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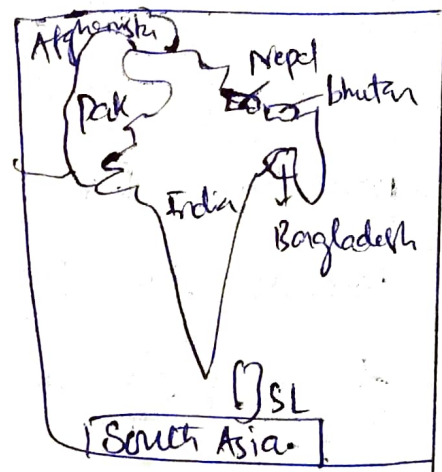
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① India cannot address the unfinished agenda of South Asian Integration without engaging Pakistan. Explain

Pakistan today is in dire situation. 1/3rd of the country is in flood. 33 million have been affected. Its ~~forex~~ foreign exchange reserves are reducing rapidly.

India's extended help:

Recently Pakistan's finance minister, shown interest in resuming trade with India, due to floods in Pakistan. But later withdrawn.



NO political consensus:

Pakistan has been repeatedly flagging Kashmir issue, to deny trade talks with India. Political implication must not be a shadow to resume bilateral relation especially trade ties. in this situation

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India's help:

India doesn't have any reason not to help Pakistan. eg: when Taliban took over Afghanistan, India considering humanitarian need help with food aid. Similarly with Sri Lanka

Resuming trade is a good option eg: India after 2019 attacks removed MFN status to Pakistan. Even then there has been doubling imports for India's sugar, organic products and pharma from Pakistan. Mostly informal trade.

Trade with Pakistan has been dwindling with \$576 million. In case of Bangladesh it was 35 times larger \$18 billion.

With resuming bilateral trade, India can help its neighbors, come back to reality from the disaster at the same time utilize the opportunity to resume good relations with

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them and to settle the terrorist kind of situation.
shoetly.

eg: pakistan (PM) itself saying they don't
want war with India, but peace.

India had shifted from SAARC to
BIMSTEC to prevent engagement with Pakistan.

But removing Pakistan from South Asia, is a
unfished business for India in Integrating the
region

way forward

Both countries must engage with
each other in win-win areas eg: trade. Platforms
like SCO must be used to resume bilateral ties.

India must not leave its big neighbour, which is
crucial for Integration of the Region