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Introduction

Shah Waliullah and Sheikh Ahmed Sirhindi were influential Islamic scholars and reformers in the subcontinent during different periods. While Shah Waliullah lived in the 18th century, Sheikh Ahmed Sirhindi, also known as Mujaddid Alf-e-Sani lived in the 16th and 17th centuries.

Shah Waliullah

1) Educational Reforms

Shah Waliullah emphasized the importance of Islamic education. He advocated for reforms in the traditional Islamic education system, encouraging a balance between religious and worldly knowledge. He established the Madrasa Rahimiya in Delhi to promote the study of traditional Islamic sciences.

2) Unity Among Muslims

Shah Waliullah sought to unite the Muslim community, which was divided along sectarian lines. He worked towards bridging the gap between different Islamic schools of thought.

3) Translation of Quran

He translated the Quran into Persian to make it more accessible to a wider audience, fostering a better understanding of Islamic teachings.

4) Reform in Sufi Practices

Advocated a more orthodox and disciplined approach to Sufism, discouraging some of the excessive practices that crept into Sufi tradition.

5) Political Guidance

Provided political guidance to Muslim rulers, urging them to rule justly and in accordance with Islamic principles.

Sheikh Ahmed Sirhindi

1) Mujaddid (Renewer) of the Century:

Sheikh Ahmed Sirhindi is often referred to as the "Renewer of the Second Millennium" due to his efforts in revising Islamic teachings and practices.

2) Struggle Against Syncretism

Sheikh Ahmed vehemently opposed the syncretic practices that had emerged, where some Muslims were adopting Hindu customs. He advocated for the

3) Strengthening of Sharia

Emphasized the strict adherence to Islamic law (Sharia) and criticized deviations from it. He argued for the establishment of a society based on Islamic principles.

4) Moral and Spiritual Reformation

He emphasized moral and spiritual reformation, calling for a return to the core values of Islam. His teachings aimed at purifying the hearts and minds of individuals.

5) Influence on Mughal Empire

His ideas had a significant impact on the Mughal rulers, influencing policies and fostering a more conservative and orthodox approach to Islam.

Impact on the History of Subcontinent

1) Preservation of Islamic Identity

Both Shah Waliullah and Sheikh Ahmed Sirhindi played key roles in preserving and strengthening the Islamic identity in the face of cultural and religious challenges.

2) Educational Legacy

Their efforts in educational reforms contributed to the preservation and transmission of Islamic knowledge, leaving a lasting legacy in the form of educational institutions.

3) Political Guidance

The influence on political leaders helped shape governance in accordance with Islamic principles, fostering a sense of justice and equity.

4) Unity Among Muslims

The emphasis on unity among Muslims helped to counter internal divisions and contributed to a more cohesive Muslim community.

5) Resistance to Syncretism

The resistance to syncretic practices helped in maintaining the distinctiveness of Islamic traditions, preventing the dilution of Islamic teachings.

Conclusion

Shah Waliullah and Sheikh Ahmed Sirhindi were instrumental in shaping the religious, educational and political landscape of the Indian subcontinent. Their efforts contributed to the preservation of Islamic identity, the promotion

of education, and the establishment of a society guided by Islamic principles.

Introduction

Population increasing on a yearly basis has become a significant challenge to Pakistan and its resources. It needs to be controlled or it will increase the existing strain on resources. Moreover, increasing population has significant impacts on our economy and effective measures should be taken to address this challenge.

Census of 2023

On 5 August 2023, the Council of Common Interests (CCI) "unanimously" approved the results of the 2023 digital census. Pakistan's population has increased to 241.79 million with an annual growth of 2.55%.

Impacts of Increasing Population

1) Increased Competition Among Population

When a population of a country increases and government does not do anything to fulfill the needs of growing population, it gives rise to competition between people. People engage themselves continuously in work, in order to beat

Others in terms of performance and this develops a sense of hate between people and also takes a (too) toll on the mental health of people.

2) Increasing Unemployment

Pakistan currently faces an increasing unemployment rate due to rising population. Unemployment rate in Pakistan was 6.42% in 2022 which is a 0.08% increase from 2021. Every year this rate is increasing due to the increase in population and soon all of this can become violent and the nature will do the job for us.

3) Increase in (E) inequality among people

Pakistan currently is controlled by certain elites, they control the majority of wealth in Pakistan and there is an increase in inequality among people. The increase in population will exacerbate the crisis and people can start dying from hunger and from not being able to fill their basic needs.

4) Rise in Crime rate

Increase in population, increases unemployment if resources are not properly utilized by the state. The increasing unemployment causes people to engage in criminal activities in order to earn for themselves and this even increases murder, theft, etc. This can increase violence and can lead to maximum killing of people.

5) Deterioration of Food quality

Increasing population, increases the demand of goods more than its supply. When this happens, it leads to food or good being produced of low quality. This low quality food can cause severe health problems to people and can also result in deaths if this issue is not addressed by the government.

6) Increasing Poverty

Pakistan is one of the poorest countries of the world where people do not get enough to eat because of limited resources and inequality. Increasing population, increases the poverty level in Pakistan as the strain on existing resources can increase. Due to this majority of children are stunted or suffer from malnutrition.

Measures to Address Increasing Population

1) Population Planning

Government can take several steps to address the increasing population. If proper research is conducted on ^{the} average increase in population and it is used to plan the utilization of resources effectively, then not only the increasing population issue can be addressed, but people can also live a good life.

2) Spreading Awareness

Government should spread awareness among its citizens on the affects of increasing population on people. Government should initiate family planning initiative to address this problem. Through family planning there would be less children reproduced by a couple and this would gradually address all the rising problems of increasing population.

3) Educating Men and Women

Education always plays an effective role in addressing majority of the problems of the developing nations. Educating men and women and giving special focus on the education of women would increase the age of women being married and would also lead to women being employed. This would automatically address the problem of increasing population.

4) Increasing Government Initiatives

Government of Pakistan can introduce initiatives to address the problem of increasing population. The initiatives can be providing gifts or employment to a couple who does not produce children in first three years of marriage. These small initiatives can play an important role in addressing the problem of increasing population.

5) Social and Cultural Changes

Engage with religious leaders and influencers to promote the importance of family planning within the cultural and social context. Challenge cultural norms that may encourage larger families and promote a shift toward smaller family sizes.

6) International Cooperation

Collaborate with international organizations and neighbouring countries to share knowledge, resources and best practices in addressing population-related challenges.

Conclusion

The increasing population has become a serious challenge for Pakistan and by 2030 Pakistan will come up to the four most populous countries of the world. Increasing population will have a more serious impact on existing resources and would further exacerbate a crisis situation. However, if measures are taken to address this problem, the effects of it can be reduced.

Q1 Introduction

The relationship between Afghanistan and Pakistan has long been marked by geopolitical complexities, historical tensions and security challenges. The absence of a regional consensus-based approach between the two countries has the potential to contribute to instability and heightened levels of violence in the region. Several factors contribute to this assessment.

1) Historical Tensions

Historical issues, including border disputes and the Durand Line drawn during the colonial era, have strained the relationship between Afghanistan and Pakistan. These historical grievances contribute to fuel mistrust and animosity, hindering the development of a cooperative and consensus based approach.

2) Proxy Warfare and Terrorism

The region has been a theatre for proxy warfare with both Afghanistan and Pakistan accusing each other of supporting insurgent groups. The presence of terrorist organizations, such as the Taliban and Haqqani network has exacerbated tensions and led to cross border security tensions.

3) Refugee Crisis

The Afghan refugee crisis, with millions still residing in Pakistan and some being deported adds a layer of complexity to bilateral relations. Shortage of resources and the potential for refugee-related issues, coupled with a lack of cooperation, can contribute to social and economic challenges.

4) Economic Independence

Afghanistan and Pakistan share economic ties, and a lack of cooperation may impede economic development opportunities. Bilateral trade, energy projects and infrastructure development can be hindered leading to economic challenges.

5) Strategic Competition

Strategic competition between Afghanistan and Pakistan, as well as the influence of external actors in the region, can further complicate the situation. A lack of consensus may allow external powers to exploit divisions, potentially leading to increased regional tensions.

6) Transnational Threats

The region is susceptible to transnational threats including drug trafficking and organized crime. Lack of cooperation in addressing these challenges may exacerbate security concerns and contribute

to increased violence.

1) Internal Instability in Afghanistan

The internal political and security situation in Afghanistan plays a crucial role. If (Pakistan) Afghanistan faces ongoing internal instability, including governance challenges and ethnic tensions, it can contribute to regional stability.

2) Water Resource Disputes

Water resource disputes over shared rivers, such as the Kabul river can strain relations. A failure to reach a consensus on water management can lead to increased tensions, affecting agriculture and livelihoods in both countries.

Conclusion

The absence of a regional consensus-based approach between Afghanistan and Pakistan poses significant risks for the region. Historical tensions, proxy warfare, economic interdependence, and the potential for transnational threats can contribute to instability and heightened levels of violence.

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Introduction

Pakistan finds itself at a critical juncture with a confluence of economic, environmental and demographic challenges that have the potential to reshape its future. These challenges, if not effectively addressed, can pose a significant hurdle to the country's development and stability.

Economic Challenges

1) Debt Burden

Pakistan faces a huge debt burden which it has to pay in the near future. Pakistan had not properly planned on how to pay it, but the debt is becoming very near to complete bankruptcy and a bailout program. Managing and reducing this debt is crucial for economic stability and sustainable development.

2) Trade Imbalances

Pakistan is an import based economy and being an import based economy has completely destroyed its domestic industry. Being an import based economy increases trade deficit of Pakistan which is a serious problem as these imports have to be paid through reserves, which are already low.

3) Energy Crisis

Pakistan grapples with an energy crisis experiencing frequent power-outages. Addressing energy shortages is necessary as it is destroying industries and some of them have been closed. Solving these shortages is the need of the hour and crucial for economic productivity and growth.

Environmental Challenges

1) Climate Change

Pakistan is vulnerable to climate change impacts including extreme weather events, rising temperatures and changing precipitation patterns. Climate resilience measures are crucial for protecting vulnerable communities and sustaining agricultural productivity.

2) Deforestation

Rampant deforestation contributes to environmental degradation and exacerbates the impact of natural disasters. Conservation efforts and sustainable forestry practices are necessary for biodiversity preservation and mitigating the effects of climate change.

3) Water Scarcity

Pakistan faces acute water scarcity, exacerbated by factors such as insufficient water management, population growth and climate change. Sustainable water resource management is essential to ensure food security and prevent social unrest.

Demographic Challenges

1) Population Growth

Pakistan has a rapidly growing population, leading to increased demands on resources and services. Managing population growth through effective planning initiatives is vital for sustainable development.

2) Youth Bulge

A significant youth bulge in the population presents both an opportunity and a challenge. Providing quality education, skills training and employment opportunities is essential to harness the demographic dividend.

3) Urbanization

Rapid urbanization brings challenges related to infrastructure, housing and service provision. Planning for sustainable urban development is crucial to accommodate the growing urban population.

Way Forward

1) Increase Exports

If Pakistan increases its exports it would start to receive foreign exchange in return and when sufficient money is in the hands of our state it can be used to reduce all the economic challenges. Even debt can be paid or reduced. Similarly, if exports are increased it would lead to the promotion of domestic industries and hence would reduce inequality in Pakistan.

2) Build Climate Resilient Projects

Pakistan since the start had been focusing on climate infrastructure projects and these projects have not been climate resilient due to current changes in climate. Pakistan in 2022 suffered from severe floods which resulted in loss of over 30 Billion dollars and to minimize climate change effects, Pakistan needs to build and focus on climate resilient projects.

3) Provide Opportunities to Youth

As mentioned, Pakistan holds majority of youth in its population and due to lack of resources and opportunities this youth is sitting idle and doing nothing. Pakistan's government

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Should provide them education and skills, so that they can train themselves and also get employed and benefit the economy of Pakistan.

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