

Pakistan's Economic Future : Can the Country achieve Sustainable growth

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Introduction

Historically, Pakistan has faced economic challenges as well as it has gone through the prosperous days. ~~The ups and downs~~ in the economy has halted the sustainable growth. By the sustainable growth of a country ensures the long-term economic stability along with environmental protection. ~~The focus~~ In Pakistan government is shifting focus towards sustainable energy practices to ensure sustainable economic growth. Secondly, efforts are being made to diversify the economy which was ~~largely~~ agriculture historically. Moreover, the diplomatic niche of a country is increasing which will guarantee more economic opportunities. Furthermore, in the era of technological development

technology to increase the efficiency of sales tax system. In addition, Pakistan has intensified its economic relations with China which is the major global economic power. Moreover, Pakistan is developing transit corridors which guarantee the sustainable economic growth. Thus, all these practices are indicating that the Pakistan can achieve sustainable economic growth in future.

The most important aspect of sustainable economic growth is using sustainable methods of energy generation. Pakistan is shifting from fossil fuels - as a means of energy production - to renewable energy sources like wind, hydel and solar energy. By the use of these

energy natural resources will not be depleted here and remain as a source of economic mean and current energy requirements will be met by non-renewables. The Qaid-e-Azam wind power project has been completed which is providing thousands of mega watts of energy. So, the shifting policies towards renewables can take the country towards sustainable economic growth.

Secondly, Pakistan is diversifying its economic growth base which can lead towards sustainable economic growth. Previously, the economy of Pakistan was primarily based on agriculture. Now, the country is moving towards the equipment of industrial sector as well as public sector. The generation

of Income from diverse sectors reduces the economic vulnerability of the State by providing alternative means of wealth generation. According to the Economic Survey of Pakistan 2023-24 59% of the economy is based on Service Sector, 23%

on agriculture and 18% on industry.

Thus, the positive step of diversification of economy could lead Pakistan towards sustainable economic growth.

Moreover, Pakistan has

Came out of the diplomatic isolation which can help to achieve sustainable economic growth. After the global

war on terror Pakistan has faced various diplomatic challenges at international level. Pakistan

was regarded as terror sponsoring State. Thus, its diplomatic niche was decreased.

But, now Pakistan has come out of diplomatic isolation which

has provided increased economic opportunities. According to MFA, twenty-nine MOUs has been signed in the SCO Summit 2024 which held in Islamabad. Thus, the increased diplomatic niche can help Pakistan to achieve sustainable growth.

Further more, advanced technology is used to strengthen the tax collection system which can help Pakistan to achieve sustainable growth. Previously, industries use to show the less selling products than the actual to avoid the sale tax. So, the quantity readers were installed in majority of the industries to elimination tax evasion. The fair tax practices ensures the smooth functioning of an economy.

According to the annual report of FBR 2022 there was a 2% increase in the industries tax. So, the strong help to tax collection system can help to achieve growth in Pakistan. Sustainable

In addition, Pakistan has intensified economic relations with China which is the second largest economy of the world. China has signed various bilateral trade agreements with Pakistan. The increase in economic ties

with China provides Pakistan with plenty of opportunities to generate economic activity. According to the report of State

Bank of Pakistan, in 2024, out of total 30% of the foreign direct investment was conducted contributed by China alone. So, good economic

relations with China can help
the country to achieve sustainable
economic growth.

Moreover, Pakistan is
focusing on provision of facilitation
to different states to build
transit trade corridors by using
its land. Trade Corridors provide
an easy, fast and cheap way
of transportation. The practical working

functioning of trade corridors
will generate economic activity in
a state. BRI is one of

them which will change

the geo-graphical landscape of a
country from geo-political to

the geo-economic. One

of US think tank gave statement
about the BRI "Pakistan has

sold itself cheaply for just

43 B\$, even Pakistan would have

asked four hundred and forty three Billion

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China would have "payed" - So, the
formation of transit trade corridors
can help Pakistan to achieve
Sustainable growth.

Furthermore, the youth of
Pakistan is inclining towards
entrepreneurship. They are initiating

businesses at medium scale
primarily. The initiation of

a business creates job
opportunities for large amount

of people. The burden of
job provision on state reduces and

people create generate income
on their own. The unemployment

ratio decreases and HDI increases.

According to a report of
~~IMF~~ there are 471 youth

~~led program currently running in~~

a Pakistan. So, the entrepreneurial

mindset among youth can
help Pakistan to achieve

Sustainable growth.

In addition, Pakistan is materializing its geo-strategic locations which can guarantee the sustainable growth of a country. Geo-strategic locations like coastal areas play a detrimental role in the economic growth of a country.

The Gwadar port of Pakistan is under construction. It is the deepest port of the world. The increased imports, exports and economic activity through it, will contribute positively in the economy of the state.

According to the Interior minister of Pakistan 2017, Gwadar port after its completion will be the biggest port of South Asia. So, the efforts for materialization of strategic points can help Pakistan to achieve sustainable growth.

Moreover, the corruption level in the state has reduced, which can help country to attain sustainable economic growth. A country cannot grow sustainably if the public resources are used for personal and power interests. Transparency in the public dealings leads towards accountability which ensures effectiveness and efficiency. So, the efficient and effective government can better achieve economic sustainability. According to the transparency international Pakistan 133/180, which was previously 140/180. So, the fair public dealings can lead Pakistan towards sustainable economic growth. Further, the government has focused on prioritizing development of underdeveloped

But
areas of the country on priority
basis which can help Pakistan
to achieve sustainable economic
growth. Underdeveloped areas
lack the development in education,
health and infrastructure. When
the people of backward areas
are not empowered they
resist the development in rest of
the country. They create instability
which is the hurdle in the
way of sustainable economic growth.

According to Pakistan Bureau of
Statistics the economic growth rate of
Balochistan is 2.8%, higher
than all provinces. So, the
increase focus on development

of underdeveloped parts of a
country can help Pakistan to
achieve sustainable growth.

Furthermore, Pakistan
has adopted the policy

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develop world rather than isolationism in
the era of integrated globe
which can guarantee a sustainable
growth. Being the follower of
internationalism Pakistan has developed
economic, political and social relations
with almost all countries of the
world. In the era of globalized
world a country cannot sustain
on its own that is why
liberalization is necessary. So
Pakistan has even developed relations
even with Afghanistan despite
security challenges to gather economic
interests and economic sustainability. So,
the continuation of the policies
of internationalism can ensure sustainable
economic growth of a Pakistan.
Conclusively, it is
evident that Pakistan can
achieve sustainable economic growth.

Inclination of the young population of Pakistan towards entrepreneurship can lead a country towards sustainable economic growth. Furthermore, the geo-strategic locations of a country are being materialized to achieve sustainability economically.

Moreover, the evil of corruption has been minimized in a country which can direct towards economic sustainability. More focus has been shifted towards development of underdeveloped areas to ensure economic

sustainability. The state of Pakistan is also adopting the policies as per the requirements of the time like the policy of internationalism.

In addition, Pakistan is providing an opportunity of enhanced interconnectedness to ^{African} and through its territory which indicates the economic sustainability.

Moreover, the ^{economic} relations

With China can help Pakistan to
achieve Sustainable economic growth. For
further development, long-term growth,
Sustainability and prosperity a political
will and pragmatic approach among
all stakeholders at levels is
required.