

(Current Affairs)

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The policy of USA and China regarding economy is much stronger than other countries.

Now, India's economy is also attracting the other countries of the world. Recently, the new development can be seen regarding US-India relations. After the success of Chandrayan III mission on moon, a lot of developed countries prefer India. USA want

India's alliance so that they can easily target China's economy. Previous ~~govt~~ government of USA was completely against China's growth in economy. ~~Current govt~~ ~~of~~ government of USA is indirectly against the economic policies of China especially China's

mega project BRI, Belt Road Initiative. On the other side, the huge rivalry can be seen, India and Pakistan. Although, India is in path of development due to international support and USA's support.

India's policy on Pakistan is obvious which is to isolate the Pakistan internationally. In summit of SCO, which was held in July, India, where Indian foreign minister openly, insulted the Pakistan's foreign minister

which gives a message of hatred.

### India-USA Partnership:

Since 2022, they both come together, India's prime minister Modi visited to USA twice since 2021. In 2021, he paid visit to USA and made his partners understand all the event to vote to the current government of USA. India wants USA's support because of China. India is aggressive realist to Pakistan and defensive realist toward China. USA's former president paid visit to India and made trade and strategic deals. Current president Joe Biden also paid visit to India at the occasion of G20 Summit, which was held in Sep, 2023. In this summit USA-India partnership deal was signed and the improvement can be seen in their relationship.

### Pak-USA Relations:

After the withdrawal of USA's army from Afghanistan, the acute decline can be seen in the relationship of US-Pak.

~~With~~ former president Donald Trump in  
Somewhere prefer Pakistan and send invitation  
for the improvement of the relations. Former  
prime minister of Pakistan also paid visit  
to USA for strategic deals and with reference  
of Afghan peace. After the government of  
Biden, the policies regarding Pakistan are  
far different from previous government.  
Improvement can not be seen since Biden's government  
came into being. There are some reasons  
of decline relationship with USA, but a few  
are more important, which are: Pakistan's  
stance on Russia-Ukraine war, Pakistan's  
stance and help over US war on terror  
in Afghanistan, and Pakistan-China  
developed partnership.

Way forward for improving:

→ Strong Relations: Pakistan should aware of  
India's policy of isolation and ignorant of  
USA at the international forum. Pakistan should  
improve its relations with other strong countries  
such as: Saudi Arabia, Japan, European  
Union countries, China, and Russia.

These countries possess more power and

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also imposes the attraction towards other countries. Pakistan need to improve its relations with Islamic countries as well.

### Politics in the country:

The government of the country decides the future of the country. Unfortunately ~~Pakistan's~~ ~~politic~~ the condition of the politics of Pakistan is worst. Not even one prime minister ~~example~~ has completed ~~his~~ his tenure positively. Such kind of drawback actually attract the negativity from the world. Similarly, not even a democratic country would help in any sense.

### Foreign Policy:

Pakistan need to improve its foreign policy. There are only two main countries are enlisted in the foreign policy of Pakistan. First one is India, in the sense of rivalry, and other one is China, in the sense of friendship. Now, this is a wakeup call for Pakistan, after summits of G7, G20, BRICS, QUAD, and others.

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## Ten years of CPEC

The government of Pakistan and China celebrated the 10th Anniversary of the CPEC (China Pakistan Economic Corridor) recently. China helped Pakistan to develop critical infrastructure, roads, energy security etc. Unfortunately, this project fail to attract ~~after asian~~ and South Asian countries. In this way, the question raised in mind whether this project in the path of success or not.

### Energy problem:

When CPEC was introduced in 2013, the summer power load-shedding was for 12-14 hours in urban Punjab. and most of the industry of the country was relying on captive power generation. The promise was made to resolve these problems after CPEC but however, ~~these problems~~ energy problem is still exist in our country. Even, this project ~~not~~ does not reduce this issue. Similarly, China had announced her plans to invest \$34 billion on different energy projects that will help mitigate the power

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shortage in Pakistan.

### Transport Infrastructure:

There are conspiracy theories. Many believe that concerned authorities in both countries have willingly kept much undisclosed in respect of the mutual plan. The government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and other political opponents parties from the provinces have voiced their concerns about the priority and direction of construction of road networks. They insist that first road alignment should pass through KPEP to Balochistan so that industrial and Economic Zones are established in already under developed areas of the country.

### Economy of Pakistan:

After the new government of Pakistan, this country has been facing major issue which is economic problem. With the EPEC, Pakistan can amend its economic situation. Pakistan should work on strong policies over economy so that get rid of this

menace

CPEC generated Jobs: As

As per report, till 2022, - the CPEC created 236,000 jobs, and the number of Pakistani workers reached 185,000. This project in somehow produced hundreds of jobs as well.

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### BRICS Expansion:

BRICS is a grouping of Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa formed by the 2010 addition of South Africa to the predecessor BRIC. It is political and economical intergovernmental organization. The purpose of this group is to establish deeper ties ~~between~~ among their nations and cooperate on economic expansion including trade.

Leaders from the five-nation bloc announced that Saudi Arabia, Iran, Ethiopia, Egypt, & Argentina and United Arab Emirates (UAE) would join the group starting in 2024. With this addition, BRICS represents 42% of the world's population and 36% of global GDP. The primarily economic bloc was originally created as an alternative to the U.S.-led international order.

### Geo-economic and Geo-political Implications:

Growing countries in the Global South a counterbalance to western institutions.

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BRICS's consensus-based approach has hampered its effectiveness in the past, but the geopolitical factors driving its expansion. USIP experts examine what BRICS expansion mean for its founding members (China, Brazil, Russia, India, and South Africa).

This bloc accumulates 36 percent of global GDP.

### China:

The diplomatic victory can be seen at the ~~sum~~ recent summit which was held in South Africa. China completely encountered the dominance of dollars.

China wanted to create BRICS's currency.

### India:

largely, India wanted to amend its ties with Russia, and tried to raise issue of border with China. India's diplomatic stance at the summit was quite strong.

### Other countries:

The participation of the other states were also welcomed by South Africa. Their stance on economy was as same as ~~the~~ China had. They emphasized on improvement of relations with each other.

### Russia:

As Russia deals with economic sanctions and international condemnation for its war against Ukraine. BRICS is the only hope for Russia to pull out from the isolation. Evading an ICC arrest warrant, president Putin had no choice but to deliver his summit speech remotely. Russia ~~gave~~ showed its interest for improvement of relations with South Asian countries.

### Hurdles in the way of Organization:

#### Hegemony and Rivalry:

India's stance is obvious to stay with full force at any international bloc, the best example is SAARC. India shows its rivalry at the ~~block~~

organization and try to exploit it.

Similarly, India and China rivalry may block the growth of BRICS.

They need to resolve their conflict at once.

## Economic Race:

The huge countries are the pool of this organization. Every country have strong and attractive economy.

They all are thriving to improve their economy as much as they can.

~~They may~~ Economic race may ~~cause~~ produce some hurdles in the growth of BRICS.