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Q19

**"Increasing cross-border terrorist attacks in India and growing interference in the internal affairs of member-states by Pakistan are not conducive for the future of SAARC (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation)." Explain with suitable examples.**

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2016 · GS II · 12 marks · Bilateral and Regional Groupings

Bilateral, regional and global groupings and agreements involving India and/or affecting India's interests.

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**SAARC, 1985**

Regional organisation of South Asian states; Afghanistan joined as the eighth member in 2007.

**Mumbai 26/11, 2008**

Lashkar-e-Taiba attack on India's financial capital; a turning point in India's public case on cross-border terror.

**Pathankot, January 2016**

Strike on an Indian Air Force base soon after a diplomatic opening with Pakistan.

**Uri, September 2016**

Attack on an Indian army camp; India then refused to attend the SAARC Summit in Islamabad.

**SAARC Charter Article X**

Bilateral and contentious issues are excluded from SAARC deliberations; in practice terror still empties the summit.

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