

# Pakistan Affairs

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## Climate Change and Pakistan

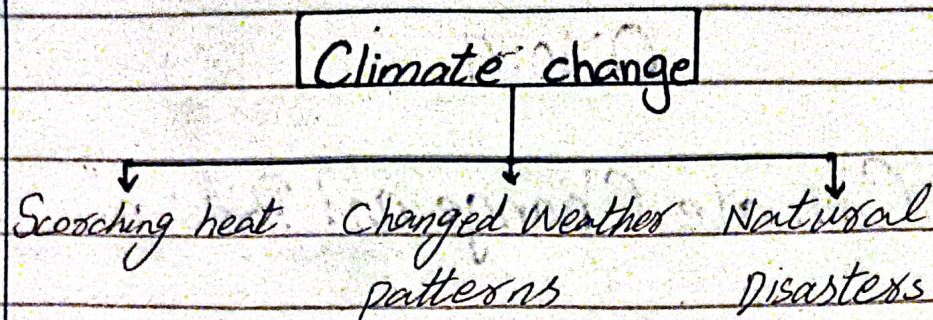
### Introduction:

Of course, climate change is not only a threat to environment, but also economic security of Pakistan. For example, the devastating floods of 2022 costed '30 billion' dollars to Pakistan economy. Moreover, other climate induced disasters are surging in Pakistan. It is obvious that without proper planning and mitigation strategies Pakistan would suffer more.

### Climate Change as a threat to Pakistan Environment

Climate change is posing a great threat to Pakistan's environment and is affecting it many different ways. Some of them are listed

below.



### Scorching heat:

High temperatures due to prolonged 'Heatwaves' in Pakistan in summer are making the life in Pakistan very hard. Temperature reaching to  $40^{\circ}\text{C}$  is not susceptible to environment.

### Changed weather patterns:

Changed weather patterns are also a threat to Pakistan's environment. Unpredicted heavy rainfalls and drought seasons are becoming severe.

### Natural Disasters:

Natural disasters like, Floods and Avalanches are resulting in loss of Flora and Fauna. It is mainly affecting biodiversity of Pakistan.

## Climate change threat to Economic security:

Climate induced events are also affecting Pakistan's economy because Pakistan is an agricultural economy. Its main imports are agricultural products. Following are some of climate change threats to economy

## Climate change and crop production:

Climate change is negatively affecting crop production. For Example, the cotton crop is negatively affected by increasing heat.

Heat waves  $\propto$  1  
Cotton Bales

According to Ginners Association data 2024 year cotton bales produced are less than previous year. And for this is due to heat waves in August and July.

months.

## Changing weather patterns and Pakistan economy:

Since, Pakistan economy is mainly based on agricultural products, unpredicted rainfalls and droughts are posing a threat to common farmer.

## Climate change impact on Labour Force:

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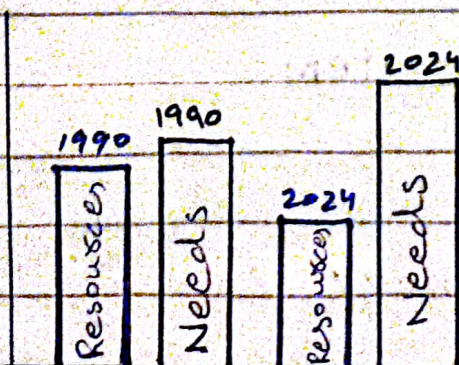
Some of climate

change disasters have direct impact on Economy. For example, 2022 floods resulted in 30 billion dollar damage to Pakistan economy.

**Way Forward for Pakistan:-**  
Population planning essential for Pakistan:

Pakistan is 7th most populated country in Pakistan. Population planning is essential for Pakistan as with climate change devastating impact on agriculture sector Pakistan faces 'Food insecurity'. Also 'Water shortage' is also exacerbating in Pakistan.

Therefore, population planning is most important for Pakistan.



## Mitigation strategies for Pakistan:

Mitigation strategies in construction and agriculture sector are necessary.

### Climate smart farming

Climate smart farming with climate change resisted crops are need of time. Similarly, modern farming techniques like 'corporate farming' can tackle climate change problem.

### Climate smart infrastructure

Pakistan needs climate smart infrastructure for saving infrastructure from climate induced disasters. Urban planning with proper water drainage system can prove to be very beneficial.

### Climate smart training:

Climate smart

training of population is crucial to Pakistan. Capacity building of population would not only save environment but also play role in economic development too.

Advancing meteorological department  
Advancing meteorological department is necessary for mitigating climate change. It helps in prediction of climate events.

### Conclusion:-

In order to conclude, Pakistan is severely affected by climate change not only its environment but its economy too. Relevant planning and climate smart capacity building is crucial to Pakistan.



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## Pak-Afghan Relations

### Introduction:-

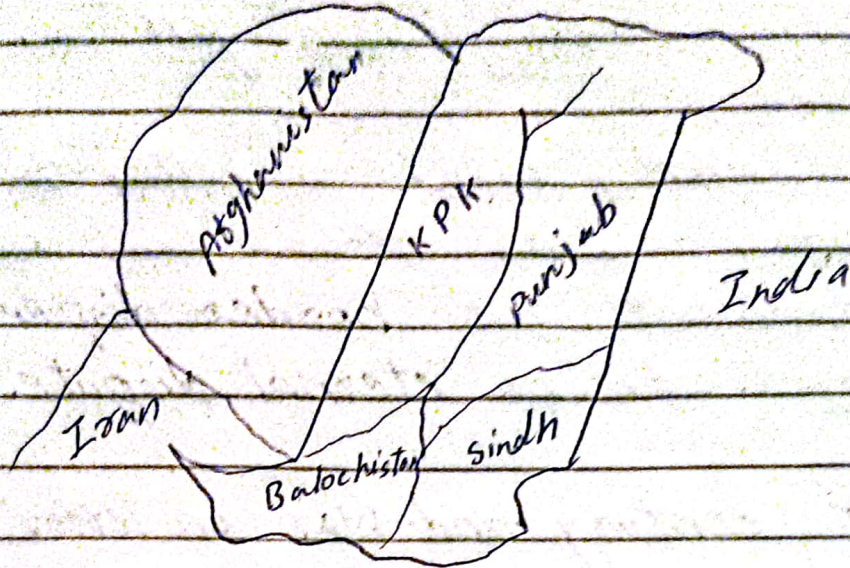
Afghanistan is a landlocked country situated in Pakistan. For last two decades Afghanistan has suffered <sup>from</sup> war on terror. In recent years, US unprecedented withdrawal and reemergence of the Taliban government and their alleged support to Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan has severed the relations between Pakistan and Afghanistan.

### History of Pak-Afghan relation:-

A tense start:

Pakistan Afghanistan relations saw a tense start. Afghanistan demand for removal of 'dusand line'

- which is border between Pakistan and Afghanistan - has been the major cause of tense start



Moreover, Afghanistan did not accept Pakistan at UN forum initially. Further, Afghanistan's 'Radio programs' for rebelling KPK youth against Pakistan further tensed the situation.

During cold war:

Even though cold war started after Japan's acceptance of defeat. But in the end of cold war and Soviet invasion of Afghanistan gave Pakistan a chance to better.

The relation Pakistan's training of Taliban with help of US defeated Soviet on Afghan soil. After their withdrawal new Taliban govt was formed.

Pakistan tried to better the relations with Afghanistan's new government but border dispute proved to be eternal dispute.

### 21st century and War on Terror:

With the advent of 21st century world saw war on terror. Pakistan had no option to deny this war and ultimately helped U.S. This further strained the relations between both countries.

### After U.S withdrawal:

After US withdrawal Afghanistan again came under Afghan Taliban - with their new leaders in 2021. U.S withdrawal left ammunition with advanced technology and

raised real adverse security threats to Pakistan.

### Economic or Security:

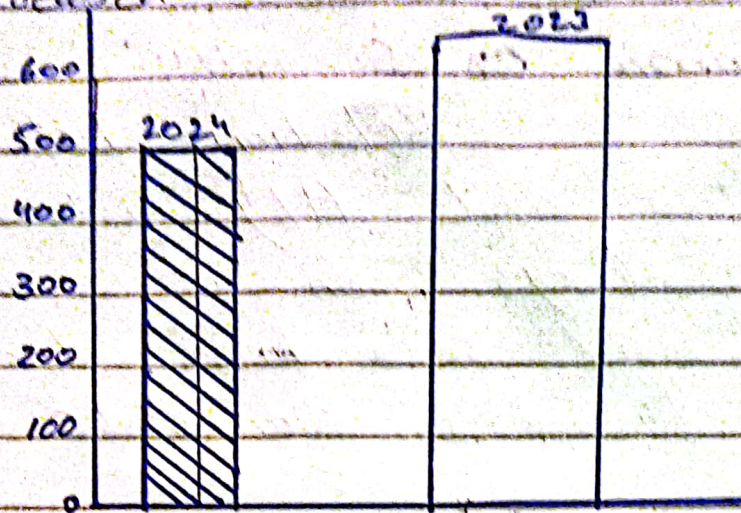
Relations between Pakistan and Afghanistan have always been of security nature and have been under the influence of Non-state actors.

### Impact of TTP and other terrorist organizations:

One of the reasons of strained relations between Afghanistan and Pakistan is that Afghanistan provides **safe heavens** to the terrorist organizations and groups. Afghan government work very little to eliminating or to stopping these militant groups to use the border.

Moreover, it has been observed that militant groups are using its left weaponry

against Pakistan. Moreover, militant attacks have further increased.



Only 2024 has faced more than 500 militant attacks whereas in 2023 Pakistan faced more than 600 terrorist attacks.

Are relations now of economic nature:

Certainly Not but they can be. India has been investing in Afghanistan for development project. But India is not facing terrorist attacks from militant groups.

Economic investment in

in Afghanistan is only possible from Pakistan side if Afghan government cooperates with Pakistan army to eliminate safe havens of militant groups. Economic involvement is not possible to be a 'carrot' toward Afghan government.

### Conclusion:

Merely economic notice of Pakistan-Afghanistan relation only depends over Afghan government decision to eliminate anti-Pakistan militant groups. Otherwise there is no prospect of economic investment.

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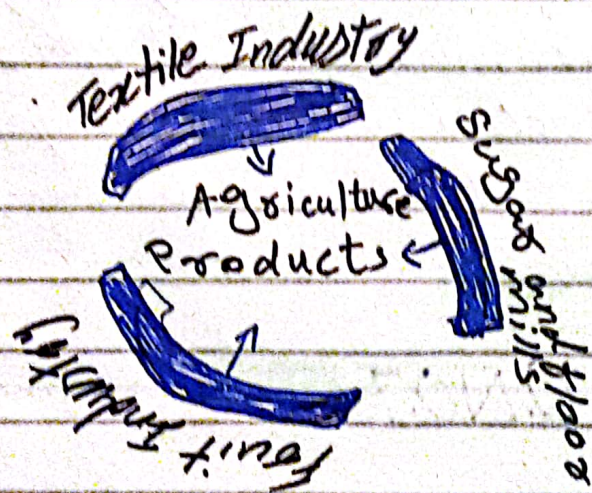
"Pak- industry dependence over agriculture sector."

### Introduction:

Pakistan is an agricultural country. Much of

its imports are based on agricultural products. Much of small industry and some heavy industry is depended on agricultural products for raw material. Therefore problems in agriculture sector negatively affect the industries of Pakistan.

Industries that are dependent on agriculture sector



Textile Industry

Textile industry is very much dependent on agricultural sector. Cotton is main source and

cotton bales are main raw material of textile industry.

Floors and sugar mills:

Floors and sugar mills are also dependent over agriculture sector. Sugar cane and wheat including other grains are raw material to these.

Fruit industry:

Fruit industry of Haripur is also dependent over agriculture sector.

Spice industry:

Different spices and 'chat Massalas' are also dependent on agriculture sector.

Problems in agriculture sector affecting the industries:

Agriculture sectors problems indirectly



affect the industrial sector.

Textile industry weakened due to agricultural problems:

Less production of cotton bales due to climate change negatively affect the textile industry. Less raw material provided results in less product production. Moreover weak raw material quality also result in weak product production.

Way forward for industrial sector and agricultural sector:

Shifting the dynamic of industrial sector

Making industries less dependent over agriculture sector can also be a solution. Moving industrial sector towards 'IT' products can also be helpful.

## Introducing new techniques of agriculture:

Introducing new techniques of farming for agriculture sector can also be very helpful.

## Maintaining and keeping record of agriculture sector:

Pakistan should keep record of these agricultural crops that are essential for industrial sector.

## Conclusion:

In order to conclude, problems in some of industry of Pakistan is directly linked to problems in agriculture sector. Shifting industry towards IT sector and introducing new techniques for farming can eliminate this problem.

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## "Judicial Independence and Parliamentary Oversight"

### Introduction:

26th amendment, which is technically 23rd amendment of Pakistan because three proposed amendments are unapproved, changes the judicial system of Pakistan by making legislative branch more powerful than Judiciary.

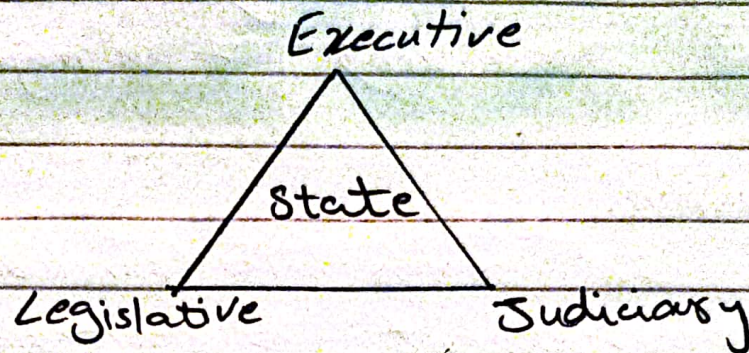
However, it does not undermines judicial independence but rather put check and balance over judiciary.

### Evaluation of 26th amendment over constitutional principles:

#### Democratic nature of constitution:

The 1973 constitution is democratic in nature. It promote democracy in country and separates power

among three pillars.



26th amendment promotes and **strengthen** this principle of constitution. According to constitution, Pakistan is a Republic and in Republic people mandate is most powerful. Prior to 26th amendment, Judiciary not only violated this principle but sent people mandate to deathbeds and jails several time.

Parliamentary oversight over Judiciary is constitutional:

The parliamentary oversight given by 26th amendment over judiciary is constitutional as parliament is the second highest

office after President and Prime Minister and they can challenge the judicial proceeding if in majority.

### Conclusion:

In order to conclude, 86th amendment is critically evaluated on constitutional principles as judicial independence is a very important matter and parliamentary oversight if not used properly can bound the judicial proceedings of Pakistan.