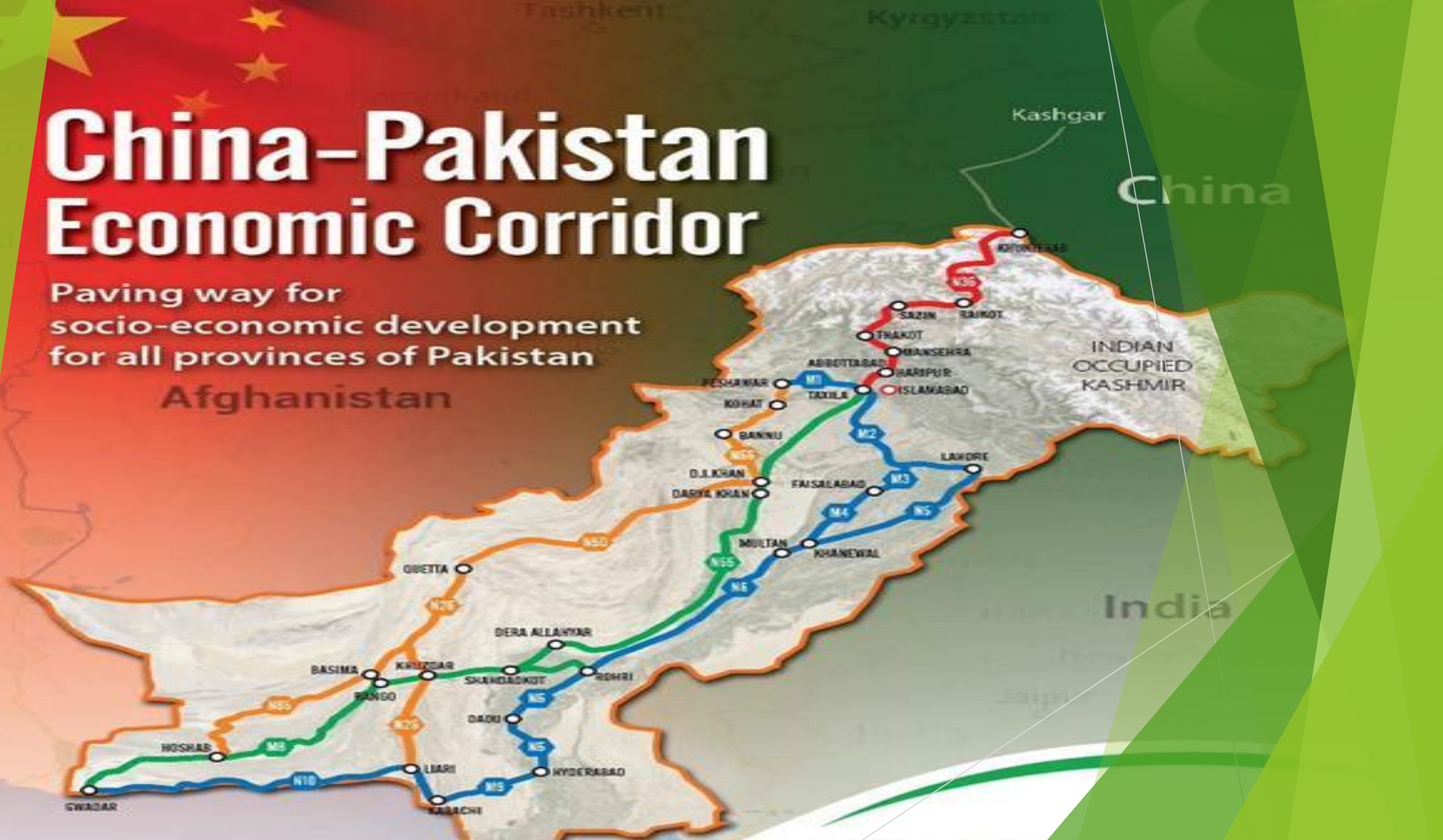


# China-Pakistan Economic Corridor

Paving way for socio-economic development for all provinces of Pakistan

Afghanistan



# CPEC soars to Rs5,700 billion

- ▶ Number of projects increased .
- ▶ Peshawar-Karachi railway line project and some infrastructure projects in the framework of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).
- ▶ Establishment of eight industrial estates located in all the four provinces and special areas, including Fata, AJK, Gilgit-Baltistan and Islamabad Capital Territory.
- ▶ The JCC also approved to include three projects of the National Highway Authority (NHA) in the CPEC framework. These include \$200 million Khuzdar-Basima Road project, Dera Ismail Khan-Zohb project of western route worth \$800 million and a missing section of Thakot-Havelian of the eastern route having length of 136 kilometres.
- ▶ <http://www.pakistantoday.com.pk/2016/12/30/6th-jcc-meeting-300mw-power-project-agreement-signed/>

# Ministry of Planning Development and Reform (PD&R) had launched official website of China Pakistan Economic Corridor

- ▶ The web could be accessed by its link [cpec.gov.pk](http://cpec.gov.pk).
- ▶ It is hosting all the relevant information regarding CPEC besides minute details of the projects.
- ▶ [www.cpec.gov.pk](http://www.cpec.gov.pk)



# A new alternate route for internet traffic along CPEC has been proposed by Pak Army

- ▶ The current framework involve Indian companies posing security risk.
- ▶ The network which brings internet traffic into Pakistan through submarine cables has been developed by a consortium that has Indian companies either as partners or shareholders, which is a serious security concern. Seeking approval for the establishment of a cross-border optic fiber, for smooth cyber traffic connectivity network under the Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP), the military official proposed a new alternative network system.

## Chinese companies are in talks to snap up more businesses and land in Pakistan after sealing two major deals in recent months,

- ▶ A dozen executives from some of Pakistan's biggest firms were quoted by Reuters news agency as telling it that Chinese companies were looking mainly at the cement, steel, energy and textile sectors, the backbone of Pakistan's \$ 270 billion economy.
- ▶ A Chinese-led consortium recently took a strategic stake in the Pakistan Stock Exchange, and Shanghai Electric Power acquired one of Pakistan's biggest energy producers, K-Electric, for \$1.8 billion
- ▶ <http://pakchinanews.pk/amid-beijings-silk-road-splurge-chinese-firms-eye-pakistan-report/>



# Indian Factor



- ▶ India's opposition to the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) stems from its fear of internationalization of the Kashmir dispute and the growing influence of China in the Indian Ocean, says a new report by one of the most influential global think tanks.
- ▶ A report by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (Sipri) — a Sweden-based think tank titled “Silk Road Economic Belt – considering security implications and the EU-China cooperation prospects” — argues that India does not want a mediating role for China in these disputes.
- ▶ Report says CPEC has raised political temperatures between India and Pakistan.

## Modi Spoke India's mind over CPEC



- ▶ Since territorial compromise from either India or Pakistan is a political suicide for any of the ruling parties, it remains to be seen whether CPEC will contribute to a resolution of this dispute or further fan the flames. There is also a concern in India that China will use Gwadar port to observe Indian naval activity and possibly even exploit it for an expansion of China's own naval presence

# Public Opinion over CPEC





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