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1) Introduction:-

Since independence in Aug 1947 from British rule in subcontinent, the population of Pakistan exploded exponentially. At the time of partition, the ^{total} (total) population hosted by Pakistan amounted to approximately 3-4 crores, but within the span of only 75 years, the population of Pakistan soared at an exponential rate and the recent census conducted in 2023 indicated that it reached ^{nearly} 240 million. This surge in population of Pakistan, exerted greater pressure on the resources and socio-economic climate of Pakistan because the

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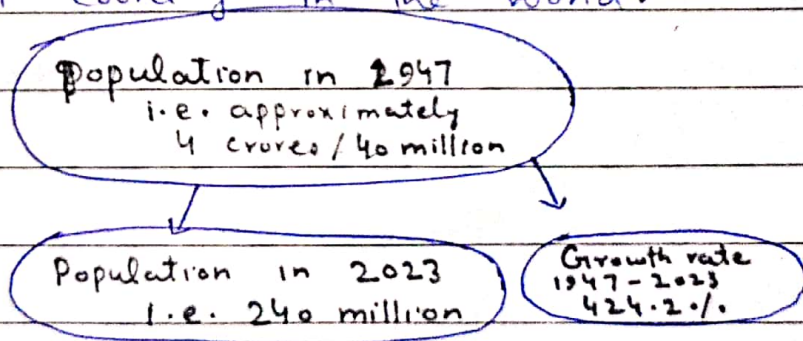
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Pakistan's resources are not commensurate with population. Some of the effects (that) it posed on socio-economic climate are heightened intake of ^{fiscal} debts, uptick in crime rate, deteriorating human development, dwindling quality of life, cut in allocation of resources etc.

2) Pakistan's population rise since inception:

Since inception, Pakistan's population rose drastically at a growth rate of 424.2% in 75 years, making it the world's 5th largest country in the world.



3) Implications on country's resources:

The surge in population brought severe and stark implications on the country's resources. Pakistan is a developing

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country with capital not enough to cater to the demands of the growing / rampant population. This growth rate has induced tremendous pressure on Pakistan's resources.

4) Impacts/Effects on socio-economic climate:

This unbridled growth in population caused severe effects on socio-economic climate of the country. Some of the ^{effects/impacts on} socio-economic climate of Pakistan are underscored below:-

(a) Heightened intake of fiscal debts:

One of the (socio^x)economic impact is that it increased the Pakistan's intake of fiscal debts. Pakistan being a third world country lacks resources and their utilisation mechanisms to entertain the thriving needs of population. This situation forces/coerces Pakistan to lend more financial debts from

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other countries. Till now, Pakistan has acquired some 22 loans programmes from IMF (the key borrower) and in this acquisition, population is also a major factor.

b) Increase/height in crime rate:-

Another social impact, this soar in population inflicted is that it resulted in heightened crime rate in many under-privileged areas of Pakistan. The residents of that areas face difficulty in the pursuit of their aspirations and dreams like good quality of life, the finance needed to meet their needs, schooling ^{education} expenditures etc.. So, they fall a prey to crime.

c) Deteriorating human development :-

This surge in population also posed another impact i.e. deteriorating human development. Due to paucity of resources, Pakistan finds it hard to cater to the needs of human development.

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like education, health etc. Pakistan is ranked 161 out of total 192 countries in the Human Development Index 2023. This situation is very alarming for Pakistan.

d) Dwindling quality/standard of life:

One of the social impact of this population growth is that it contributed to the dwindling standard and quality of life. Government of Pakistan face difficulty to provide access to safe clean drinking water in many parts. According to IMF, 2.1 million Pakistan's individuals are bereaved of safe water.

e) cut in allocation of resources:

Another economic cost, it posed is that the massive surge in population resulted in reduction in allocation of resources / capital for human development. Many areas of Pakistan, requires enhanced fund disbursements to meet population

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needs, but this surge in population is a bottleneck in the dishing out of the resources.

f) Surge in poverty:-

This situation has also rendered to the surge in poverty. Due to population growth, capitals are depleting and this is playing its role in the uptick in poverty levels. Many millions more Pakistanis have moved below the threshold of poverty recently.

g) Lack of skill development:-

Another social impact is that it is aggravating the skill development that is required/prerequisite for excellency in the pertinent fields. The Pakistan's youth due to dearth of capital lack skills in their fields to add up to the overall GDP of the country. → In a Dawn's opinion page of Nov 2023, a company conducted

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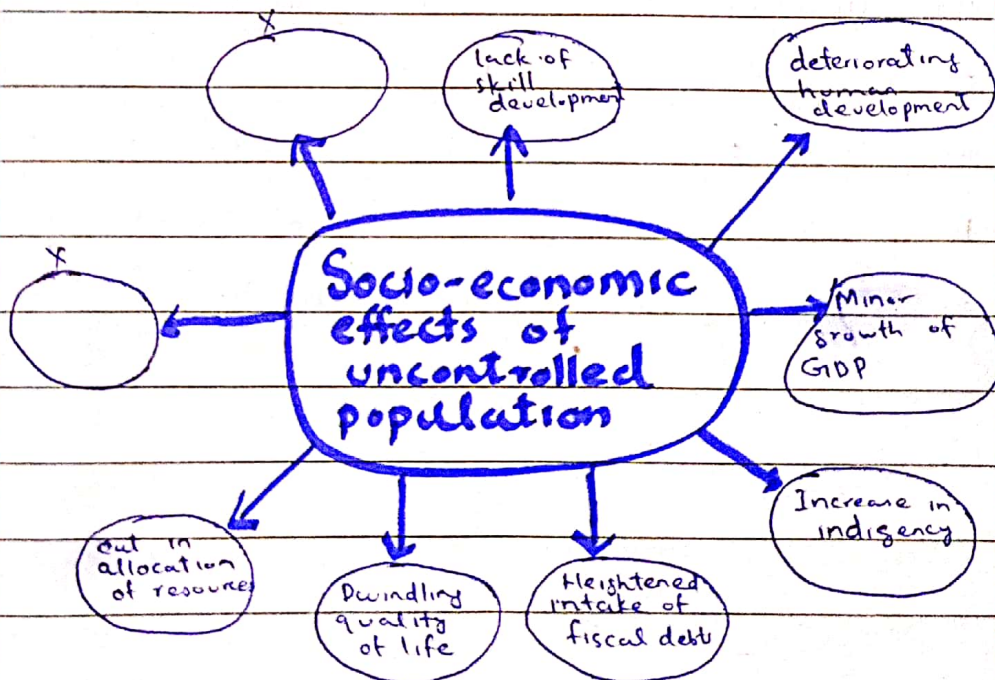
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interviews to allocate some hundreds of professionals on the seats/vacancies, but they were lagging behind in the skills.

h) Minor growth of GDP:

Another economic impact of it is that it is resulting in minor growth of GDP. As they lack skills, so they are not contributing to the envisaged growth of GDP and progress of the country.



5) Critical analysis:

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Due to the poor policies to control population growth, the population of Pakistan exacerbated exponentially. It caused stark challenges for the socio-economic climate of the country. However, this can be averted by strong governance, grass-root level devolution of power etc, and can produce good results in favor of Pakistan.

6) Conclusion:-

In the nutshell, the population of Pakistan has grown rapidly since its inauguration. This has rendered grave consequences of the socio-economic climate of the country like heightened/cursed intake of debts, deteriorating human development-



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1) Introduction:

Since its inception on ^{14th Aug,} 1947, Pakistan faced many challenges in maintaining political stability to foster economic growth, but due to the loopholes in MI's (Muslim League) working apparatus, feudal culture of our country, skirmishes over the acquisition of power etc have resulted in the strifling of economic growth. To make Pakistan grow like other countries, it is vital ^{pressing} to achieve political stability. The role of the political stability in the economic uplift is that it caused economic reforms, take decisive steps and implement it etc.

2) Background of Pakistan's political culture:

Pakistan since its inauguration became subjected to many hurdles on the political ground like the skirmishes

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and over power (struggle) acquirement, schisms over the decentralization of power, autocratic rule under military dictatorship etc. which barred the democratic governments to take long-term decisions to serve to the sustainable economic growth of the country. Some of the factors that contributed to the economy political instability are briefly discussed below:-

(a) Loopholes in the central governance structure of Muslim League

Muslim League which was the largest party in the country after independence, had some drawbacks in ^{its} (the) central governance structure which could not take the country out of the crisis and played part in the political instability by paving the way for martial law.

(b) Feudal culture of our Pakistan's politics:-

The Feudal culture in Pakistan's politics was also another impediment

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in the seeking of political stability.

This culture results in the clipping of wings of ^{ruling} political parties and the toppling of governments if they do not succumb to their demands.

c) Autocratic / Dogmatic rule:-

Dogmatic rule also contributed to the political instability. Since its inauguration, Pakistan remained under half of its age under military rule instead of representative governments and ^{was} subjected to dictatorship three/four times.

3) Primacy of political stability:-

Political stability has a spearheading role in the economic stability of the any country. Political stability makes it easy to attract foreign direct investment, take long-term robust initiatives for the economic stability etc.

" Pakistan's future viability,

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stability and security lie in empowering its people and building political institutions. My goal is to prove that the fundamental battle for the hearts and minds of a generation can be accomplished only under democracy"
(Benazir Bhutto)

4) Financial aid in economic sustainability:

Financial aid does not promote economic sustainability. It only serve the role of a patch to fix the economic problems encountered by the country.

According to the US Embassy and Consulates, US had dispensed more than \$32 bn in direct support to the people of Pakistan, but it appeared to be a salt in ocean for Pakistan.

5) Political stability; a cornerstone for economic sustainability:

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Political stability is the cornerstone of any country for acquiring economic sustainability. According to George Osborne, "the positive news is that the British economy is continuing to grow and is creating jobs. And it is positive news too that at a time of real international instability we are a safe haven in the storm."

6) Role of political stability ^{in Pakistan} for economic sustainability:

Pakistan has encountered with political instability many times, and ^{this} (flood) has resulted in severe economic crisis for Pakistan. If Pakistan really wants to foster economic sustainability, then Pakistan would have to promote and encourage political stability. Following is the role played by the political stability for economic sustainability.

(a) Brace the probability of Foreign Direct Investment:

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Pakistan would have to encourage political stability. Because, political stability makes it convenient for the governments to attract Foreign Direct Investment and Foreign Direct Investment is crucial for economic sustainability. The recent flagship project of CPEC ^{of worth \$60bn} was signed under a democratic government.

(b) Exhorts job-creation:

The political stable governments exhorts job-creation through its long-term plans, which ultimately contributes to the increase in GDP ratio which makes it easy for the sustainability of economic conditions.

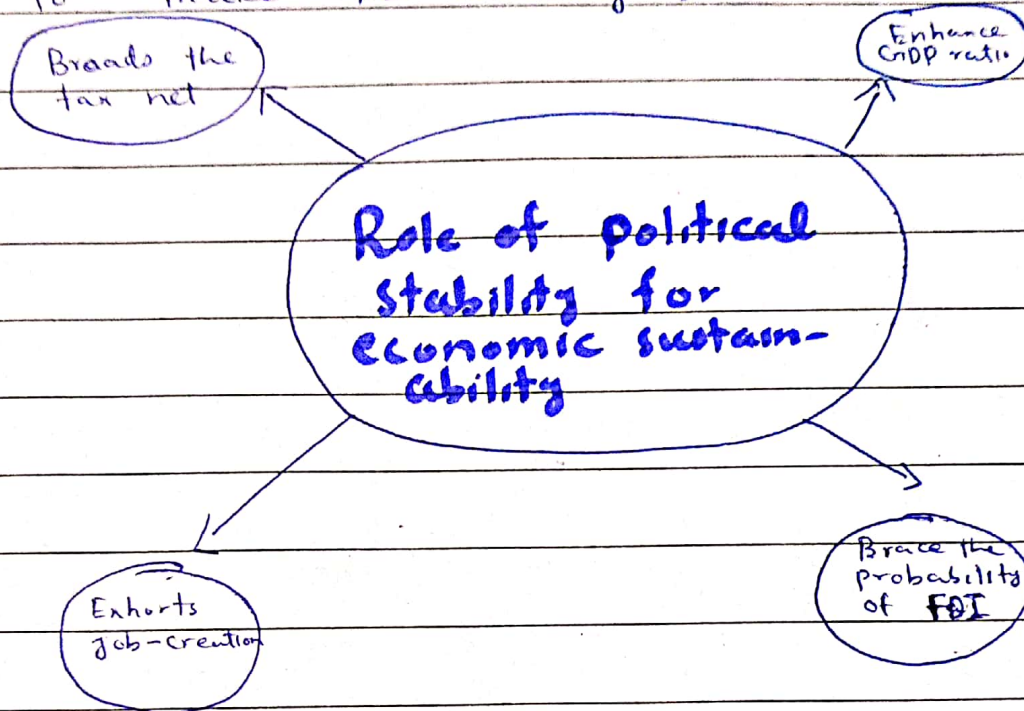
(c) Enhance GDP ratio:

The political stability plays its role to enhance GDP ratio. The soared GDP ratio then contributes/results in the sustainability of economic conditions.

Pakistan reached its highest level of GDP growth of \$313bn in 2018 under the political democratic government.

(d) Broadens the tax net:-

The incumbent political democratic governments devised plans to broaden the tax net through legislation. This helps to increase the GDP ratio again and to make the economy sustainable.



7) Conclusion:-

In the nutshell, political stability is imperative for Pakistan to contribute to the recovery of economic sustainability.

Political stable governments make it convenient to attract FDI, exhort job-creation etc.