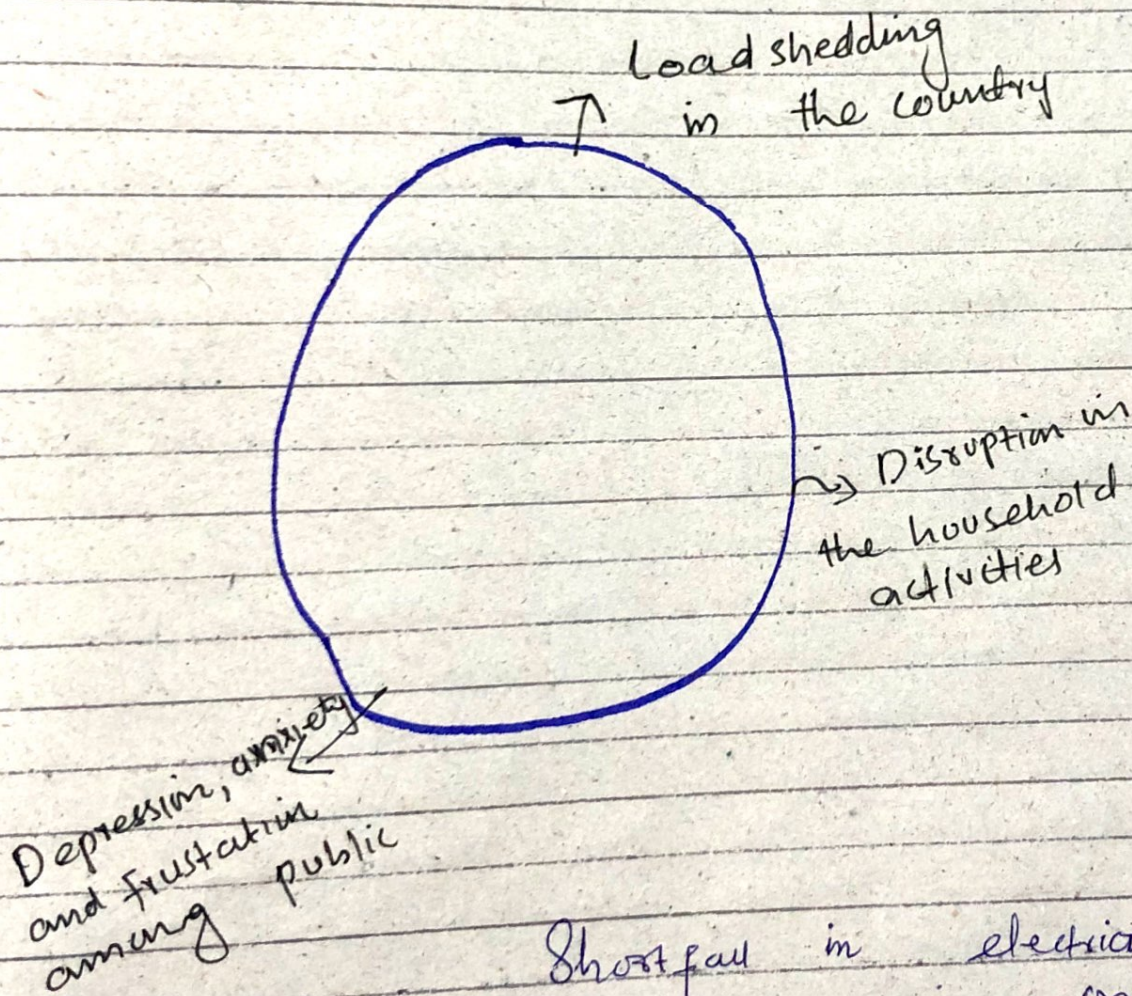
The short fall in the electricity is creating havoc in the economic sector of the country.



Shortfall in the electricity industry leads to closure of industries when the exports become are closed the exports become

Stagnated and imports become high which create Balance of payment crisis. Similarly, the butterfly effects of this scenario can be seen in the form of Inflation, Unemployment and many others.

4. Social Impacts of Electricity Shortfalls



Shortfall in electricity creates so many negative repercussions on social life. The long hours loadshedding and the disturbance of household activities lead towards frustration and anxiety among people in the society.

Political Impacts.

↓
Politicization
of energy
Issues

↓
Primitive
Dharna politics

↓
Results in
the polarization
of society.

Power Sector in Pakistan is highly politicized. Politicians raises this issue for the sake of electioneering and change masses against the State. The "Dharna" against government has become a new Normal in Pakistan's political culture. Energy is one of the motivating factors behind it.

Recommendations.

i) Unlocking the untapped potential of renewable energy sources is need of the hour.

Pakistan has immense potential in the form of wind, solar, hydro power plant and many others.

ii) Inculcating technology culture and innovations in the power sector can ameliorate the situation.

Pakistan's power sector is devoid of what is needed is their technology.

Country must introduce technology to this sector.

③ Fighting Corruption in Power Sector is necessary.

Corruption can be fought with

- Digitalization
- Strong mechanism of Accountability and transparency
- Moral and civic education

④ Reducing Circular debt can lessen burden in the power sector

⑤ Reducing transmission loss is important for reinvigorating the power sector.

Conclusion

In short, it is goes without saying that Pakistan power sector is full of problems which has created so many problems. By eliminating these problems Pakistan can be backed on the track of development and progress.

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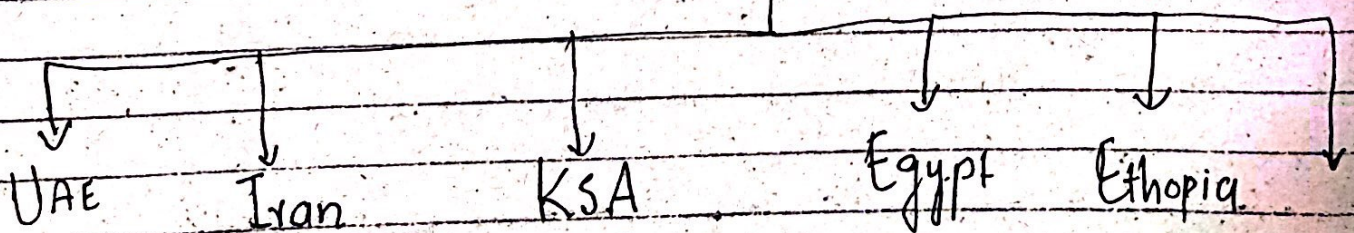
Introduction.

Joe Biden once said "Liberal Hegemony is in the DNA of USA". This state is no more relevant in today's world where organization like BRICS is increasing its expansion across Asia and Africa, thereby threatens the liberal order. Recent addition of 6 members present immense amount of geo-economic and geo-political implications for the entire globe. Likewise, its expansion can cause dent to dollarization, provide access to Middle eastern market and many others. Geo-politically, Russia and China are filling the vacuum created by America in the Middle eastern soil.

2. Six New MEMBERS TO BRICS.

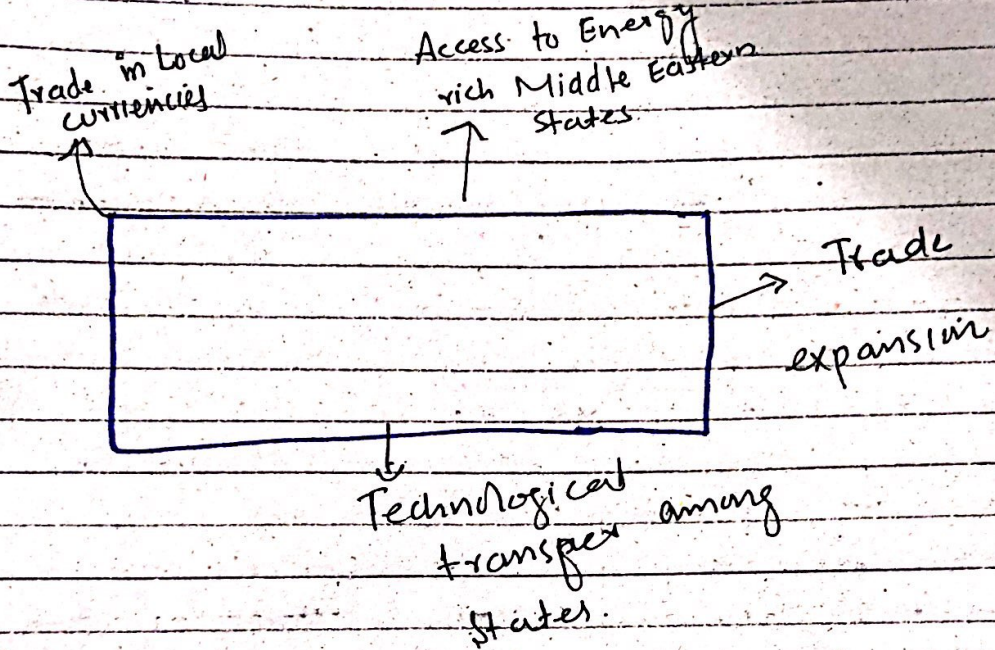
BRICS had 5 Members but now six Members have been added which has made it the total number $\uparrow\uparrow$.

New Members are



3. Geo-Economic Implications of the Expansions.

Its expansions has various geo-economic implications:



3.1 Trade in local currencies: A dent to dollarization.

It has a huge implications for the future of dollar hegemony. BRICS states prefer to do trades in their own currency rather than Dollars.

If dollarization of trade is gone, US hegemony is gone, simple is that.

3.2 Increasing member states access to the energy rich Middle Eastern States.

New states like K.S.A, UAE, Iran are highly

energy enriched. Other members of this organization will get benefit from it.

3.2 Expansion in the trade among members State.

Trade will be expanded among members State as their membership has become double.

3.4 Technological transfer among members State.

Members State will exchange and transfer technology, ideas, innovations and many other things, which will have geo-economic impacts for the entire world.

4. Geo-political Implications of the Expansion of BRICS.

4.1 Russia and China are stepping into Middle Eastern soil.

The vacuum created by the USA in the Middle East is being quickly filled by China.

Reference:

J. Mearsheimer in his book "The Tragedy of Great Power Politics" highlighted that for securing the hegemony of the world, China dominance

in Asia and in Africa is necessary".

4.2 Relevance of America to Middle East is in the shape of decline. America is out from the soil of Middle East. Its role has been shranked to only Israel, which is a huge dent for its hegemony.

4.3 A major push towards changing world order.

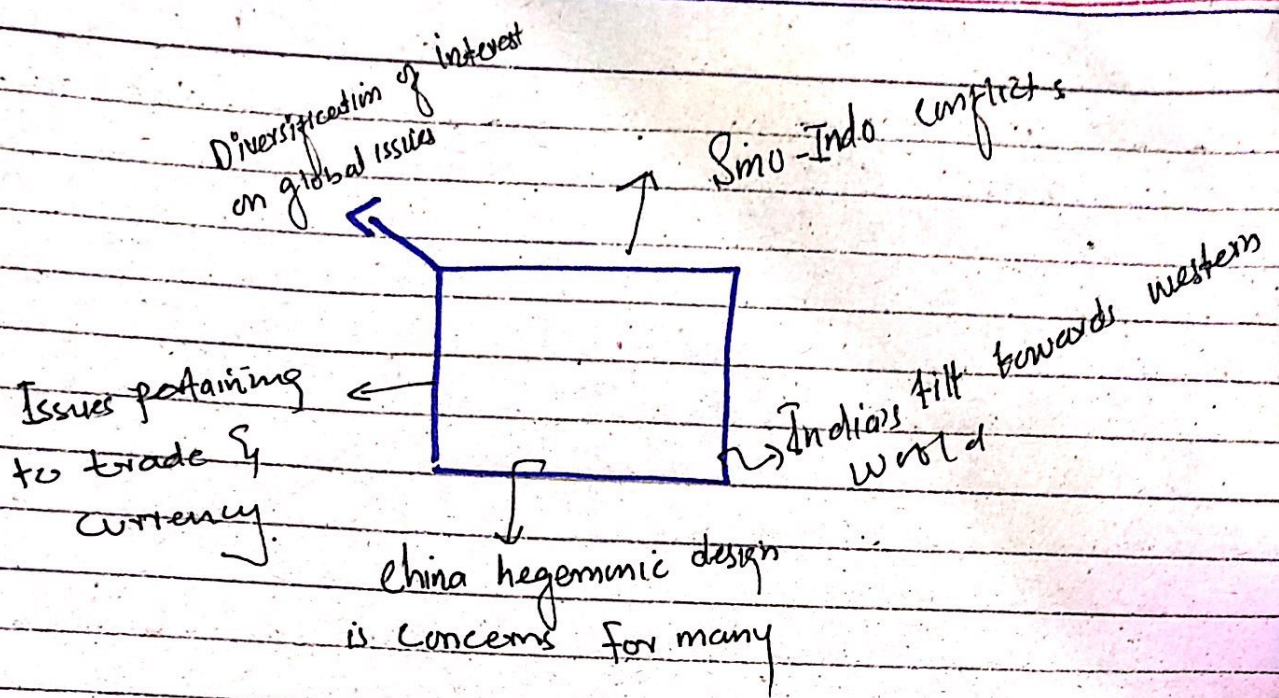
This expansion also highlights the fact that world order is becoming inclusive wherein the interests of Global South and developing countries are increasing and gaining worth.

4.4 Expansion of BRICS as an alternative to G7.

G7 is the group that majorly represent the interest of Global North. Now BRICS is becoming an alternative to represent and put forward the interest of Global South.

5. Hurdles in the way of organization

These are various hurdles in the way of BRICS to become a vibrant organization.



5.2 Diversification of member states on global issues.

state are divided on all major global issues its members

For example: The divergent stance of India and China on the issue of Ukraine is a case in point.

5.3 Sino-Indo conflicts is eroding the performance of organization.

China and America are giving cold shoulder to each other. Even both state comes at war with each other on their regional boundaries which ultimately affects the entire organization.

5.3 Increasing Indians tilt toward westward world is harmful for the organization.

The growing USA - India geo-strategic and geo-political relationship is a source of major concern for the China and even Russia too. This impacts the performance of the organization.

5.4 China hegemonic role and design is a source of concern for other states particularly for India.

China is playing major role and representing itself as a leader of global south which is quite undigestible to the other members like India.

Conclusion.

In short, it is stated that BRICS expansion is a diplomatic earthquake in Middle East plus Africa in which China and Russia are at winning side while America is at losing side.

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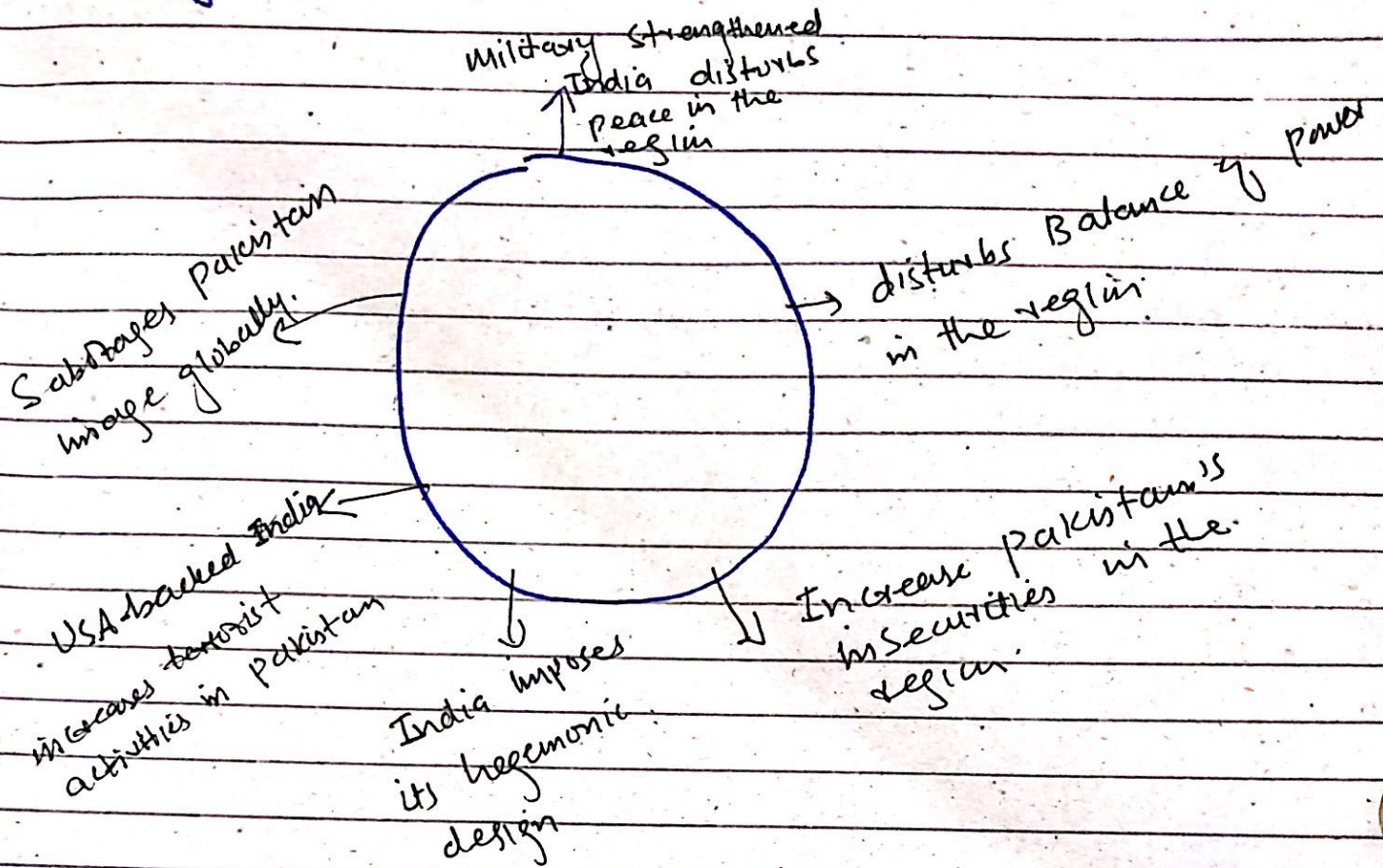
"China is not rising; it has risen." Noam Chomsky maintained in his book "The Precipice". Its growing military and economic power is a major source of concern for both India and America. America for that purpose building its partnership with India. But their growing partnership has some negative implications for Pakistan. Strong and military strengthened India disturbs regional peace, impose its hegemonic design, creates imbalance of power and many others. Islam-abid need to prioritise its strategic interest with China and Russia, strengthens its economy, expose the malicious design of India to the world and many others.

2. US-India growing Partnership to Contain China:

Fareed Zakaria in his book "American Post-world order" maintained that China has grown so fast both militarily and economy and in 2030 it can surpass the US hegemony". This growing of China is a threat to US hegemony.

The Uncle Swam has realized the gravity of the situation and every president in Washington tries hard to contain China. For that purpose, they form blocks in various regions and aligned their interests with other states. Among the list of those states, India is being one of the prominent ones.

How US-India growing partnership has negative implications for Pakistan.



3.1 Military strengthened India disturbs peace in the region.

US-Backed India is playing its role as a spoiler in the region.

For example: Revocation of A-370 and A-354 is a case in point.

3.2 This partnership disturbs balance of power in the region.

Essentially and non-essentially India is trying to dominate herself with the help of USA which is a Both

a major source of concern for Pakistan.

This partnership increases Pakistan's insecurities.

India is threatening Pakistan internally and it is involved in supporting and arming the non-state actors in Balochistan.

For example:

In New Delhi, India has established an "Baloch Insurgent Office" in order to support the separatist elements in Balochistan.

India with the help of USA sabotaging the image of Pakistan globally.

With the help of USA, India is using every forum at international level to sabotage the soft image of Pakistan.

For example:

India DisInfo lab is a case in point.

Recommendations for Pakistan to navigate through this.

Pakistan must follow some robust steps to navigate through this turbulent times.

5.1 Pakistan must strengthen Strategic partnership with both Russia and China.

China
an Russia can act as a bulwark against the growing Indo-USA Strategic Partnership.

5.2 Pakistan to highlight the malicious design of India globally.

Pakistan ought to highlight the Indian atrocities in Kashmir and Subjugation of Muslim minorities in India at global level.

5.3 Pakistan must counter the Indian involvement in the internal affair of the country.

It can be done by strengthening spy agencies and citizen engagement in the public affairs.

5.4 Pakistan to build strong partnership with USA.

Conclusion.

The USA-^{India} growing partnership has some negative implications for the country. The country needs to take robust step in order to navigate through this hard and turbulent times.