

Final Mock: Pak. Affairs

PART-II

QUESTION-3

ALIGARH MOVEMENT

In the aftermath of War of Independence 1857, Muslims bore the brunt of British Government's wrath and were considered as the main culprits.

BRITISH POLICIES:-

The British made drastic changes to the India's system all targeted to suppress Muslims

→ The official language was changed to English.

→ Religious education was banned and a new system of western education was promoted.

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→ Hindus were promoted and Muslims were stuck in menial jobs.

→ By the introduction of Inam Commission, muslims's properties were stolen.

MUSLIM SENTIMENTS:-

British policies spawned negative emotions in the Muslims who alienated themselves from anything modern, english and western. As a result, Muslims were left behind and Hindus got important posts in the administration.

BEGINNING OF MOVEMENT

Sir Syed Ahmed Khan initiated Aligarh movement to ameliorate the condition of muslims by making them acquainted with the modern education and promote muslims relationship with the British government.

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OBJECTIVES:-

There were 2 main objectives of the movement:

- To equip Muslims with modern education and make them learn English as the official language.
- To develop better relations with British government by clarifying Muslim's position in the war of independence.

ACHIEVEMENTS:-

As a result, Aligarh movement (1858-1886) was started and a school was opened at Aligarh to provide education to Muslim elite, which later on became Aligarh Muslim college and university. Sir Syed Ahmed Khan advised Muslims to stay away from politics and focus on their education which was needed to strengthen their position.

1. Improvement in Muslims' condition:

This movement strengthened the position of Muslims in the eyes of British and their

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behaviour with them improved.

2. Modern Education for Muslims

Muslim elite received modern education which made them hold key administrative positions and later on proved beneficial.

3. Better economic conditions

By getting modern education, Muslims were no more stuck in menial jobs and as a result, their economic conditions improved.

4. Two Nation theory

Sir Syed Ahmed advised Muslims to not mingle in politics but rather focus on their objectives and maintain their distinct identity.

DISTINCT IDENTITY

This movement focused on maintaining a distinct identity for Muslims from Hindus.

Sir Syed Ahmed Khan urged Muslims to not lose their identity but use the modern education to further propagate their interests. It was one of the earliest

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movements that promoted Two Nation Theory in sub-continent and focused on Muslims to maintain their dignity while working for their betterment.

FOUNDATION OF PAKISTAN

This movement not only worked for the education of Muslims but birthed key muslim leaders who later on became an asset for Pakistan movement and fought for the rights of muslim and paved the road towards freedom.

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AGRICULTURAL SECTOR

Pakistan is an agricultural country and is responsible for providing employment and strengthening economy of the country.

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SIGNIFICANCE

- 45% of population of Pakistan is linked with agriculture
- 25% of the land of Pakistan is used for farming.
- Around 70% of the people are directly or indirectly linked with this sector.

According to Economic Survey 2023-2024:

"Agriculture is the main driver of economy in Pakistan."

DEPENDENCE

The economy of Pakistan is heavily dependent on agriculture as it is evident in the recent economic survey. It not only is important to fulfil the need for growing population but also fuels other sectors such as industry and service sector.

Reasons for Pakistan's heavy dependence on agriculture are:

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i) Growing Population

Pakistan is the 5th most populous country in the world and its population is growing rapidly.

According to UN Development Program:

“Pakistan's population is growing at the rate of 2% each year.”

To fulfil the needs of growing population and lessen the imports of food, agriculture sector is the most important.

ii) Role in GDP

This sector is also responsible for maintaining the Gross Domestic Production of the country by providing important crops such as wheat, rice and cotton that in return provide foreign exchange.

iii) Fueling other Sectors

This sector also provides raw material and foreign exchange to fuel other sectors of the economy and as a result play direct role in the progress of country.

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INDUSTRIAL SECTOR

Pakistan's agricultural sector is responsible for the growth of industrial sector in the following ways:

1) Raw Material for Industry

Pakistan's main crops are wheat, rice and cotton. The crops produced from agricultural sector provide raw material to run the industry. For example, cotton is an important cash crop of Pakistan which is then used to prepare products for textile industry.

2) Foreign Exchange

The foreign exchange received from exporting different crops in turn aids in importing materials for industrial sector. This way, strengthened agricultural sector strengthens industry.

3) Lesser Imports

If Pakistan is self-sufficient in fulfilling the food requirements of its growing population, then it has not to rely on imports to fulfil requirement which will provide.

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surplus resources to strengthen industrial sector.

WAY FORWARD

As both the sectors are linked and the progress of agricultural sector will in turn strength industry and economy of the country, it is important to focus on the issues of agricultural sector so that overall improvement can be made.

Following solutions and remedies can strengthen agriculture and in turn industry of the country:

1) Water Management

Water scarcity and draught are the major issues of agricultural sector. According to a global report,

"Pakistan has been water stressed since 2002."

Now, Pakistan is nearing water scarcity level, so it is important to manage the water supply of the country.

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2) Uninterrupted Energy Supply

It is highly imperative to solve the energy shortage issue both for agricultural and industrial sector as both are highly reliant on energy supply to run smoothly.

3) Middlemen Intervention

It is important to facilitate the farmers' access to markets so that middle men intervention can be reduced and farmers' condition can be improved.

4) Modern Techniques

Pakistan's farmers are still stuck in the decades old practices for farming which is reducing the yield and not producing as much as other countries. It is essential to inculcate modern harvesting and post harvesting techniques in agriculture to boost up the production.

5) Zoning of Land

Now, the government is focusing on zoning of different lands for specific crops such as Chitral grape zone, it is a good initiative to better the use of land.

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5. Better seed supply

The quality of seed improves the yield, so it is important to provide better quality seed and fertilizer to the farmers to improve production.

CONCLUSION:-

As said earlier, agriculture is the main driver of economic growth and industry, problems in the former affects the production of latter. So, it is essential to strengthen the agricultural sector of Pakistan to boost all sectors specifically industrial sector on which relies the development.

QUESTION - 8

26th AMENDMENT

As of October 2024, 26th Amendment in the Constitution of Pakistan, came into force which resulted in significant

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changes in the judicial structure and increased parliamentary oversight on the system.

MAJOR CHANGES

1) Selection of CJP

Previously, the selection of Chief Justice of Pakistan was a judicial matter, with the bench comprising mostly of judges and representatives of law. In the recent amendment, the inclusion of parliament (2 members of National Assembly, 2 of Senate, 1 either Women or Minority Member) has disturbed the previous majority of judiciary.

2) No sormote Action

Another important change was removing the right of Supreme Court to take sormote action on any matter of the country that required judicial attention.

3) CJP Term

The term of Chief Justice of Pakistan

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has also been reduced to 3 years as compared to previous 6 years.

1) Parliamentary Intervention

By making changes in the judicial bench, parliamentary intervention in the judicial matters has become possible.

ANALYSIS

1) Parliament's View Point:

According to the legislative assembly, this step is taken to develop a parliamentary oversight on the judicial matters and will strengthen the democracy.

2) International Court of Justice:

According to ICJ:

"The passing of 26th Amendment by Pakistan's Legislative Assembly is a huge blow to judicial independence and human rights."

3) Critical Evaluation:

Democratic structure is strengthened by the judicial independence, passing of 26th

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amendment not only threatens the judicial independence but also paves a way for future governments to amend the constitution in whatever way it pleases them.

1) Judicial Independence:

Judicial system develops a trust in masses, be it opposing part or governing part. By making judicial system a subsidiary of legislative assembly, it fuels the anarchic and unstable situation in the country.

2) Constitutional Integrity:

There is a long history of amendments made in the constitution of Pakistan for timely gains. Constitutional integrity should be maintained at all costs, no matter the situation is.

3) Authoritarian Regime:

Pakistan is already performing very poorly in the global index of democracy and the passing of 26th Amendment further threatens the independence structure

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of institutions and gives way to authoritarian regimes to persist.

4) Balance of Institutions

It is important for Pakistan's policy makers to realise the importance of institutional structure in democracy.

Judiciary all over the world has been an independent institution to maintain law and order in country which is why it is important to reevaluate the implications of 26th Amendment in the long run.

BOTTOM LINE:-

Constitution and its principles should be held supreme to maintain stability in the country. Re-evaluation of 26th Amendment on constitutional basis is necessary to avoid anarchy in the future.

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QUESTION-4

CLIMATE CHANGE IN PAK.

Pakistan is one of the most affected countries by climate change in the world. It is important to develop a comprehensive plan of action to mitigate the effects of climate on the economic and environmental security of the country.

GROWING POPULATION

Pakistan is the 5th most populous country in the world with a steady growth rate.

According to UNDP,

“Pakistan's population is growing at a steady growth rate of 2% each year.”

With growing population, the need for food and employment are also increasing as a significant part of population is

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ready to enter the workforce.

Need for Population Planning:

Pakistan's economic situation is already unstable and increasing population is putting a burden on economy. It is important for Pakistan to work towards population planning to improve the living standards of people.

Barriers:-

- Illiteracy
- Religious and cultural barriers
- Lack of awareness
- Poverty
- Poor health infrastructure

Solutions:-

- Working towards improving education
- Mass awareness program
- Rejuvenating family planning programs
- Better health facilities to women
- Incentives for women

CLIMATE RISK

According to World Meteorological Foundation:

"Asia is warming up faster as compared to other regions."

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1) Asia at the Gun Point:

Global reports indicate that the most affected region by climate change is Asia. It is important for Pakistan to realise the risk and work towards controlling it.

2) Warmest Year 2024

According to EU's Copernicus Climate Change Service (C3S).

“2024 is the 1st full year in which global temperature exceeded 1.5°C above pre industrial limits.”

Pakistan observed an intense summer with warmest July, June, April on record.

3) Plight of Smog

Smog has become another season in Pakistan. This year government had to issue smog alert and declare national health emergency to control its effects.

4) Risk of flooding

Pakistan is an agriculture country whose sustenance is highly dependent on crop production. Unexpected rains as a result of climate change and risk of flooding has

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increased the economic strain on country.

Effect of Changes on the Economic Security

All these climate changes are not only damaging to the environment but are also threatening the already perilous economic situation of the country. With country's heavy dependence on agricultural sector and poor industrial sector, this issue is proving much more detrimental than it appears on the surface.

Importance of Mitigation Strategies

Need of the hour is to develop a resilient plan of action to combat climate change and ensure country's smooth progress.

1. Protecting Agricultural Sector:

Most important step is to introduce reforms in agricultural sector to boost up the production and also develop mechanisms to fight climate change.

2. Reduce Risk of Flooding:

Construction of dams and conserving

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Water to reduce the risk of flooding is important. Also, Pakistan is reaching water scarcity level so it is important to develop mitigation strategies.

3. Reduce Pollution

Reduce pollution and decrease the use of automobiles to mitigate the effects of smog and improve living conditions specially in Lahore, Karachi & Multan.

4. Reforestation

Limit deforestation and develop campaigns on the national level like A Billion Trees Project initiated in the Khan's government to increase carbon sinks and fight climate adversities.

WAY FORWARD:

To ensure economic security and fight climate adversities, it is important for the government to shift its focus from other issues and instead focus on developing a comprehensive plan of action to control the threat it poses on economic progress.