

Pathways to Pakistan's Prosperity

Outline:

1) Introduction

2) Obstacles to Pakistan's Prosperity and their solutions

3) Major Constraints in the Way of Pakistan's Prosperity

3a) Turbulent relations with the neighbour countries

(Iran → Exchange of air strikes)
Afghanistan → Refugee crisis
India → Kashmir Issue

3b) Political strife between major political parties

(PTI and PML-N)

3c) Increasing foreign and domestic debt

(SBP → almost 27% increase)
by the end of December 2023

3d) Lack of funds to combat climate change

(Dr. Shamshad Akhtar → \$340 billion to meet climate and development challenges)

3e) Prevalent corruption among officials

(Transparency International → Pakistan is the 133rd least corrupt nation out of 180)

3f) Internet restrictions across the country

(Surfshark → Pakistan ranked third in imposing internet restrictions)

4) Way Forward: Pathways to Pakistan's Prosperity

4a) Use of regional organizations to settle differences with neighbour countries

(case study → EU)

4b) Elimination of vindictive politics and finding common ground

(Arrests of Political workers)

4c) Funds allocation on income generating projects

(e.g Solar, hydropower etc.)

4d) Utilization of International forums to raise funds to combat climate change

(UNFCCC → COP)

4e) Formulation of transparent systems to eliminate corruption

(NACS plan) → Denmark - case study

4f) Technological advancements in the agriculture sector to increase crop yield

(Introducing plans like PATTA)

4g) Entrepreneurship encouragement among youth

(offering free skill development courses)

4h) Increased involvement of women in the corporate sector

(Reserved seats for women)

4i) Introducing on-line education in rural areas

(e-learning services by government)

4j) Availability of interruption-free internet to the freelance community

(Oxford Internet Institute → Pakistan 4th most popular country for freelancing)

5) Conclusion