



Geo-Strategic Importance of Pakistan (A)

Introduction

Pakistan (the only Muslim country that has the nuclear capability) is located in a region which has a great political, economic, and strategic location. It has been the hub of activities of great powers for the past few decades. It has witnessed intervention of three great powers i.e. Britain, USA, and USSR. CPEC (China Pakistan Economic Corridor) is the game changer for Pakistan. Both countries (Pakistan and China) are keen to enhance the trade activities, improving infrastructure, development of dams, and stability of economy by investment in different sectors.

Geographical Location of Pakistan

In the Southern Asia, Pakistan lies between 24 and 36.75 northern latitude and between 61 and 7505 eastern longitude. Total area of Pakistan is 7,96000 sq.km. Pakistan shares bordered with Afghanistan, China, India, and Iran.

➤ Afghanistan

Pakistan is bordered by Afghanistan to the west. These two neighbor countries are separated by the Durand line that covers 2250 km of lengths. A narrow strip of Afghanistan knows as Wakhan separates Tajikistan from Pakistan that covers about 20 km to 40 km lengths.

➤ China

Pakistan is bordered by China to the north and shares 400 km long border.

➤ India

Pakistan is bordered by India to the east and shares the 1650 km international border lengths.

➤ Iran

Pakistan is bordered by Iran to the southwest.

- **Arabian Sea:** Arabian Sea is situated in the south of Pakistan, and 700 km is the length of Arabian Sea coastline with Pakistan.

Strategic Significance

Following are the major strategic significance of the geo-strategic importance of Pakistan.

- Proximity of great powers
- Gateway to central Asia-oil and energy game
- Significance as a transit economy
- Significance as an important in the chain of Muslim countries
- Only Muslim country having nuclear capability