

The Year 2025 - Turning point for Pakistan

Outline

1. Introduction

Thesis Statement:

The year 2025 has proved to be a turning point in Pakistan's foreign policy, socio-economic, technological, and defence dimensions due to pragmatic approaches adopted by Pakistan. It can be further improved by working on weak points.

2. How the 2025 year was a Turning Point for Pakistan.

2.1. Pakistan's relations are established with Bangladesh after an immense gap.

- Knowledge Corridor,
- Defence Cooperation

2.2. Pakistan's involvement in Middle East is increased showing strong position of Pakistan. ^{making 2025} turning point.

- Defence Pact with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- Participated in Sharm-ul-Sheikh meeting

2.3. Pakistan's pragmatic and wise response to India's attack has resulted in making year 2025 a turning point for Pakistan

- Banyan-ul-Marsoos

2.4. Stabilising economy of Pakistan has made year 2025 a turning point.

- Moody report ^{about economy} on 14th August

2.5. Rare earth metals discovery and deal with the USA has proven ~~a~~ important for ^{making} turning point in year 2025, turning point

- consignment of 545 million dollars to the USA

2-7. Developments in technological fields has made the year 2025 a turning point for Pakistan.

- Anti-smog gun
- AI policy
- Crypto currency

2-8. Agricultural developments have made Pakistan ^{Year 2025} turning point for

3. How Pakistan can improve the weak points?

3-1. Pakistan should focus on proactive measures to deal with climate change, so that these measures improve Pakistan's image at international level further.

- water reservoir developments
- IPRI report about scarcity

3-2. Pakistan can improve the coming year by developing social sectors.

- Human Development Index Ranking
- Gender Equality Gap Report

3-3 Pakistan should improve relations with Afghanistan to prevent two front confrontation

- Afghanistan Transit Trade as bargaining chip.

3.4. Pakistan should take steps to make judiciary strong by removing executive control.
- 27th amendment.

4. Conclusion

Essay

There is a hollywood fiction film named "Butterfly Effect". This film shows that someone gets the power of butterfly effect which helps him to travel back in time. That individual used to travel in time and change the situations of future. It seems similar kind of thing is achieved by Pakistan which helped it to make the 2025 a turning point for it. Pakistan's foreign policy and economy, both were suffering, yet a sudden change happened and transformed Pakistan as an important regional as well as international player. The relationships with Bangladesh which were stagnant is improved. Secondly, Pakistan has become important in middle East. Thirdly, India's brutal and blatant attack and Pakistan's wise response has further made Pakistan important. Fourthly, Pakistan's economy is on the way of stabilization. Fifthly,

American involvement in Pakistan due to rare earth metal assisted Pakistan in making 2025 a changing year. ^{sighly,} Pakistan refused to seek assistance in financial domain from other countries has nurtured Pakistan's image in new way. Seventhly, in 2025, certain important technological development took place which made it unprecedented year. However, certain sectors such as social fields involving human development and gender disparity remained unresolved issues. Similarly, water scarcity and dormancy of judiciary resulted in condemnation from other countries. Pakistan can improve these fields also and regain its lost glory and status.

To begin with, Pakistan's relations have improved in 2025 with Bangladesh after a long gap starting from 1971. As a result of separation of East Pakistan in 1971, the cordial relations never established again ~~in 1971~~. Yet the ouster of Sheikh Hasina Wajid in December, 2024 made a space for Pakistan, which was utilised effectively resulting in improvements. Several agreements were taken place between both countries such as "Knowledge Corridor". This will help in providing scholarships to 500

Students and develop a soft corner in young Bangladeshi people. Furthermore cooperation in economy and defence is also ensured. Thus, year 2025 has proved a turning point for Pakistan.

Secondly, Pakistan's participation in middle East affairs also shows Pakistan's strong position in Middle East. As clear from history, Pakistan always gives its stance on Gaza, yet relations with the Saudi Arabia has distorted in 2015 due to Yemen. However, in September Nato style Defence Pact shows restoration of cordial relations. Furthermore, Pakistan was invited to join Sharm-el-Sheikh meeting which was again a success point for Pakistan. In that way, Pakistan participation across the region has also catalyzed. These developments demonstrate the fact that 2025 has resulted as a lucky charm and turning point for Pakistan.

Thirdly, Pakistan's calculated and pragmatic response to India's almost full fledged war and gratefulness to Donald Trump has played a significant role in making 2025 a turning point for Pakistan. In May, 2026, India launched airstrikes on

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Pakistan which resulted in deaths of innocent people. Moreover, it weaponised water which is described as "Act of war" by Pakistan. However, Pakistan did not hurt any civilian of India. The response was precise and ^{involved in} targeting the sites which were launching ^{air} strikes in Pakistan. Furthermore, it appreciated the American president role as a mediator. This approach was highly appreciated by the whole world and made India isolated to a large extent. This episode has also made the year 2025 a turning point for Pakistan.

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Improvements in Pakistan's economy has assisted in making the year 2025 game changer for Pakistan. Pakistan is a developing country which is facing a ^{Balance of} payment crises. In 2024, the condition of economy was fragile and immediate need of IMF regarding debt was ^{on height} inside; however, according to **Moody Report** published on 14th August 2025 made it ^{became} clear that economy is shifting towards stability and all indicators are improving. Such a significant shift was an important part of Pakistan's better performance in economic domain. Therefore, the year

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Fifthly, the discovery of rare earth metals has assisted in making further developments in Pakistan. In present arena, the importance of rare earth metals can be understood easily by saying that without these metals, the entire defence system becomes dormant. China is the largest producer of these metals but due to trade war, China has banned these metals for the USA. In such dark nights, Pakistan appeared as beacon of light for the USA which increased the importance of Pakistan in the eyes of global leader. The "Rare Earth Metals Deal" and first consignment resulted in greater appealing outcomes, which transformed this year as an year of victory. Resultingly proved 'turning point' for Pakistan.

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due to floods which distorted the huge infrastructure in Sri Lanka. This shows Pakistan's role as assisting the vulnerable countries. In Cop 30, it was Pakistan who rose voice for twenty climate vulnerable countries. All these diplomatic achievements show that 2025 was an year of turning point.

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lastly, Pakistan has made progress in the field of technology making it relevant in modern world. Pakistan is lagging the world in terms of technology in form of artificial intelligence and cryptocurrency. This year, these fields are also brought into policy making and implementing procedure. "AI Policy" is approved in July, 2025 which includes training 1 million people in artificial intelligence and providing 3000 scholarships in digital development. Furthermore, crypto-currency is introduced and authority is established to oversee it. This will help in transforming Pakistan's technological sector by putting Pakistani youth in the race of Artificial Intelligence. All these developments show that 2025 has been a turning point for Pakistan.

lastly, Pakistan's agricultural sector has modernised by introducing policies which will, undoubtedly, promote modern techniques. Pakistan used to be an exporter of food items, yet in 2024, the Trade Map data shows that 8 billion dollars food has imported. This decline in food production resulted from traditional practices. Therefore, National Seed Development Regulatory Authority has established to improve the variety of seeds making them climate resilient and preparing them at local level. In that way, quality along with self dependency will be improved. These developments also ensure that 2025 was an year of turning point for Pakistan.

Although, Pakistan has made progress in many fields, yet there are certain domains which should be improved further to be more stable at national as well as international level.

First of all, Pakistan should focus on climate change mitigation and adaptation. Since Pakistan is ^{one of} the most vulnerable countries, it must be a top priority of Pakistan to ensure the developments of climate resistant infrastructure. According to International Peace & Research Institute, per capita availability of water has reduced

to less than 800 cubic meter making Pakistan a water scarce ^{country} from water-stressed. Moreover, by water weaponization, India is making the problem more critical. So, there is strong need for development of water reservoir. Rain harvesting water reservoirs should be built at immediate basis. This will help Pakistan in making 2026 unprecedented as well.

Secondly, Pakistan should prioritize social sector as well. Pakistan is facing food insecurity, health issues, and gender disparity. All these factors are eroding Pakistan's soft image globally. In food Security Index, Pakistan ranked **106** out of **123** moreover, in Gendergap Index, it ranked **148** out of **148**. These numerical figures show that Pakistan is in dire need to work on domestic social problems also.

As 60% population of Pakistan is youth, skill development programmes should be initiated by government. These programmes must assist in aligning the youth's skills with requirements of market so that they can get job and earn livelihood ultimately result in plummeting food insecurity. These initiatives will help in making Pakistan's next year full of progress.

Thirdly, relations with immediate western neighbors should be put on right track. Pakistan lacks strategic depth which is beneficial for India in dividing Pakistan into northern and southern parts. Therefore, Afghanistan must be in favour of Pakistan to make the defence system stronger and avoid the two front confrontation. According to World Bank report Afghanistan

Transit Trade declined to a significant extent to ^{only 0.45 billion dollars.} exacerbating Afghanistan's vulnerability. At such critical point, mediators role should be demanded to settle the dispute. By settling this issue, the problem of terrorism will be resolved to some extent and India's cold doctorina can be mitigated effectively. This strategy foster Pakistan progress in next year.

Lastly, Pakistan should take measures to make the judiciary independent and free from excessive executive control. Any nation's status is predominantly determined by the availability of justice in it. However, 27th amendment eroded the nation's image as internationally, it was condemned and considered **Slap on face of judiciary**. This amendment

has politicized the judiciary which directly impacted the justice system in Pakistan. This is promoting a message to the world about the fact that instead of Montesquieu theory of separation, Machiavelian theory of power is exercised in Pakistan. By making judiciary independent, Pakistan's image will be improved across the world.

To conclude, as American international relations expert in his interview with International Peace and Research Institute said: 'making the hay while the sun is shining', Pakistan should take advantage of improved relations with United States of America. The improved relations with Bangladesh and Saudi Arabia has made this year unusually appealing for Pakistan. Moreover, Pakistan's supremacy in defending the country in operation Banyan-ul-Marsoos against India's aggression resulted in "wow image" of Pakistan across the globe. Furthermore, stabilization of economy, deals in rare earth metals and continuous developments and policy regulations in technology in form of AI policy and crypto-currency has made Pakistan relevant totally in 2025. Agricultural developments have also put in pivotal concerns. Yet, as

Albert O. Hirschman says: "Under development is not due to capital, it can be raised; it is not due to lack of skills, they can be generated; it is due to the way people live."

In similar manner, Pakistan need to focus on way of system. Since there are lacks in certain areas including social sector, relations with immediate western neighbour, and judiciary, by taking helpful measures they can be resolved effectively and efficiently. This will make Pakistan able to maintain its position gained in year 2025.
