

GS II: India and its Neighborhood- Relations

1. Discuss how the changing Political Scenario between India and Pakistan Impacts the livelihood of border people. Suggest what should be the way forward to insulate trade from the dynamic Bilateral Relations between these Two Countries.

Why this Question:

- ✚ The rising bilateral tensions between India and Pakistan might not have impacted their respective economies to a greater extent, but has perished the livelihood of people who has been dependent only on the border trade.

Key Demand of the Question:

- ✚ The question demands us to start about the rising conflicts between India and Pakistan in brief. Then it wants us to write the impact of such tensions on border people in various aspects. Then we should write how both governments could insulate trade aspect from political arena. Then conclude with way forward.

Directive Word:

- ✚ **Discuss** – This is an all-encompassing directive – you have to debate on paper by going through the details of the issues concerned by examining each one of them. You have to give reasons for both for and against arguments.

Structure of the Answer:**Introduction:**

- ✚ Write about the rising tension between India and Pakistan and quote few examples.

Body:

- ✚ Answers must discuss the following aspects –
- ✚ Factors affecting the relationship between the two countries – historical mileage, current turf, terrorism, political differences and ideology etc.
- ✚ Write how the rising tensions affect the people located at the border areas in various aspects viz economically, psychologically, emotionally and other factors.
- ✚ Write how the tensions affect the trade perspective between the two countries.

- ✚ Write how a majority of border people entirely depends upon this trade aspect and write how rising tensions have a serious impact on them.
- ✚ Write few suggestions to insulate the trade aspect from the political arena.

Conclusion:

- ✚ Conclude with way forward and few suggestions to diversify the livelihood of trade dependent people of border regions.

