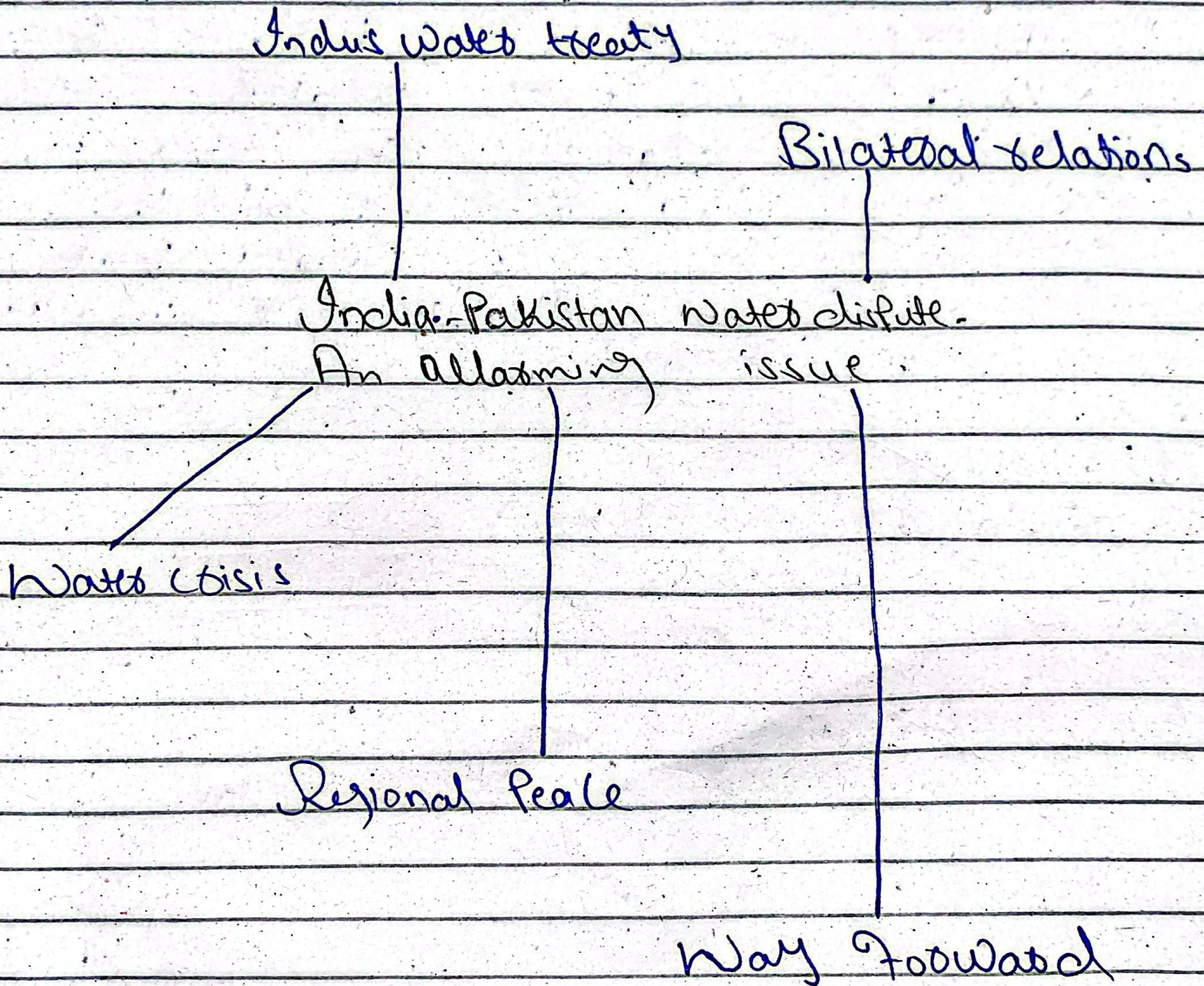


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India - Pakistan water dispute. An alarming issue.

Brain Storm



Outlines

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1.1. General Statement

1.2. Thesis Statement : India - Pakistan water dispute is an alarming issue rooted back in Indus water treaty and having the ability to bring an end to bilateral relations, disturb regional peace, water scarcity but keeping in view all these, there is always a way forward.

2. Indus water treaty

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The Essay

"Where there is no water, there can be no peace". The Pak-india water dispute is the result of Partition of Subcontinent. Partition took place but leaves behind such disputes. These are mainly b-rivers flowing from india to Pakistan. india initially building dams over it to control its flow to Pakistan. the main reason of indus water treaty. As water is considered, the life line of a nation. a nation cannot survive without water. water scarcity can results into thoughts which ultimately effect food resources. The tension between india and Pakistan over water is rooted back in indus water treaty which is affecting the relation between Pakistan and india, disturbing the regional peace, bringing water scarcity but there is always a way forward.

The indus water treaty took place in 1960s. due to the stoppage of water, building dams over the rivers, diverting tactics

of rivers by india. the treaty was brokered by world bank where all the 6 rivers were divided into 3-3, like western rivers indus, chenab, jhelum to Pakistan and eastern rivers Ravi, Beas and Sutlej to india. As it was agreed upon the terms that these rivers towards Pakistan will not be blocked or used for building of dams. it was observed for some time but whenever an issue takes place between the neighbouring countries it is used as a tool or weapon to take revenge. many times the treaty terms is disobeyed and Pakistan experiences floods and droughts. recently it was cutoff by india blaming Pakistan of Pahalgam attack in jammu Kashmir, where soldiers of indian army died but taking into account its inquiry, the indian foreign minister announces to cutoff india-Pakistan indus water treaty which is the evidence of india using water as a weapon against Pakistan.

It not only brings water crisis but also the bilateral relations between Pakistan and India comes to an end. While ending the treaty, Pakistan's high commission in India asked to leave India in 24 hours. In response to it Pakistan also ask Indian high commission to leave Pakistan. Situations like this ultimately bring wars, which effect people from both sides, the innocent public from both sides dies, sudden displacements of people, boatless trade being stopped. Traders from both sides exposing vegetable or fruits losses alot, due to no imports the prices ^{hikes} of many things coming from either sides. Apart from it both are sharing cultural values, places like Nankana Sahib the Indian pilgrims visits these religious sites cannot be visited during the times of deadlock, even though different sport festivals also boycotted.

Pakistan and India are situated in South Asia, where many other countries also take place. Keeping this in mind the tension between both the countries and interestingly both are nuclear countries this can bring the region's population to zero in no time. The relations in the region also depend upon this. When Pakistan and India are not on the same page, peace is just a lie to the region. There are many regional cooperation organisations but cannot deliver because of these two countries mainly a treaty one favours but another stands against treaties of peace in the region by these organisations by bringing ~~tax~~ tax-free zone forward but the denial and acceptance tactics always hinder to the stability of the region.

The issue can be resolved by bilateral talks or some third party mediation. The Indian Water Treaty adherence should be an essential part of it, without it peace is not possible. A commission from both sides along experts should be made who can examine and give its report accordingly. There must be a climate change adaptation from both sides. The floods, glaciers melting is affecting both the countries, so they should adopt effective measures to stop it. There should be exchange of culture and religious places that to attain peace and harmony. Cricket matches should be arranged between the same to felt early with one another. "Water is the only way to peace between Pakistan and India".