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Introduction: Pakistan and China started China Pakistan economic corridor back in 2015. It consists of 3 phases. First phase was from 2015 to 2020. 2nd phase was 2020 to 2025. But due to Covid this phase got delayed. Pakistan will get many benefits from phase II of CPEC. This phase has many prospects and challenges which will discuss in discription. Moreover, Pakistan has to take some policy measures which will balance it's relations with China and USA.

|| Pakistan will balance
|| it's relations with China and
|| USA **Cheif of defense forces**
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① Multidimensional prospects of CPEC Phase II.

①.1 - CPEC phase II reduces travel time. CPEC reduces time travel for china to middle east and central Asia for energy and oil.
 16000km $\xrightarrow{\text{Reduce}}$ 2500km
 2 months $\xrightarrow{\text{Reduced}}$ 2 weeks

①.2 - CPEC phase II provides easy access to Global market:
Gwadar is located near strait of Hormuz through which china can do oil trade safely. Moreover it also provides route to Chahbar port in which china invested 100bn\$ in return Iran will give oil.

①.3 - CPEC phase II provides multidimensional opportunity for development: China wants Afghanistan

to become part of CPEC II with help of road construction.

①.4-CPEC Phase II brings economic development in Pakistan: under CPEC II 2400 industries and 9 special economic zones will be built.

①.5 CPEC Phase II will overcome Pakistan's energy crisis: Many, hydel, solar energy projects will be built under CPEC.

Kohala project & Sukhi Kirari project

①.6 Infrastructure will boost in Pakistan: Main Line I road is under construction more projects are Pakistan Uzbekistan road which will provide easy access to Central Asia.

② Challenges of CPEC Phase II

②.1 Security challenges: Many Chinese workers have been killed by terrorists attacks in Pakistan.

Dasu dam
Attack

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Chinese
consulate
Attack

②.2 Political instability of Pakistan: political instability of Pakistan hinders CPEC development. No gov is able to complete its full term to complete projects.

②.3 Indian backed terrorists organisations: India do not want see Pakistan progress and complete CPEC phase II. so it involves in funding for terrorists organisation. Like to attack China.

Balochistan Liberation Army
Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan

(2.4) Peace disturbance in

Afghanistan: Due to terrorists activities both countries Pakistan and China feel difficulty to extend CPEC to Afghanistan.

→ Taliban government continuously supports cross border terrorists activities.

(2.5) Economic instability of

Pakistan: There is no economic stability in Pakistan every sector shows poor growth.

For example

Economic survey of Pakistan 24-25
↓
Growth is 2.68%

③ Policy measures for Pakistan to strengthen its ties ~~which~~ with China through CPEC II and balancing its relations with USA.

Policy measures for China And USA

③.1 Pakistan should strengthen security: Pakistan should counter terrorists attacks to provide safety for Chinese at work places.

Already Pakistan has formed special force for CPEC → 12,000 force

How this policy will balance relations with USA?

Pakistan currently did deal with USA in minerals. So there is economic deal. So, due to enhanced security more USA companies will come Pakistan for investment. Hence, strong security will balance relations with USA and China.

③.2 Pakistan should adopt neutral diplomacy on global cross border conflicts: Pakistan should adopt neutral diplomacy at China Taiwan and Russia Ukraine crisis to balance both great powers.

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|| is like cutting one limb || Yousaf

③.3 Pakistan should develop economic ties with gulf countries: To reduce economic dependence on China and USA Pakistan should strengthen economic ties with Saudia, UAE and Qatar as well. Pakistan should do more deals like Strategic Mutual Defense agreement.

③.4 Pakistan should invite ~~invite~~ other global investors: Rather than China and USA Pakistan

should invite investors to do invest in CPEC like central Asian states because most of Chinese companies invest in CPEC which could impact US relations. So this will be a balanced approach.

③.5 Pakistan should strengthen more strategic ties with China

Now China is more concerned for strategic ties with Pakistan rather than economic because it wants to expand CPEC across other countries too like Iran and Afghanistan.

China now prioritizes
Pakistan as strategic
geometry of South
Asia

Andrew Small

3.6 Pakistan should strengthen economic ties with USA: In

9/11 war era USA sees Pakistan for strategic benefits. But now paradigm shift has occurred.

And USA did deal of \$68646\$ with Pakistan.

Conclusion: So CPEC phase II has various potentials in it. It provides economic, political benefits to both countries. Moreover, it bears some challenges like security threats, cross border peace disturbance in Afghanistan and Indian hypocrisy as well. Pakistan should balance its relations with both global powers only by securing its interests.

from both.

Pakistan should prioritize
economic ties with USA
and strategic ties with
China

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27 Constitutional amendment

Introduction: 27 constitutional amendment was passed by assembly at 12 November 2025 and senate and president approved it at 13 November 2025. It has potential impacts on judicial powers, judicial restraint and trichotomy of power in Pakistan.

• Critical evaluation of 27th constitutional amendment

① Curtailment of Judicial powers

①.1 27th amendment has reduced power of interpretation of constitution: This power has

been taken from highest court and given to newly formed federal constitutional court.

①.2 Curtailment of judicial review powers of judiciary.

These powers have been taken under 184(3) and 199.

①.3 Forced transfer of judges : Executive has taken powers for transfer of judges from one court to any other court which will promote nepotism.

①.4 Life time immunity has given to a specific sector

Life time immunity of president has given to military chief. which will

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rise restlessness among ceremonial judges of highest court.

①.5 Legal challenges and judicial push back

Critics argue that this amendment has changed structure of constitution drastically. That's why senior judges started giving resigns.

② How 27th constitutional amendment is related to debate of judicial restraint and activism?

②.1 27th amendment has reduced suo moto powers: Because judiciary started taking suo moto notices every day which gives rise to judicial activism and politicians and executive have restrained powers.

(2.2) Parliamentary supremacy has been created: Executive will be more dominant in Judicial commission for appointments. Hence it is all to suppress judicial activism.

(2.3) Duration of legal debate has been reduced: To restrain judicial powers any debates for legal consultation will be discouraged.

(2.4) Limiting judicial oversight on executive: powers of oversight on executives have been reduced which put restraint on judicial activism.

(2.5) Limiting judicial overreach: competition in judiciary has been reduced and hierarchical structure has been affected.

③ Implications of 27th Constitutional amendment on trichotomy of power in Pakistan.

③.1 Executive dominance in Judicial commission of Pakistan: powers of commission have been curtailed for selection of judges and transfer. So more power is vested to executive.

③.2 More economic and strategic powers are vested to executive and Army: Army ~~forces~~ ^{chief} has been made chief of defense forces and got life time immunity. Both chief and executive will take important decisions. President will appoint chief justice.

of federal ~~to~~ court on advice of PM.

3.3 There is no separation of powers among judiciary & executive and legislature

All powers of judiciary from suo moto, check and balance have been reduced only dominance of executive is present.

3.4 undermines institutional checks and balances

Senior judges are not allowed to make chief justices only government will choose for them. It has disorganised structure of judiciary and checks and balances in judiciary has become difficult task.

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Conclusion: Hence, 27 constitutional amendment has curtailed judicial powers, restrained judicial activism and weakens separation of powers among institutions. This amendment is all about altering structure of constitution and judiciary.