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In Karachi, Sana founded a tech company, after graduating from the university and gaining vocational training in her field. Over the years, her startup company started expanding. She opened the branches of the company in other cities too. She used inclusive policies for the hiring process of the company, including women and transgenders. Many people got job and contributed to the GDP of the country. The story of Sana highlights how education contributes to the economic growth of the country. Right policies of government encourage people to invest in businesses after getting education and vocational trainings. Better infrastructure and public's trust on government can pave ways for the progress of any country. Hence, Pakistan's progress lies in having quality education, economic growth, good governance, and better

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infrastructure. All these factors are linked with each other, contributing to the progress of the country.

First, quality education can pave ways to the progress of the country. Upgrading educational infrastructure, can provide quality education to all, without any rural and urban divide. According to the Pakistan Social and Living Standards Measurement (PSLM), literacy rate in Pakistan is 62% with significant gap between rural and urban areas.

To minimize this gap, better education infrastructure is required, especially in rural areas. In addition to rural and urban divide, there is also a significant gap between literacy rate of man and female. Government should make better policies to encourage females to get education. Besides providing better infrastructure, government should focus on

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Vocational training and STEM education. These vocational training and STEM education can bring up true potential of the youth. According to the latest ^{Force} Survey by the Pakistan Board of Statistics, there are around 58.7 million young people in the country.

Giving Quality education to youth can pave ways to the progress for Pakistan. Furthermore, Pakistan can take inspiration from the war-torn country South Korea. The country invested in education in 1960s and 1970s. Now, the country has turned into technology hub of the world. Thus, quality education is necessary for the country's progress.

Second, government's right policies are crucial for progress of the country. It should focus on diversification of economy beyond agriculture and textiles. According to Pakistan Bureau

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of statistics, agriculture sector of Pakistan contributes about 24 percent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

Whereas, technology sector contributes about 1 percent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP). Pakistan's needs to develop its other sectors too.

There are various countries which have brought economic reforms ^{successfully} to increase their GDP. Vietnam is one of the countries. Vietnam introduced economic reforms, Doi Moi. Under these reforms, it is becoming fastest growing economies in the world.

The reforms include liberalizing trade, encouraging private enterprises, and investing in various industries. Through these reforms, Vietnam has become able to create conducive environment for the business. Pakistan can take inspiration from Vietnam in this regard. Furthermore, Pakistan can

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Leverage its strategic location. Pakistan is present among South Asia, Central Asia, and the Middle East. It can play role to become center of the trade activities by improving its policies and infrastructure. This would be very beneficial for GDP of the country. Pakistan should take best advantage of the China Pakistan Economic Corridor. Hence, right policies of the government and taking best advantage of ongoing projects can take Pakistan's progress to another level.

Third, good governance is an essential element for the progress of the country. Indicators of good governance include: accountability, transparency, and public awareness. Accountability means government should be accountable for its actions. Besides accountability, transparency is required in government.

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policies. By incorporating accountability, transparency, and public awareness, democracy would be increased. People will take more interests in governmental processes and government will become more conscious of its policies and implementations. This would be helpful for the progress of the country. In this regard, Pakistan can take inspiration from Rwanda's governance. The government of Rwanda incorporated various elements in their policies to ensure equal rights. Now public trusts its government and cooperates with it. For example, government used the concept of "Umuganda" to take cleanliness initiative in the country. The concept has been benefiting the culture of Rwanda since decades. But, the government formally introduced the concept. Through this concept, people work together

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for the betterment of the society. Now, people of Rwanda, including president, comes outside of their homes on last Saturday of every month to clean their country. Hence, Good governance and public trust on government can do wonders for the progress of the country.

Fourth comes the better infrastructure. Government should focus on better infrastructure especially in transportation, energy, and education sectors. The better transportation infrastructure includes upgradation of roads, railways, and airports. This would ~~help~~ increase connectivity and reduce transportation costs. Ultimately, there would be increase in trade activities; and country would move towards progress. In addition to better transport infrastructure, better energy infrastructure can also lead

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the country's growth towards progress. Better energy infrastructure includes: use of renewable energy and modernizing the power grid. In this way, acute shortages of electricity faced by industries can be reduced. Automatically, industries would run smoothly, contributing towards increase GDP of the country. Furthermore, upgrading education infrastructure can help to improve literacy rate of Pakistan. Educated people, especially youth will contribute significantly towards economy's progress. Education infrastructure can be upgraded by establishing better buildings of institutes, facilitating students and teachers, and by providing ease to get education. It can be seen that developed countries are investing more on education as compared to other sectors. For example, Norway is investing around 6.6 percent of its GDP on education.

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While Pakistan spends less than 2% of its GDP on education. This is the major obstacle in Pakistan's way towards progress. Hence, to make progress, Pakistan's needs to improve its transportation, energy, and education infrastructure.

In Conclusion, Pakistan can progress by providing quality education to its people, enhancing economic growth, practicing good governance, and by upgrading its infrastructure. Pakistan is a country with natural resources and around 58.7 million youth. This combination can do wonders for the economy of the country, by managing the resources and by providing opportunities to youth. Pakistan has already been taking steps to provide quality education such as distribution of laptops among students. In

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the same way, roads have been constructed under CPEC projects. Energy sector is also improving through various renewable energy projects. In addition to these, people of Pakistan are also becoming more aware and concerned regarding their country's condition. But, a more comprehensive approach is required to improve the overall system of ~~the~~ Pakistan. Only then Pakistan can progress and ~~make~~ achieve better position in the world. Nations take decades to become developed. One day, Pakistan will also become able to make its position among world's top countries. After all, where there's a will, there's a way.