

Poverty anywhere is a threat
to prosperity everywhere

Outline

1. Introduction:

Prosperity comes when everyone enjoys the same opportunity to grow; however, poverty anywhere hinders the way to prosperity everywhere by creating an unsuitable environment to grow, but it is possible to eliminate poverty so that prosperity comes everywhere

2. Prosperity and poverty are the two factors which ^{indirectly relate to} depend on each other

3. How prosperity comes when everyone enjoys the same opportunities and freedom

a) Good governance when everyone participates in politics.

b) Individual prosperity ensures the overall prosperity.

a) Prosperity comes when everyone enjoys the peaceful environment.

4. How poverty in a small patch of world affects the overall prosperity.

- a) Affects the overall ^{economic} development.
- b) Enhance the rate of crimes.
- c) Democracy will not find its roots to flourish.
- d) Illiteracy rate increases with poverty.
- e) Less involvement of women in different fields.
- f) Creates the rift between poor and rich.

g) Fight on different resources.

h) Develop the hegemonic culture.

3. Way forward: Eliminate poverty to enjoy prosperity everywhere.

a) Ensure the distribution of wealth.

b) Consider equity as the best way to eliminate poverty.

c) Implementation of good policies to eliminate poverty.

d) Give opportunities of employment to the people of backward areas.

6. Conclusion

Many people are standing in a stampede, pushing and hauling each other in order to get some wheat. These people are so anxious to feed their families that they do not worry about their ~~own~~ lives, and many women and children died in this situation. However, a country or a state will not do any progress where if people are fighting to fill their empty stomach, and on the other side of ^{the} picture, people are enjoying luxuries in their lives. People who have not enough money to feed themselves will not do anything for the progress of a country. They do not participate in politics to materialize democracy. Moreover, it is very difficult to create a peaceful environment where everybody enjoys freedom. The ~~is~~ enhancement in the rate of illiteracy affects

the progress of a country. Likewise, women's illiteracy causes less involvement of women in different fields. Moreover, an environment of mistrust creates between rich and poor people which further aggravates when a hegemonic culture permeates. The fight on different resources starts when a small group of people or large number of masses do not get their rights. However, poverty can be eliminated by providing equal rights, implementing good policies, giving opportunities of jobs to the people of backward areas. Hence, poverty comes when everyone enjoys the same opportunity to grow; however, poverty anywhere hinders the way to prosperity everywhere by creating an unsuitable environment to grow, but it is possible to eliminate poverty so that prosperity comes everywhere.

Poverty is the obstacle to growth and prosperity, and prosperity leads to minimize the rate of poverty. If a state or a country wants to progress in a true spirit, it needs to minimize the poverty level. Poverty in any country, pushes the state backward. For example, China combats its poverty and shows exemplary progress in the world. Meanwhile, Pakistan faces ~~several~~ many obstacles to combat poverty; it faces the worst economic crises. So, poverty leads to slow down the progress, and the progress leads to minimize the rate of poverty.

Democracy is necessary for a good governance and democracy comes when everyone participates in political affairs. Good governance ensures the progress of the a country and the to people living

in that country. However, poverty leads to suppress the democratic process as people are only interested to feed themselves. According to Maslow's hierarchy of needs, physiological needs come first e.g. water, food and shelter come first then the needs of status, recognition^{and} freedom. If the people stay entangled in basic needs, they do not move forward to urge for their political rights. Hence, democracy does not flourish in a country where there is the threat of poverty.

The world shows progress when every state participates in the process of progression. Humans are social animals who depend on each other to climb the stairs of progress. However, if the people living in one country, enjoy the best lifestyle including health and educational facilities, if they

participate in the progress of that country. And, if one country shows some progress, the whole world tastes the fruit of that progress. For example in Russia-Ukraine war, Pakistan faces the many challenges including the oil shortage, expensive wheat and corn and inflation. Moreover, at the state level, the provision of education to every individual increases the rate of employment, which brings relief to the government. Hence, the individual prosperity guarantees the collective prosperity.

Peaceful environment is necessary to grow and prosper in life. Peace comes when everyone in a state or every country in the world leads a satisfactory life.

However, unequal opportunities to grow and prosper escalate fights and bickering between rich and poor - hindrance in the way of

progress. For example, Covid-19 elevated inequalities between rich and poor. During the pandemic, ^{the} rich become ^a richer and the poor become poorer. Rich people amused with by working at home; meanwhile, poor people paid the real price. This situation destroyed the peace and Pakistan slowed down the overall progress. Hence, peace is necessary for prosperity.

The affects of poverty do are not limited to a specific country or a particular place in a country. Poverty affects the overall economic development. According to a UN report, 2023, 214 million people live in ^{an} extreme poverty, and 290 million youth are not in employment, education and training. The massive burden of poverty and unemployment puts on the shoulders of

government. The government has to initiate poverty-relief programmes, which affect the overall economic growth. Hence, economic development prosperity comes with the reduction of poverty.

The rate of crimes increases with the rise in poverty. Poverty people living in poverty-stricken areas involve in crimes to fill their stomachs. The poor people are involved in murder, robbery, theft and, suicide and human trafficking. The cases of suicide rises with the rise in poverty. Many people take the lives of their little children as they have no food to feed them (Dawn, 2023). According to Prophet (PBUH), poverty leads to disbelief. When a person does not believe in God and the day of judgement, he has no patience to bear

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The hardships of life. Hence, the more poverty leads to the more crimes.

Democracy will ^{do} not find its roots to flourish where humanity is struggling to combat poverty. Democracy nourishes when everyone enjoys the freedom of speech, association and participation. However, history teaches the lesson that a society experiences undemocratic practices where there is the division between poor and rich. Similarly, the root ^{cause} of French Revolution was that division of community: rich and poor. The ruling class enjoyed the absolute monarchy; however, the lower class blindly followed the interests of elite class. Likewise, in Pakistan, ruling elites and opposition parties ~~are~~ disparage each other in order to sustain

their luxurious life, without thinking the interests of poor & class. Resultantly, when the poor class raises their voice, they get disappear. Moreover, the practices of killing and kidnaping of journalists are so common because the poor class has no freedom to express their views. Hence, democracy is in the best condition when everyone enjoys the same status.

Poverty increases the illiteracy rate in a country. Many people abandon their studies and they do not let their children to go to school because they cannot afford fees and other expenses. However, the rise in illiteracy rate affects the progress of a country. If majority gets their education, they will get jobs and put the less pressure on government. According to UNICEF report, around

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22.8 million children between the ages of 5 to 16 are out of school in Pakistan. Moreover, poverty affects first the education of girls who are forced to do early marriages.

Hence, poverty is not limited to the self-growth but also affects the overall progress by relying ^{more} on governmental resources.

Poverty leads to the less involvement of women in different fields, which affects the progress of a country. A world cannot progress without the involvement of women. However, poverty snatches their right to educate themselves and to get the prestigious jobs. Moreover, many girls are forced to do labour because their parents cannot afford their expenses. For example, Covid-19 increases the rate ~~rate~~ of poverty and poverty exaggerates the

weakening condition of female education. In 2021, it was estimated that 11 million girls would never return to school. However, illiteracy minimizes the chance of good earning, running the good business and securing a good job. Women are 49% less likely than men to use mobile internet or to do any online job. Hence, poverty leads to less involvement of women in different fields, and less participation of women in the progress of a country. (Dawn, 2023)

Poverty anywhere aggravates the situation of widening gap between the rich and the poor people, which stops the progress. The gap can be easily witnessed between the poor and rich in a family, society, country or between different states. The environment of loathsome between

individuals or a group of people stagnates the development process. However, including Pakistan, every country struggles to unite its citizens; just like parents who wish to see their children together despite having differences in the ground of finance. It is acknowledged that 'unity is a strength'. It is high-time to unite for the sake of rapid growth. Moreover, a rift between poor and rich creates the biased approach which further exacerbates the situation. Hence, a divided society cannot grow until it eliminates the gap.

Fight on different resources starts when there some people do not enjoy what others enjoy. However, the fight among different people or groups creates the situation where everybody is concerned to play.

well on the battlefield, and ignores the real purpose of overall growth. Pakistan paid the price of having fights among its citizens who did not get their due share. Fight on different resources gives the birth of Bangladesh, which ~~sep part~~ separates its path because of growing conflicts. However, when a wealth does not circulates equally, it brings forth many conflicts which stops the overall progress.

Hegemonic culture flourishes when people feel the sense of superiority on the basis of their affluent background; this sense of superiority affects the overall progress. However, the feelings of inferiority automatically comes when a poor man sees all the luxuries enjoying by the rich man. The culture ensues hatred.

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insecurity and intimation. People try to follow the practices of upper class because they have several insecurities: lesser opportunities of jobs, they look dumb in their traditional ^{dresses} clothes, they are not acceptable by the upper class. However, people always remain entangle in these banal conceptions that they have no time for themselves to grow in their life. So, the growth of a society is not possible when a small number of people do not participate in it.

Eliminating poverty is possible when people or a government ensures the equal distribution of wealth. Equality of distribution includes all the funds, resources, subsidies and scholarships or anything which can be a source of wealth. However, it is a best way to eliminate poverty from all the corners of a world. History shows

that a revolutions start when people do not get their right due of share.

French revolution is a best example to of how people stand against the unequal distribution of wealth; peasants pay high Taxes but do not get anything in return. And, the world envisages how France do progress when it gets its system on the right track. Hence, distribution of wealth needs to consider for the elimination of poverty.

Equity Provision of equity is the technique for the elimination of poverty. Equity is a way of providing extra resources, or wealth or opportunities where people are in a dire need of that provision. However, Pakistan needs to consider this technique, because in some areas, people cannot meet their expenses easily. Shangle is an area or a small town

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in Balochistan where 70% people are coal-miners. These poor people do not even get their ^{daily} wages. They can be taken from this abject poverty, if a government considers their needs in a proper manner. Hence, equity is a ^{best tool} way to combat poverty.

The complete elimination of poverty is only possible when a government implies the best suitable policies in a country. Policy-making and planning to deal with the problem is as necessary as a medicine to a wound. However, Pakistan is good at making policies but implementing them in a true sense, is a real challenge. We need to learn from China. China is a country who has succeeded in defeating poverty; make it possible by lifting rural class, ^{enhancing} industrialization and

providing small opportunities for every person to make money. Hence, we cannot deny the importance of implementing good policies in defeating poverty.

People from backward areas ~~or~~ ~~back~~ should be given different job opportunities. However, a person does not get any job easily because of the improper educational facilities, ^{no} merit-based jobs and lack of awareness or skills. It ~~is~~ ^{becomes} imperative to bring the poor class at the front-line; otherwise, the situation will be out of control. Furthermore, in an era of Technology, where people can easily access information, it is no difficult to train youngsters or to give them proper courses about skill-learning.

Entrepreneurship, nowadays, is like a life-saver; however, it needs

proper skills which should be given to poverty-stricken people or the people from back ground areas. Hence, it is high time to persuade poor people ^{to} looking at innovative ways to earn money.

In a nutshell, prosperity and poverty are inter-connected with each other. Prosperity comes when everybody participates in the ^{way of} progress. However, poverty anywhere is a threat to prosperity ~~at~~ everywhere because of several factors which comes like an obstacle or hindrance in a smooth path of progress. Poverty sows the seeds of poor economic growth, multiple crimes, undemocratic system, illiteracy, exclusion of women in different fields, creation of a rift between poor and rich, & fight among people

on different resources, and development of a hegemonic culture. These ~~are~~ factors are like a sword which kills all the progress of a country or around the globe; meanwhile, they bring forth when some people are deprived from basic necessities of life. However, despite having all ^{these} poverty-associated issues, there is a ray of hope to eliminate poverty from its roots. The elimination of poverty is possible by ensuring equal distribution of wealth, considering equity as a solution, implementing good policies and giving opportunities of employment to the poverty-ridden people.