

# Pathways to Pakistan's Prosperity

Offline

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Pakistan grapples with a myriad of social, political, and economic challenges that demand comprehensive reforms, strategic initiatives, and targeted incentives to overcome obstacles, and pave the way for a resilient and prosperous nation.

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a)

b)

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b)

c)

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Someone has aptly said that a nation can fall to a certain extent, beyond which it cannot descend further. At that point, it must rise. The question arises: how will this nation rise? Will it require support from others or assistance from international powers? No, these powers will never help it rise, for this is Kalyug (a concept from Hindu philosophy - considered the age of darkness, moral decline, and power hunger), where everyone is concerned solely only to their own interests. In this nation is to rise again, it must look to its own strengths, rallying them, and emerge once more resilient and vigorous. By observing Pakistan's current state, it becomes evident that it has hit rock bottom.

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is on the verge of being so.  
Pakistan, entangled in  
such as political instability,  
public distrust, corruption, injustices,  
poverty, and unemployment, can  
only rise once solutions to  
these problems are found. Eliminating  
these issues is not to clean  
the Augean stable. If Japan  
can rise like a phoenix from  
its ashes, then Pakistan's challenges  
are relatively minor. If its  
leaders and people unite to think  
solely about the nation's welfare,  
Pakistan could even achieve a  
velo power, a dream that, if  
expressed today, might be met  
with ridicule across the globe.

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and prosperous nation

~~to begin with, establishing  
good governance through reforms  
can serve as critical building blocks~~

emerge a nation that will resemble  
a paradise. In Pakistan, for its  
prosperity, it will only be possible  
by establishing transparent  
and accountable governance.

Transparent governance means that  
decision-making <sup>processes</sup> are open and  
clear to the public. Accountability  
ensures that government  
officials are responsible and  
answerable to the public, reducing  
corruption and enhancing public  
trust. This can be achieved through  
strengthening institutions, judiciary,  
electoral commission, and anti-corruption  
bodies to check abuse of power.

In short, transparent and accountable

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governance in Pakistan can serve a first step towards Pakistan's prosperity.

Similarly, political stability can serve as the cornerstone of Pakistan's prosperity. As political instability is the mother of numerous social and political evils, so

addressing it will eliminate manipulated toxic facets from the country. There are various reasons of political instability, but provincial grievances stand in the front line. It usually springs out

when the voices of marginalized voices of certain regions are not adequately addressed. The examples of

**Mahrang Baloch and Manjoor Pashteen** illustrate

this issue. Both are demanding their dignity, back rights, and an end to human rights

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abuses in KPK and tribal area along with Balochistan. To further illustrate it in the poetic words of **Faiz Ahmad Faiz**, "only a heart broken like a lone flower can understand another heart broken like a lone flower." This verse captures the provincial pain—where voices crying out for justice often feel like lone flowers in a vast desert, unnoticed and forgotten. It is only through recognizing these grievances and ensuring a more accountable system, Pakistan can find true political stability. To keep it brief, political stability will surely bring prosperity in Pakistan.

likewise, political competence appears a significant way to Pakistan's prosperity which is like



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a moon—to be admired, but cannot be reached. However, someone has aptly said that even God can be found if sought; this is but a human effort after all. Perhaps, it's not about seeking here, but carving and shaping. Pakistan can introduce a criterion where an individual is thoroughly refined before becoming a leader. In this regard, political competence can only be achieved if he is equipped with knowledge of political theories, ideologies, government structures, policies, critical analysis of political situation etc. To sum up, political competence can uplift Pakistan upto the white beautiful clouds of prosperity.

To start with another perspective in the same background, it is essential to keep in

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mind that Pakistan is a democratic country. By observing various events across the globe, it becomes evident that any threat to democracy will ignite the flames of civil-unrest. As public's mandate is the supreme component of democracy, so it becomes mandatory for the establishment to consider it. This can be achieved through fair elections, strengthening Election Commission, prevention of military or any other foreign influence, and by abolishing political interests of ruling party. To end the argument, considering Pakistanis' mandate through strengthening democracy is an adequate <sup>pathway</sup> to Pakistan's prosperity.

From the above discussion, a very influencing factor has identified which is

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the military intervention in political and bureaucratic systems of Pakistan. As Pakistan has seen four military rules which has sprung out restlessness across the country due to potential curbs on public. In furtherance of civilian's freedom, some individuals incline towards radicalism. In order to pave a smooth pathway towards Pakistan's prosperity, it becomes essential to demolish military intervention and influence in Pakistan's political and bureaucratic systems [Stephen P. Cohen] - "The Idea of Pakistan" (2001)

In addition to governance issue and poor administration, there are many social problems which impede its progress and prosperity. Addressing these issues will ensure the nation's development and progress.

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First, enhancing social cohesion by combating sectarianism and radicalism serves the straight pathway to Pakistan's prosperity, as they pro. create numerous social evils. As sectarianism and radicalism are the products of semi-literate and distorted Islamic principles, so education and true Islamic principles and preaching can eradicate them. In addition to it NAP (National Action Plan) and NACTA (National Counter Terrorism Authority) can play a significant role in its eradication.

Second, just as discord among brothers in a household leads to division, the same applies to a nation. In order to promote and foster national unity, it is essential to promote tolerance in social life.

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The question arise: tolerance for what? Tolerance for various ethnic groups, different religions, gender, linguistic differences, skin colour, and social status. Countries like **Canada** stands as an example where multiculturalism is celebrated. Similarly, another example like **South Africa** had overcome its social marginalization, and emerged as a victorious country. As **William Blake** had aptly said that "Mercy has a human heart, pity a human face, and love, the human form divine, and peace, the human dress." putting it brief, for Pakistan's prosperity, promoting tolerance in our life is crucial to ~~our~~ national unity.

Thirdly empowering Pakistani women can help in paving the pathway to progress and

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prosperity of Pakistan. It is said that every act of nature holds a secret. If the divine has placed paradise beneath a woman's feet, does it not reveal her sacred role as the keeper of an eternal haven? Then why does mankind waver in trust, when she carries the grace to nurture a paradise bestowed by the almighty (A concept from Islamic theology).

This honor was not due to a woman merely being a woman, but because of the nurturing essence within her — an essence that transforms a desolate house into a home. If Pakistan truly empowers women, they have the potential to transform Pakistan's disolation into a thriving, harmonious country.

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Furthermore, reviving cultural identity and ideology can serve as corner stone to emerge Pakistan as prosperous country.

There is a famous Pashto proverb — "The crow cannot learn to walk like the hawk; it forgets its own style of walking." This shows that every nation can emerge as united and victorious nation only if stick to its cultural identity and ideology. Pakistan can

also rise like phoenix from its ashes through reviving its true ideology. This can be achieved through social media like movies, positive aspects of history in educational curricula, and promotion of arts, music, and crafts. (Roots of Ethnicity by Christophe Jaffrelot).

Apart from good governance

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and social development, the economic wing of a nation is crucial to put it as 'harmonious country' in the world. Starting from diversifying Pakistan's debt based economy (In terms of Nafis Raipool - a social media influencer and documentary narrator)

By observing the trade deficit, inequitable distribution of resources, the rampant economic crisis, and increasing debt cycle showed and proved that Pakistan has debt based economy. Debt and a monster are like two peas

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in a path to imply the long-term resilient economic wing. This can be achieved through increasing in textile and agriculture sectors encouraging savings and investment through policies, promoting investment in government bonds,



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strengthening the stock market, investing in green finance, and creating employment opportunities. In short, there is a need to diversify the debt based economy of Pakistan to move forward.

Secondly, Pakistan has over relied on foreign aid which not only hinders long-term economic strategies and abolishing the incentive of work but also earning a ridicule across the globe. This distorted image of Pakistan became the reason of humiliation for every Pakistani who has trapped in this situation over head and ears. In order to fulfill the dream of prosperous Pakistan, Pakistan has to reduce its over reliance on foreign aid through boosting revenue generation.

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by strengthening FBR and its tax collection mechanism, by allowing providing cheap electricity to industries, and through controlling inflation by increasing interest rate etc ( **pengravi ty: by Ali Raza** ). To end the arguments Pakistan has to reduce its over reliance on foreign aid for its prosperity.

Moreover, as foreign direct investment is crucial component of economic growth which has also taken in record of a nation's prosperity, so Pakistan has to attract foreign direct investment. This goal can be achieved through political stability and reducing devaluation of PKR. Similarly, modernization of agriculture sector can also hold the last string of economic prosperity. It can contribute in enhancing

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productivity, ensuring good security, and fostering sustainable development. Apart from agriculture sector investment in IT sector is without a pathway to Pakistan's prosperity. IT sector is significantly affected by Internet issues. Government Internet firewalls, blockage of VPNs, and submarine cable cuts are creating bottlenecks for IT sector. It has numerous detrimental effects which have forced 17% of IT companies to move from Pakistan (**Dawn Editorial**). Putting it briefly, economy of Pakistan has to be reborn through focusing on the core issues, then Pakistan will be emerge as prosperous country. Besides the extensive discussion on economic prosperity, there are some security concerns

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which needs to be addressed. As there are grievances of public on the allocation of resources for security concerns which are fanning flames of anger and hatred across the country, Pakistan needs to allocate balanced resources for national security, and has to avoid unnecessary expenditure.

This will not only assist in the equitable distribution of Pakistan's resources and budget, but also help restore the trust of public on the system. Additionally, it will eliminate the negative elements that are currently thriving in the country. In a nutshell, allocating balanced resources for national security is a significant step towards a prosperous Pakistan.

In the same fashion, a robust surveillance mechanism aimed at combating extremist elements

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can significantly contribute to safeguarding safety rights in Pakistan (Pakistan National Internal Security Policy). Such a system would enable the government to monitor and prevent activities that threaten national security and societal stability. However, this approach must be balanced with protecting individual privacy and human rights and to eschew any misuse against any political party. They say,

~~"A safe home is a"~~

"A home is strong when it is safe and sound. Its safety lies where guards surround. Not within its walls, where doubts reside, but outside its gates, where trust abides."

When security concerns are set aside, another significant barrier to Pakistan's progress

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and stability becomes evident: judicial reforms. These reforms are minimal and when implemented, they are often deeply compromised by corruption, undermining their effectiveness and further obstructing national development. The foremost and significant step towards a prosperous Pakistan is independence of judiciary. In a lively classroom debate, the conversation took a fascinating turn towards the balance of powers within the government. A student posed a compelling question: "While the executive and legislative branches monitor each other and by judiciary, then who holds the judiciary accountable? Where does the ultimate decision rest?" The answer came with resolute clarity: "The judiciary stands as the final authority, its verdict is the ultimate word of justice."

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This debate emphasized the independence of the judiciary. In Pakistan it should be fair, free and faithful. Similarly, as the extensions of judges create controversy in public, so Pakistan as being a democratic country needs to abolish the extensions of judges considering the concerns of the public. To end the argument, for Pakistan's prosperity justice is the prior demand which can only be met through judicial reforms.

Furthermore, enhancing regional cooperation contribute to the progress and development of Pakistan. For prosperous nation, it becomes imperative that not only its internal affairs, but also its external affairs are in order, with neighbouring countries. In this regard, Allah says in

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Surah An-Nisa, 4:19, "Live with them in kindness." This verse underscores the importance of fair and kind treatment of neighbours, implying the concept of regional stability cooperation. To counter some extremist ideologies and groups like TTP can effectively counter by justifying regional cooperation with Afghanistan. Similarly, Pakistan's needs to reduce the excessive hindrance on CPEC. As CPEC is like the light of hope at the end of a tunnel, so its excessive hindrance can have detrimental effects on Pakistan's progress and development. In addition to its BRICS can help Pakistan to navigate through the turbulent waters. It should make every effort to join by neutralizing the recent obstacles from China and secure its entry.



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In a nutshell, regional cooperation is crucial to Pakistan's prosperity.

It is often said that honor is like a spotless white garment—once it is stained, it cannot be undone. Similarly,

some believe that an image is like a glass; if it shatters, it can never be the same. Even if it is repaired, the cracks remain

visible, forever diminishing its beauty. **Command over punctuation is fine**

same applies to the image of Pakistan; it needs to restore its image very soon to climb the mountains of progress and prosperity.

Some ~~are~~ few measures that Pakistan should focus on to foster progress and prosperity are poverty alleviation, improving health and educational system.

As a hungry man is always

an angry man', so poverty alleviation becomes imperative. Similarly, health — one of the most powerful incentive to work — needs to be maintain of public, because it is one of the indicators of prosperous nation. In addition to it educational system of Pakistan needs improvement, because the current educational system is only a burden to government and the public. For poverty alleviation, job creation, agriculture modernization, housing for low income families, skill development and vocational training, should be taken in account. To improve health sector, healthcare infrastructure development, implementation of UHC programmes, and health education, should be consider. For education system improvement, activation and implementation of article 25A of constitution, curriculum reforms, teacher training,

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and digital literacy should be considered. To sum it up, Pakistan's prosperity can be achieved through poverty alleviation, and improvement of health sector and educational system.

In conclusion, the situation in Pakistan is like a tempest <sup>that</sup> upon striking the rocky terrain of deserts, circles it, leaving it marred and fragile. In this storm, the light has been dimmed, and the path ahead is shrouded in obscurity, leaving no direction in sight. However, all this is temporary. When the storm settles and one looks around, everything lies in ruins. Rebuilding this desolate land is not the fleeting dream seen in the stillness of the early hours, only to vanish with the

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first light of dawn. It is the kind of dream once envisioned by the people of Japan and their leaders, the dream that fueled the aspirations of African nations, and the dream grounded in hope and the unwavering belief of subcontinent. To end the long discussion of this essay, reforming governance, addressing social challenges, revitalizing Pakistan's economy, tackling security concerns, judicial reforms, regional stability, and restoring Pakistan's image are the pathways to Pakistan's prosperity.

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