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Culture diversity in Pakistan can lead towards a strong Pakistan.

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Introduction:

Thesis Statement: Of course, cultural diversity can result into a stronger Pakistan. Historically, this landscape has produced numerous cultures. However, certain challenges exist which need an early address.

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Interrelation of cultural diversity and strength.

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Historical evolution of diversified culture in Pakistan;

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Culturally diversified factors which result into stronger Pakistan:

- a. Religious pluralism.
- b. Linguistic diversity.
- c. Inclusive gender roles.
- d. Food and dining etiquettes.
- e. Clothing and fashions.
- f. Festivals and celebrations.
- g. Music and crafts.
- h. Sports and literature.
- i. Share of natural resources.

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5. Challenges in the way of  
Cultural diversity and  
strong Pakistan:

- a. Socio-economic disparities.
- b. Ethnic tensions.
- c. Linguistic barriers.

6. Way forward:

- a. Education and awareness.
- b. Inclusive policies.
- c. Cultural preservation.

7. Conclusion.

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Introduction:

A vivid example of diverse culture and a strong society was kept by Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) in the state of Madina. During his migration, the entire Madina was driven by mutually hostilities and disagreements. He took all the tribes under a single compass for integration and development. In essence, all the diversified tribes and cultures joined the camp of Prophet Muhammad for solidarity and peace, which ultimately lead towards a strong nation. In case of Pakistan, it has a diverse culture which can be used as a tool for a strong nation. Cultural richness is a historical heritage of Pakistan. And Pakistan has utilized it on numerous occasions for integration and consolidation. Currently, Pakistan has limitless measures of cultural richness which can be applied for the culmination of a strong nation. These measures encompass religion, society and economy, which played a decisive role in the integration process down the history. Since the inception of Pakistan, there were no technical issues even though, some superficial issues were over time. Moreover, there are some challenges which weaken down the total efficiency of integration and consolidation. Therefore, those issues need an early address. Once these issues are overcome then a strong Pakistan

amidst diverse culture is inevitable. which is beneficial for both the landscape and its people.

Generally, diverse cultures are prone to integration and consolidation. There is a strong connection between diverse culture and a strong nation. The diversity uses state as an end and not a mean to an end. That is why, they fully contribute to the prosperity and strength of the nation. The diversity promotes tolerance and forbearance. For instance, the landscape of the sub-continent was a home to numerous cultures, but there was no issue or problem with them. They lived together for centuries or even more. The diversity always provide different tastes and temperaments which aim to build a strong and unified nation. In the entire history, Pakistan has asserted healthy consequences from its diversity. And in future, the chances of even more an enthusiastic cooperation are bright and glittering.

The cultural richness of Pakistan centres back in the long history. Some historians claim that, it evolves from Indus valley civilization with the advent of Maurya and Chandra Gupta.

which encompass a time span of about nine thousand years till today. In the support of this proposition, the academics claimed the same, that it is possible for this culture to be old centric, because this could never be possible in a short time of span. And then the culture came in the fate of sub-continent and at last rested in Pakistan. Today's Pakistan is a home to diverse cultures and numerous colors do exist here. which doubles the beauty of Pakistan as a country and a spot of tourism. Moreover, by utilizing the diverse energies of the diverse cultures, Pakistan can become a strong and integrated nation.

Furthermore, there are several factors which work for the solidarity of Pakistan. In past, they have played a decisive role in the total prosperity of Pakistan. In future, they are committed to contribute even more their energies towards Pakistan. So, it is better to deal those factors one-by-one.

The landscape of Pakistan is home to religious pluralism. At the same time, numerous religious beliefs holden live together from history. And they take care of one another and respect other religions. which acts as a cohesive force in their living together. According to Islamic Ideological Council of Pakistan, till 2023, There are nine religions in Pakistan. Some of their beliefs are totally different from one another but still they live peacefully. These examples manifest diversity on one hand and peace on other. This peace and affinity can be used for the prosperity and a stronger nation. Thus diversity and prosperity lead towards a strong Pakistan. Hence proved that religious diversity exist in Pakistan which its result is inevitable and undeniable.

Moreover, in Pakistan, there are diversity of language. In which some languages overlap with other languages in speaking and some are different in literacy. At the end of the day, all of them are used for communication with full freedom and each of them enjoys full liberty. which is ensured by the mega constitution.

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of Pakistan. For instance, cultural and linguistic studies of Pakistan claimed that, overall, there are fifteen languages spoken in Pakistan. Despite this extreme diversity, no issue is raised against a different language. Both urban and rural landscape enjoy full liberty and freedom with full spirit. Therefore, Pakistan attracts tourism worldwide, which can be used as a tool for integration towards a strong and unified nation of Pakistan.

Like wise, the diversity in Pakistan enjoy inclusive gender role. Gender role means to provide opportunities on the basis of free gender. No gender discussion will be brought forth while giving work opportunity. Inclusive gender role means that the diversity in Pakistan is adjusted doing work without bringing forth the ethnic and ideological background. According to Gender parity idea, in Pakistan, all the religious people and different beliefs holders work on the strength of their capacity and not on the basis of cultural background. which is the success of their inclusivity and peaceful environment. On the planet earth, those countries

are facing the fate of chaos who advocate works on the basis of cultural background. While in Pakistan, cultural inclusivity is given to hails from the speeches of its founder. Pakistan will never be found lacking interest to work for the inclusivity of diverse culture's people.

Similarly, the diverse cultures carry different foods and dining etiquettes. They fully enjoy the spirit of food and dining freedom. Each of the religion in the landscape of Pakistan ~~cook~~ cook and practice according to their religious teachings. No barr or restrictions come over them for their food practices from the state of Pakistan. Even the locals of Pakistan enjoy the same food and their dining etiquettes. According to the Food and Sanitation Centre of Pakistan, around twelve hundred types of food are cooked in a single day out. Some of them overlap while the rest total are different from one another. These factors about food and dining etiquettes magnify the tolerance and integration. Which in a long term in future can contribute into a united and strong Pakistan.

The clothing and fashion diversity of Pakistan promote internal growth and externally can attract tourism and fascination. The diverse cultures of Pakistan is marked by diverse dressing and clothing senses. Which varies with geography and season. Moreover, the traditional codes and beliefs also shape the dressing sense. According to our Fashion Passion, Pakistan possesses rich heritage in clothing and fashion. Among the four prominent units of Pakistan, there are numberless fashions which either wear unembroidered or embroidered cloths around the year. Which results into a unified whole of colorless and colorful combination. Each of the nation is proud of its clothing. Every other nation respect other nation. It inculcates one kind of people. Folded in numerous fashions of the nation. Hence, again cooperation in carrying different senses of clothing yield into a strong Pakistan.

Among diverse people of Pakistan, festivals and celebrations take place every year. The prominent and vibrant is the celebration of Eid-ul-Fitr and Eid-ul-Adha, held being the majority of the population is

Pakistan. The other festival is that of Hindus who celebrate Diwali as their festival. And the Christians people participate in Christmas as their biggest celebration of the ending of year. These celebrations are shared and everyone enjoys with full enthusiasm. Moreover the folk festivals of Pakistan also taking an international fame which attract the foreign artisans and craft holders. The last year, it held in Skardu which attracted about artisans from twenty countries. These shared festivals and celebrations can bring forth solidarity which helps in making a strong and stable Pakistan.

Music and craft is again of the sharing chapter among the diverse culture of Pakistan. The broad spectrum of cultural diversity has a wide range of music and craft tastes. Their music and craft revolve around their ethnicity and beliefs background, which makes Pakistan as an interesting spot to live in. The diversity in music and craft add into the heterogeneity and versatility. According to Exponia Travel Pakistan,

music and craft keep the culture of an ethnicity alive. And that's why the more it is old, the more it gives fascination. Reasonably, this is the reason that the cultures of Pakistan stay alive ~~for~~ after centuries. By utilizing these minute factors, they can build a strong and even better Pakistan.

Likewise, the sports and literature of Pakistan is another interesting chapter. which beyond recreation, provides chances to diversity to come and unite for the game. Moreover, in the field of literature, various muslims and non-muslims scholars have written about the rich cultural heritage of Pakistan. Literature encompasses every aspect of living and preserve life and standards for the upcoming generations. which entral both national and international reader. According to National Magazine of Pakistan, the richness in culture is inculcated by sports which is the most graceful and fascinating across the world. And literature is the soul of life which is preserved by sweat and blood of the writer from every ethnicity of Pakistan. These aspects

Are the building blocks of the total structure of the culture. The spirit and enthusiasm and grace can make Pakistan a strong and firm nation.

At last but <sup>not</sup> the least, is the share of natural resources. Each part of Pakistan is rich in one of the natural resource. These resources come straight to the total prosperity of the nation. All the parts of Pakistan wholeheartedly, contribute into the national treasury and they decide from the national ex-chequer. Which ensures the smooth running of the state's life. Through a formulated frame work the Centre is bound to proportionally divide the resources. No part of Pakistan has ever raised reservations about the division. which signifies the compromise on one hand and consideration for other parts which have resources on the other hand. In future, with the advent of education and awareness, they will never be found lacking interest to ensure into all parts of Pakistan. Thus, a strong and stable Pakistan in such scenario is inevitable.

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As far as the proper function of these factors is concerned. They have left no option in doing cooperation. There are also some challenges which can enhance the efficiency if they are halted successfully.

The first and foremost reservation which haunts is the socio-economic disparity which creates vacuum of trust deficit. In a longer run, it turns into a quagmire. The skirmishes between one or two ethnicities ignite into a full scale chaos. Or else one reservation gives birth to several more. They are needed to cut in the mid to avert the chances of higher profile turmoil. This could be averted through the upper hand. Like, the government is needed to address the trust issues and ensures the equal parity. Then the solution will be permanent and paramount, which could not be objected. Again, the vacuum of peace and harmony could be restored. In which all the ethnicities will wholeheartedly embrace the path towards a stronger Pakistan.

Moreover, the ethnic tensions in Pakistan are raising its head. This issue is more vibrant in today's world. Each of the ethnicity is insecure due to the increase in number of every other ~~other~~ ethnicity. The worst hit are either their worship places <sup>or</sup> ~~are~~ direct hit them. For instance, in Faisalabad, a Hindu temple was set to fire which engulfed casualties and infrastructural loss. which results into national loss and more seriously create law and order issues. The nominal issues of ethnicities in Pakistan are Sindhi and non-Sindhi, and Sunni-Shia tussels. which put a spot on the fabricated beauty of Pakistan. The dire need is to propose a mechanism in which the insecurities of ethnicities are categorically addressed. In other case, it can lead to a most worse situation.

In the line of challenges, linguistic barrier is also the most serious issue. The trust issues begin with linguistic barriers. It begins with the medium of school. where each of the community student is taught in Urdu. But they never cannot speak the language of other big community, which

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poses challenges in later life. Moreover, one person from one ethnicity cannot move into other part of the country, because of the language issue which cripples down human development. As country runs through mutual cooperation and inclusive work for the state. Furthermore, people join those departments of state in which have least encounters linguistic issues. And thus talented people either lag behind or leave the duty.

As far as challenges are concerned, which can curb the development of the nation. Either they are small or issues of serious profile. So, these challenges require an early address.

Education and awareness can play a decisive role in the curtailment of all the issues. As Pakistan is a developing country and the ratio of education is much low, which directly needs an uplift. Education will not only help in inculcating tolerance and awareness but also plays a role in the general development. Moreover, a peaceful and harmonious society is

not possible without education and awareness. Its a tool of combatting prejudices. Education attempts to find out the problems at grass root and then seeks a permanent solution to them. Hence, education will not only identify the challenges to a stronger Pakistan but at the same time will offer solutions to those challenges as well.

Additionally, inclusive policies are needed to address the concerns of all the ethnicities holistically. Proportional representation is necessary for inclusive policy making. Each of the ethnicity sect a representative in parliamentary democracy and anticipates those policies which better address their concern. The heterogeneity can only be dealt in this way. There is no other way out. Inclusive policies encompass both religious and social concerns and direct them to play their role in the total prosperity of the nation. For instance, the previous government proposed Sehat Card which was inclusive for all. Through Sehat Card all the citizens were treated alike. Such policies can unite a nation which is diverse and heterogenous. In future, such policies will more aptly work if ever made.

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lastly, cultural preservation is also needed, because they are facing severe threats from natural disasters. Especially, amidst climate change, they are needed more preserving measures. More initiatives are needed to successfully safeguard sites and monuments, which attract tourist and also ameliorate the numerous fabrics of the society. More widely, it builds up the confidence and trust of the ethnicities, especially when their religious sites are protected and preserved. According to Bureau of Heritage, Pakistan has preserved numerous cultural sites and are committed to build more for them. Such measures can make a strong and prosperous nation.

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In a nutshell, Pakistan is a home to diversity. These heterogeneous cultures assert the beauty and attract tourism on one hand and helps in building a strong nation on the other hand. These cultures are rooted long in history and more aptly evolved from ancient civilisations. Moreover, there are numerous measures and factors which weld together and play a vital role in making Pakistan a strong and obvious nation. It includes basic religious beliefs and social code of conduct. All of them come under the umbrella of heterogeneity. However, there are also some challenges which need an early address. Those challenges are some small and some are serious. And they could only be tackled through inclusive measures. Like all the ethnicities should be onboard and the implementation should be holistic. No force of the world can stop Pakistan from becoming a strong nation despite diverse cultures.