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Pakistan's lagging - - - - -
- - - - these goals?

Introduction

Pakistan is currently facing with ^{mult}-facet issues which can be accounted all for one major issue: education. Education in modern world is one of the most and significant asset that an individual can have which directly is connected to the country progress.

No nation in the world can proceed a head or to become successful unless that nation people are well educated and well learned.

Unfortunately, Pakistan is facing with education disaster. The more education becomes essential, the more the situation of education in Pakistan gets worse.

The significance of education can be understood from the story of Adolf Hitler who was known for his sheer cruelty and fascism yet ~~that~~ so much respect

for education. One famous account about Hitler is that when Hitler II started, Hitler wrote a letter to Churchill, the then Prime Minister of United Kingdom, that we would not attack each other institution. To this Churchill admitted and a massive war took between the two but yet they preserved the educational institute because they knew education is an essential element of the society that will recover the nations once again.

Political Instability

One of the major issue that education is facing due to political instability. Political stability directly linked with everything in the country. When political stability arises, the government does not pay its due attention to the education. due to which the education sector is highly affected.

One of the stark example of this is that in 18th Amendment, devolution of power took place along with some crucial amendment in which one was Article 25A

Article 25 mandates that education is a state responsibility but due to political differences, this article has been not thoroughly implemented due to which the education sector has been massively affected.

Economic Crisis

Economic crisis has a direct impact on education sector in particular and overall country in general. When economic crisis^{occurs}, the government educational developmental funds reduces by large to save the economy as of recent mentioned ~~in~~ in the report that Higher Education Commission educational fund has been decreased from 65bn Rupees to 25bn Rupees.

Now this developmental cut creates problem in the education sector because teachers salary decreases which further exacerbates the situation. Economic crisis thus reflects a hurdle directly impacting the education sector.

High Inflation

High inflation has currently hit the education sector of Pakistan severely. When inflation rises, the school fee directly increases which affects parents' capability to continue their children's education. A report mentioned in the Dawn that inflation accounts for 50% of children being out of school.

The government has paid no attention to this existing issue that is the asset of Pakistan's future. Due to inflation, out of 10, 1 hardly manages to reach higher education. This is much owed to high inflation that has kicked many children out of school.

Ghost Schools in Sindh

Education in Sindh is equal to none. The feudalistic mindset has never allowed children to join education.

The feudal lords influence opposes the idea of education. This is much due to the fact that they know education is power and an educated child can pose a threat

to feudal lords.

A report mentioned in Dawn that highlighted that are tens and thousands of school that do not exist but has been declared in the documents. Another report in Express Tribune mentions that there are 2700 schools in which only one teacher is operating. No staff available. This reflects our priorities and choices and as a nation we are failing.

Private School as Mafia

In all the developing world educational institute are for the social welfare and to impart knowledge, to create scientist, astronauts etc but unfortunately, educational institute in Pakistan are operating as business mafias that have high fees. In Pakistan, 40% of the people population are below the poverty line that can't even afford public school fee. These private institutes have no standard fee structure but self-impose. They increase fee cost at their own discretion which creates hurdle for student to continue education.

Terrorism

Terrorism is another menace that the educational institute are facing to excel in education and achieve the Millinium Developmental Goal. Terrorism has poses a serious threat to educational institute especially girls educational institute.

A recent report mentioned by Islamabad Institute of Strategic Policy (IISP) which stated 300 schools in North Waziristan has been shut to terrorist activities in the region. A recent another report mentioned Dawn relaying a school was destroyed by terrorist. Many girls school has been destroyed and many have been threatened to be closed down. Terrorism too has played its due destructive role in education hurdle.

26 million Children out of School

There are 26 million children out of school, most of which are engaged in child labor activities. The government never taken this serious and if taken only superficial policies have

design to meet this menace.

Solutions

① Implementing Article 25A

Article 25A of Pakistan constitution mandates education is the responsibility of state from primary till matric. The article needs to be practically implemented.

② School Meal Program

School meal program is an effective solution. bring in children to school. This program means school will provide food to children to motivate them for education.

3 Strict Action Against Terrorism

Strict security action needs to be taken against terrorism and must be dealt with iron hand to allow girl to obtain education.

4 Specifying Funds for Development

Government needs not to compromise on fund allocated for education and must provide

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due share of their fund to the educational sector

5 Extra-curriculum Activities

Institution need to arrange extra-curricular activities. Extra-curricular activities have the potential to diversify education

6 Community Based Approach

Government needs to involve community and engage community to emphasize the importance of education in life. Community based approach enhances awareness about education

7 Parents Support

Most of the children drop on education due to this parental lack of support. Parents need to support their children in education which will motivate child to wards education.

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Enlist and explain --- them.

Introduction

There have been a lot of issues that Pakistan is going through, such as terrorism, education, water crisis, financial crisis, inflation ethnic and religious disparities and many more that are grave and require significant attention from authorities.

Of all these crisis that Pakistan is going through, one of them is energy crisis which is common and perhaps every Pakistani is going through. Energy issues are hot debate these days especially when the country is going through a tumultuous period of an economic crisis.

Energy and economic crisis are directly linked with each other. Economic crisis intensifies the energy issues; with which one may find it hard to cope with. Pakistan, today, is facing the giant of energy crisis which has left the country in a quagmire.

There are several reasons of which Pakistan is having energy crisis. Some of them are listed below.

Energy Issues

(1) Excessive Dependency on Hydrocarbon.

To meet the energy demand, Pakistan is highly dependent on hydrocarbon. The hydrocarbon includes, oil, gas and coal. Pakistan imports 60% of hydrocarbon from different countries. These energy sources are highly expensive as the country does not have its own resources therefore, it imports large amount of hydrocarbons from international world. The international rate or price of hydrocarbon has grown double with the war of Ukraine and Russia and with also Palestine-Israel war.

Since most of the world trade is conducted through sea therefore, disruption caused by war has increased the insurance fee by double which impacts the overall price of transport.

and deliverance.

Pakistan, owing to less capacity storage of refined industries mostly import refined petroleum due to which the price of the petrol increases which further impacts everything connected with petrol. Since all the commodities in the country are delivered through transport means therefore charges of transport is also affected and thus commodities price double which affect ~~every~~ everything.

Expensive Agreement with IPPs

IPPs stands for Independent Power Producers. These are private entities who own large power producing generator and sell electricity to government under certain agreement. Pakistan had its first agreement with IPP during Shahid Banazir Bhutto in 1994. The government of Pakistan has conducted several agreement with IPP during Musharraf tenure, Zardari and Nawaz-Sharif.

Now the expensive agreement between the government and IPP which has crippled the life of a common person that the

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government will buy electricity from the owner and certain amount is to be kept as a target. For instance, if an IPP produce 1000 MW of electricity, the government agrees with owner at 800 MW the minimum and now if the electricity is used either hitting 800 MW or not, the government will have to pay the entire agreed amount to the owner and above that another expensive agreement is that the amount is to be paid in dollars not rupees.

These expensive agreements have resulted in energy crisis due to which the electricity is sold expensively. Each month the price of unit increases.

Currently, a unit costs Rs. 70 around. Due to expensive electricity, problem has grown and people find hard to pay bills.

Out-dated Power Grids & Line Emission

Another major issue that Pakistan is facing in energy sector is the poor line emissions and out-dated grid systems that are not durable and faces many

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mechanical issues. The lines that conduct electricity to different regions are very poor. During conduction massive amount of electricity is lost which is an extra burden that the government fulfills through at the cost of general mass. A report mentioned in Dawn quoting that due to poor lines there is a total 17% of electricity loss. This significant amount of electricity which could account a handsome portion, is lost without use. This when compensated usually upsurges in unit price which again makes electricity expensive.

IMF Expensive Conditions

Pakistan has been receiving debt from IMF since 1958. So far, the country has received 23 packages of IMF and another giant is on the way which is worth 6bn to 8bn dollars. IMF for Pakistan is like a life saving mask.

Now, whenever Pakistan has reached out to IMF for any package, it has come at the cost of serious and severe conditionalities. The conditions usually

include increasing taxes and electricity prices. Whenever the government increases prices to meet the IMF, electricity is on top of the list. These harsh bailout that provide a short term relief for the country poses large term issues which significantly affect the people and stands as a hurdle to the country progress.

Strategy to Deal with the Energy Issue

Strategy includes the following measure

Less Dependency on Hydrocarbon
Pakistan to get rid of energy crisis must reduce its dependency on hydrocarbon and resort to renewable energy that could reduce the energy crisis and help the country to have economic electricity. The government needs to take this initiative with private businessmen in the country. Renewable energy is one of the efficient source to reduce energy crisis problem that Pakistan is going through.

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Agreement with IPPs to be Revised

The government of Pakistan needs to revise the expensive agreements committed with the Independent Power Producers. Especially the agreement of paying dollars which affects the dollar reserves needed for international business export and import. Government needs to thoroughly revise these agreements and find alternative

Dams to be Built

Another powerful measure for Pakistan is to build dams. Dams are efficient source to produce domestic electricity. Pakistan is currently using 28% water produced electricity. Building dam can help to store water as it increases capacity and then electricity is to be produced which can 80% reduce Pakistan electricity issue.

These are some of the strategic methods to be taken.

Renewed Lines

Line emission is a significant huge problem in Pakistan which

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accounts for 17% of loss. The
government needs to take initiative
and ~~reduce~~ renewed the times to
avoid this crucial 17% time emission