

transparency and accountability all regulatory process and mechanisms must be systematically transformed through well researched RegTech Implementation.

- iii) **Growth Focus and incentivizing Regulatory Compliance:** Policy mandates will be put in place so that the Regulator works with industry to maximize commercial value-added activity to ensure better returns on investment and directly enhance the quality of services and competition.
- iv) Clear, enforceable, and encouraging policies for promoting use of digital payments and reducing cash in circulation

Bridging the Digital Divide

- i) Enhancing investments in mobile networks across Pakistan.
- ii) Bring LEO Satellite internet services into Pakistan to provide low-cost internet services to far-flung mountainous areas of Pakistan
- iii) Increase smart phone penetration from 38% to 65% Issuance of 5G licenses, ensure coverage in 80% of the geography of Pakistan

Bridging the Gender Digital Divide

- Focus on enhancing participation/inclusion of girls/ women in ICT ecosystem through:
 - o Provision of access to ICT infrastructure and ICT tools.
 - o Increase usage of Cellphone (in own name) of 50% women to 70% women
 - o Increase usage of smart phone in women from 20% (of adult women) to 50%
 - o Increase usage of banking accounts in women from 13% (of adult women) to 50%.
 - o Providing access to Customized ICT Education for Specific Skill Development
 - o Promoting self-employment and entrepreneurship of girls/ women through launching specific programs.
 - o Providing access to mentorship and funding for potential startups & entrepreneurs.
 - o Providing internship opportunities to develop IT skills.
- Expanding the footprint of ICT for Girls Program in the Country

and liaising with provinces to achieve the goal.

- Programs for early age exposure of girls to STEM education and skill development.

Cyber Security

To tackle the menace of cyber-attacks:

- Devise a data protection law that is at par with the international standards.
- Stringent implementation of cyber security policy across government departments
- Invest in giving cybersecurity training and certifications to IT graduates consultation with stakeholders.

Information Technology: Software, applications and Digital service provisioning

Ecosystem for Freelancers

PML-N will expand the professional digital training programs and certifications for freelancers to develop a highly trained tech workforce of Pakistan. To achieve this, in continuation of the Digiskills program launched by PML-N in 2018, will train 05 million Pakistanis in the next 5 years following a multi-dimensional training program.

Ecosystem for Freelancers can include:

Accelerate integration of Payment systems of other countries/regions and RAAST (Pakistan Instant Payment System) to achieve

- Low cost receiving of international remittance
- Shift informal remittances to formal channel and increase at least 25% of formal international remittance to Pakistan

E-Commerce

- Create consumer protection laws
- Facilitate regulations for Escrow facility on financial transactions pertaining to e-commerce, property purchases and car purchases
- Create and induct high quality digital and financial literacy content within mainstream educational curriculum. Train teachers to dispense digital and financial literacy education at schools, colleges and universities

Facilitate students with digital tools and professional guidance to earn a good living as freelancers.

Pakistan Tech Fund

Establish 'Pakistani Tech Fund' that will provide funding to start ups.

Future Tech

PML-N intends to facilitate Pakistan tech companies and startups to use technologies to solve real life problems will set up a National AI & Blockchain Council.

Accelerate adoption of sandboxes at SECP and SBP both

In addition, attract global venture capital firm to invest in Pakistan fintech growth

Fintech

Bring large online payment platform companies to Pakistan.

E-governance:

To improve efficiency, transparency, and accountability within the government departments to ensure that the federal and provincial governments go on less paper in the next 5 years.

Targets

- Introduction and adaptation of latest technologies in the country on an ongoing basis
- IT exports to be taken to \$20 B in 5 years
- Government to ensure sustainability of Telecom and IT policies for the next 5 years
- Establishment of 5 world class IT cities across the Country
- Digitalskills Training and certification of 5 million students/freelancers in the next 5 years
- All government departments to go on less paper in the next 5 years
- Government to facilitate opening of offices of world class technology companies in Pakistan
- Digitalize payments and reduce cash in circulation by utilizing instant payment infrastructure (RAAST) of Pakistan
- Enable digital and mobile payments for all government receipts,

taxes, fees, levies, salaries and pensions

- Implement e-procurement across government departments
- Establish citizen facilitation centers in every tehsil
- Move all citizen credentials and documents to a unified digital platform, backed by blockchain, for ready access and authentication
- Increase Venture Capital and Private Equity (VCPE) investments, and make Pakistan the regional hub of IT entrepreneurship
- Increase the capitalization of Startup Venture Fund with focus to develop Pakistani unicorns.
- Increase penetration of affordable Broadband.
- Bridge the gender digital divide with a focus on enhancing participation and inclusion of women and girls in ICT ecosystem.
- Using agriculture technology to improve crop yields, weather forecast, improving supply chain, farm to market access via agri-tech apps and water management.
- Scale up and incentivize free public Wi-Fi hotspots
- Legislation of data protection law to enhance IT investments and protect Pakistani cyber space
- Establishment of computer emergency response teams to counter national level cyber attacks
- Encouraging world class online payment companies to provide services in Pakistan
- Government to encourage satellite internet companies to provide internet services under served and unserved areas of Pakistan
- Promote e-commerce and m-commerce
- Implement policies to expand mobile-and digital payments
- Focus on digital connectivity of value chains to facilitate consumers, businesses and FBR
- Enhance SECP role in facilitating start-up founders and investors through enabling international investors to bring their capital in Pakistan and also to take back (under a certain limit)
- Digitize land records and initiate digital transfers of properties.
- Strengthen internet infrastructure and ensure coverage pan Pakistan.

POWERING PROGRESS THROUGH AFFORDABLE & SUSTAINABLE ELECTRICITY

In the last fifty years of Pakistan's governance, the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PMLN) has emerged as a leader in the energy sector, showcasing unparalleled achievements in electricity and gas management, sector reform, and diverse energy generation. Looking

ahead, we pledge a vision that encompasses tax reforms for affordable electricity, transitioning towards sustainable and renewable energy, and a major overhaul of the power policy.

PERFORMANCE 2013-2018

- **Eliminated Loadshedding by Increasing Capacity:** Added 17,000 megawatts of new electricity generation capacity to the national grid in the last decade, including 11,000 MW during the 2013-18 PMLN government
- **Thar Coal Operation:** Successfully completed and operationalized generation capacity from Thar coal, contributing to the energy mix
- **LNG Advancements:** Conceptualized, built, and operationalized highly efficient and technologically-advanced LNG plants, delivering a total of 3600MW to bolster energy resources.
- **Renewable Energy Pioneers:**
 - Pioneered renewable energy by establishing the first wind-power and solar-power plants in the country
 - Heralded net-metering to encourage roof top solar power
- **Hydel Power Initiatives:**
 - Secured international funding for Dasu Dam and approved all funding for Mohmand Dam, advancing hydel power generation
 - Invested in land worth Rs. 123 billion for the future Diamer-Basha

- Completed large-hydro Tarbela 4 extension and Neelum Jhelum projects
- Provided Rs 125 billion in power subsidy to the poor in 2018
- Lowered agricultural/ tubewell tariff from Rs. 8.35/ unit to Rs. 5.35 / unit and provided a subsidy of over Rs. 12 billion for tube-wells during 2013-18

Met Consumer Needs & Enhanced Services

- Printed GPS-tagged pictures of meter readings on electricity bills
- Established call centers to deal with consumer issues

Transnational Transmission Line: Achieved a milestone by completing in record-time the Pollan-Jeevani transmission line, connecting Iran's grid directly to Gawadar.

PERFORMANCE 2022-2023

Prepared Anti-theft law to avoid pilferage of energy

Resmed development on the following IPPs:

- Karot Hydropower Project
- Thar Energy Project: Thal Nova Project
- Shanghai Electric Project
- Punjab Thermal Power (Pvt) Limited, PTPL RLNG Project
- Suki Kinari Project
- Azad Pattan Hydropower Project
- Kohala Hydropower Project
- Riali Hydropower Project

Updated National Flood Protection Plan

Inaugurated unit 3 of Karachi Nuclear Power Plant (K-3)

Fast-tracked progress of hydel power projects including:

- Diamer Basha Dam Project
- Mohmand Dam Hydropower Project
- Dasu Hydropower Project
- Greater Karachi Bulk Water Supply Scheme (K-IV)

Resolved long standing issues and paved way for ECNEC approval of Naulong Dam Project

Mangla Refurbishment Project:

Completed and inaugurated the refurbishment of Unit 5 & 6 of Mangla Dam increasing the capacities of the two units from 200 MW to 270 MW



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More Power to the Poor

- Continue subsidies for farmers and the economically disadvantaged
- Implement off-grid solar and cluster-based mini-grid solutions in remote areas, particularly for tube wells, backed by innovative concessional financing
- Extend the national grid through a comprehensive rural electrification plan

Tax Reforms for Affordable Electricity

- Reduce electricity bills by 20-30%
- Implement measures to rationalize tariffs, reduce generation costs, eradicate circular debt, and enhance infrastructure through smart metering

Lowest Cost to the End Consumer

- Rationalise tariff for the end consumer
- Reduce generation cost through lowest cost power source, tariff bidding & replacing inefficient plants
- Eradicate circular debt and reduce losses by enhancing transmission/ distribution infrastructure, smart & reverse metering, and prepaid meters
- Ensure future contracts with Independent Power Producers (IPPs) are based on Pakistani rupees
- Move towards a competitive energy supply market

Transitioning to Sustainable and Indigenous Energy

- Lead Pakistan towards a sustainable energy future by transitioning to renewable, clean, and indigenous energy sources
- Increase the contribution of solar, Thar coal, hydel, nuclear, and wind energy in Pakistan's energy mix
- Explore other domestic sources that align with economic feasibility as they emerge.

Solar Revolution

- Continue nationwide 10,000MW solar initiative, launched by PMLN-led government in 2022, over the next five years to lower

- average electricity costs and reduce fuel import expenses
- Substitute power generated from imported fossil fuels with Solar Energy: 6,000 MW
- Provide 4,000MW of solar power to electricity-starved rural areas through 1-4MW rural-grid-based micro-solar plants
- Solarize Public Sector Buildings, Tube wells and lifeline power consumers
- Enable business-to-business wheeling
- Establish Mini Solar Grids
- Encourage rooftop and distributed solar power plans
- Incentivise local production of solar panels and related equipment

Go Green - Improve Health & Environment:

- Reduce the burden of illness and environmental impact by increasing the share of renewable power to over 10%
- Connect renewable energy zones to grid nodes and eliminate restrictions on intermittent energy
- Establish a fund to support clean energy initiatives

Roadmapping Sustainable Energy Efficiency:

- Shift towards sustainability by converting all motorcycles and three-wheelers to electronic vehicles (EV), reducing emissions and fuel consumption by half
- Improve specifications of electrical appliances for increased energy conservation
- Legislate fuel-consumption specifications, mandating a shift to hybrid technology by 2035 and complete EV adoption by 2040 in the local manufacturing of domestic, goods transport, and public transport vehicles

Optimizing & Invigorating Revenue-Streams:

- Conduct thorough audits of both public and private generation companies, followed by stringent recoveries
- Shift towards a competitive investment approach, eliminating foreign-exchange based sovereign guarantees in the power sector

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- Replace every electricity meter with an AMI/smart meter across the country to reduce theft and ensure accurate billing

Reforming Transmission, Distribution and Storage,

- Increase investment in the transmission and distribution network
- Reduce transmission and distribution losses and theft
- Privatise DISCOS in order to improve service delivery, efficiency and reduce losses
- Simplify rules and processes in the NEPRA Act to minimize delays and streamline regulatory obligations
- Integrate information technologies into the organizational DNA of power companies
- Initiate a transition to decentralize management, storage technologies, and micro-grids and smart-grids
- Open the distribution market to the private sector to break monopolies and enhance competition

Overhaul & Paradigm Shift of Power Policy:

- Formulate a power policy cognizant of federation challenges, aligned with national goals, and reflective of the aspirations of

- Pakistanis across socio-economic strata
- Reform each part of the energy sector to ensure technical proficiency, ethical conduct, and vigilance in the public interest while enhancing efficiency and cost-effectiveness
- Gradually shift away from uniform tariffs, reduce cross-subsidies, and discourage energy arbitrage across fuels to maintain a balanced generation merit order
- Initiate a transition towards electricity as the main energy source by dedicating indigenous gas specifically for efficient electricity generation, shifting the rest of the gas consumers to a weighted-average cost

Power Economic Growth through Abundant Power Supply:

- Add generation capacity ahead of demand through integrated planning across the value chain and capacity reserves
- Add 15,000 MWs of power, including 5,000-7000 MW through Thar coal and hydroelectricity
- Build a Regional Energy Hub for regional energy trade to foster collaboration and resource sharing



ENERGISE PAKISTAN: BROWN TO GREEN - A PATHWAY TO SECURITY & SUSTAINABILITY

PERFORMANCE 2013-2018

Energized People out of Poverty:

- Provided gas to 2 million domestic households
- Energized 3000 commercial SMEs with gas, generating mass employment
- Increased competitiveness of ~200 large industrial enterprises through gas connections

Pervasive Relief- Diminished Supply-Demand Gap

- Provided relief to households by reducing supply-demand gap from 2bcdf to < 700m mcd
- Commissioned 2 LNG regasification terminals (1.2 bcd) in record time
- Signed medium-long term LNG contracts at globally low prices to ensure uninterrupted gas supply to power plants and industries

Reliable Transmission & Distribution to Consumers:

- Built 1,681KM of transmission pipeline
- Completed 19,462 KM of distribution pipeline
- Established 6,500 KM of services infrastructure

Go Green - Sustainability:

- Established low carbon-emitting Euro II standards
- Instituted minimum octane rating of 92 RON to improve performance
- Deregulated pricing for petroleum products above 92 RON to encourage quality and performance

Energy Security - Diversified Energy:

- Mix: LNG, well head, coal, hydro, nuclear, RE, etc.
- Geography: Middle East, Central Asia, Asia Pacific
- Economics: Created a balanced portfolio of local and imported resources

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Strategic Achievements

- During the 2022-23 PMLN-led coalition government, the achievements in the oil and gas sector are as follows:

Upstream E&P

- Added ~40 MMSCFD of new gases into system from discoveries in Bannu West, Wali, and Kot Palak
- Settled out of court and revived 11 revoked blocks; recovered Rs. 500 mn of outstanding dues
- Granted licenses of 6 new blocks with minimum firm work

commitment of \$24.68 million for 3 years and annual social welfare obligation of \$ 180k per block

- Facilitated the settlement of Reko-Diq dispute (Copper-Gold Mining Project in Baluchistan), warding off \$10 billion in arbitration penalties on Pakistan
- Developed a policy framework, with incentives, for exploration of Tight gas
- Established a cell of subject matter experts for Geographical studies of Basins to explore potential reservoirs in consultation with world class consultants



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- Developed Offshore Rules 2023 and model production sharing agreement for offshore areas in line with the PP 12 to attract investors in offshore Area
- Created an IGA with the UAE for supply of Petroleum Products from ADNOC, UAE
- Developed a Time matrix to connect Jhal Magsi Gas processing plant with national grid by Mar24
- Passed resolutions by the major E&P companies to set up renewable energy subsidies

Midstream - Oil

- Developed a G-to-G project pitch for green field Saudi Aramco Refinery Project (SARP)
- Created the Brown field refining policy for bottom of the barrel upgradation project in order to produce more profitable and environmentally friendly portfolio of products
- Approved the bonded warehouse policy for enhancing national storage capacity and diversifying product sourcing, while mitigating import risks
- Created an IGA with SOCAR Azerbaijan for importing low-cost LNG cargoes (distressed / spot cargoes) with no binding commercial obligations on Pakistan, and an agreement to form a Joint Global Trading Company
- Developed an MoU and structured / signed an agreement with the Russian Federation for procurement of low cost crude
- Finalized all modalities including shipping, insurance, financial transactions and refining with the Russian Federation, without attracting any global concerns or sanctions, leading to the import of the first crude cargo of 100,000 tons
- Created a renewable energy business group within PSO

Midstream - Gas

- Designed a Gas load management framework for scheduled and minimal load shedding across the nation
- Developed a strategic plan for LPG imports during winters 22-23 in order to enhance availability and avert black marketing / over-pricing

- Crafted the gas sector circular debt settlement strategy, and implemented gas price revision that cross subsidized the gas supplies to the poor by the affluent, while minimizing the circular debt (modelling the wellhead circular debt to zero)
- Created a Circular debt stock settlement plan through non-cash settlements and dividend ploughing backs
- Provided relief to export industries through carefully managed (minimized) subsidies through FY 2023
- Supported RLNG based fertilizer plants (1m mt urea capacity) through breakeven tariffs for Kharif season (save foreign exchange on imports ~\$150m)
- Advanced the IP project by liaising with Attorney general for exemption from US sanctions
- Developed and signed the Joint Implementation Plan for TAPI project between the MoE and Turkmenistan's State Concern TurkmenGaz

Downstream - Oil & Gas

- Revised and set dealer and OMCs margins in order to ensure sustainable oil supply chain
- Arranged Sovereign guarantees of ~Rs. 100bn to mitigate cashflow issues of PSO and SNGPL.
- Enhanced imports of LPG by four folds (~68k mt) as compared with FY 22 to supplement natural gas usage for winters.
- Created a sector consortium for green hydrogen and carried out negotiations with global actors and supplier

Minerals & Mining

- Integrated mineral sector data through National Mineral Data Centre (NMDC)
- Converted heavy oil-based power generation to solar at Saindak Copper-Gold Project
- Signed a MoU with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in the mineral sector
- Developed the Coal Gasification Policy
- Declared the Mining sector as industry

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Others

Established a world-class strategy and implementation group, Strategic delivery unit (SDU), of cutting edge professionals, for innovative idea generation, conceptualization, strategy formation, rapid implementation and a robust policy framework for problem solving

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With this tremendous record of success, reform, and pioneering in the energy sector, PMLN will:

- Ensure energy security, affordability and sustainability for Pakistan
- Sign and implement the \$10 B refinery deal with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- Ensure timely and synergistic delivery of Pakistani commitments to TAPI, toward the completion of an end-to-end pipeline for providing low cost natural gas
- Develop a web of comprehensive international energy security agreements with regional and global countries in order to ensure energy security of Pakistan
- Create Pakistan's first global energy trading firm to support PSO for lowest possible cost oil and LNG imports, in collaboration with world class international trading companies through G-to-G agreements
- Transition Gwadar toward becoming a regional energy hub
- Develop a green energy fund with the participation of bilateral, multilateral and private sector financing
- Finalize and implement aggressive policies for green hydrogen and green ammonia through the regime of carbon credits (financing) in order to offset carbon foot print, associated with exploration and refining
- Transition all major oil and gas companies, with state interests,

toward becoming sustainable / renewable energy companies through subsidiaries in order to produce low cost and clean energy

- Focus on indigenous production of oil and gas by offering new on-shore and off-shore blocks / assets, leading to significantly lowering the energy import bill
- Develop international collaborations to systematically collect comprehensive geological / seismic data for oil and gas assets in a phased manner and make it globally available for competitive bidding
- Encourage investments in clean coal technologies, carbon capture and coal gasification in order to maximize the value of natural coal assets, while minimizing environmental burden
- Expedite production of tight gas through a policy that attracts investments, both indigenous and FDI, while ensuring that the cost of indigenous gas never surpasses the cost of imported RLNG
- Conduct a detailed study on the commercial potential of shale oil and gas in Pakistan
- Provide third party access to RLNG terminals for self-use to local industries, especially export-based industries
- Eradicate circular debt permanently by establishing a uniform blended price for all gas (including NG, low BTU gas and RLNG), while ensuring affordability for the poor and competitiveness of industrial and agricultural sectors purely through pricing

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mechanisms

- Redirect natural gas (wellhead) for electricity generation to the most efficient gas/LNG based power plants in order to significantly reduce the generation cost of electricity
- Gradually move toward electrification of space heating, water heating and cooking, commensurate with the decrease in price of power generation through natural gas allocation to efficient power plants
- Digitize the Ministry, DGPC and OGRA offices toward minimizing discretion/human intervention in approval processes and enhancing transparency

- Deregulate gas distribution companies (SNGPL and SSGC) toward a competitive market place
- Restructure gas distribution companies and enhance their productivity by comprehensively installing smart meters at SMS level and devolving the profit and loss accountability
- Conduct a comprehensive geological survey for targeted mining areas of Pakistan through international collaborations
- Conduct rigorous commercial due diligence and valuation for every mining asset, and grant leases on a competitive basis with reasonable guarantees for the development of down-stream industrial activities / clusters



CONSTITUTION LEGAL JUDICIAL GOVERNANCE LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORMS

PMLN has always firmly believed that constitutional, legal, judicial and governance reforms are essential foundation for Pakistan's progress. The 18th Amendment is a prime example of PMLN's commitment. Rule of law and timely justice are the need of the hour, which can only be ensured by critical and urgent legal and judicial reforms. Similarly, important constitutional reforms are needed to restore the Constitution of Pakistan to its true spirit as envisaged by the framers

of the Constitution. Governance reforms, including civil service reforms and empowerment of local governments, are critical to implement any and all of the measures that have been outlined in this manifesto across all sectors. An effective governance structure and civil service is critical for effective implementation. The measures outlined below are firmly rooted in the importance of these essential pillars for national progress.

PERFORMANCE 2013-2018

Provided speedy and affordable justice

- Enacted Alternative Dispute Resolution Act 2017
- Passed Costs of Litigation Act, 2017 to award costs for unjustified adjournments and frivolous litigation
- Passed Evening Courts Bill to help reduce backlog and improve access to justice
- Completed preparatory legal work for 3-tier instead of 4-tier legal system, to reduce litigation time and improve quality of judgments
- Amended Legal Practitioners and Bar Councils Act
- Updated Pakistan Penal Code, and uploaded it on the Law Ministry's website

Ensured fundamental rights

- Provided fundamental rights to people of (former) FATA
- Extended jurisdiction of the Supreme Court and the Peshawar High Court to FATA
- Passed legislation against crimes in the name of honor and rape

Promoted democratic agenda

- Carried out electoral reforms (Elections Act, 2017), including consolidation of seven electoral laws

- Empowered the Election Commission of Pakistan and the Chief Election Commissioner to ensure free and fair elections
- Passed Islamabad Capital Territory Local Government Act 2015 to enable the first-ever local body elections in ICT
- Reallocated Province-wise seats in the National Assembly after the Census of 2017

Promoted accountability

- Enacted Public Interest Disclosure Act, 2017 (for whistle-blower protection) to promote accountability
- Passed Right to Access to Information Act, 2017 to enhance transparency
- Constituted Parliamentary Committee to review National Accountability Ordinance 1999 which drafted a bill to reform the legal framework for accountability

Curbed terrorism

- Passed two constitutional amendments related to military courts for speedy trial of terrorism offences



PERFORMANCE 2022-2023

- The Ministry of Law and Justice vetted more than 150 laws
 - Drafted following landmark legislations to attract Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Pakistan:
 - Foreign Investment (Promotion and Protection) Act, 2022
 - Inter-Governmental Commercial Transaction Act, 2022
 - Board of Investment (Amendment) Act, 2023 (Establishment of SFIC)
 - Drafted and vetted a number of legislative enactments to ensure compliance with FATF Action Plan that ultimately led to the white-listing of Pakistan in October, 2022
 - Ensured Lawyers Sector compliance with Anti-Money laundering obligations of lawyers as per the legal regime applicable in Pakistan
 - Played a pivotal role in concluding decisions relating to litigation, settlement of the dispute and
 - development of the Reko Diq Project
- The Code of Civil Procedure (Amendment) Act, 2023;
 - Anti-Rape Investigation Rules, Anti Rape Trial Procedure and Anti Rape Crises Cell and Medico Legal Rules, 2022
 - Developed Pakistan Code a website i.e. www.pakistancode.gov.pk providing all the authentic and update Federal Laws and publication of Apps for smartphones
 - Automated Federal Courts and Tribunals at Islamabad

Established:

- Five Special Courts (Customs, Taxation and Anti-Smuggling) at Quetta, Noshki, Chaman,
- Multan and Karachi;
- Insurance Tribunal at Multan, Lahore and Rawalpindi;
- Banking Courts at Sialkot, Okara, Vehari, Bahawalpur, Islamabad, Toba Taik Singh, Hafizabad,
- Quetta and Dera Allah Yar.
- Intellectual Property Tribunal at Rawalpindi and Quetta;
- Human Rights Court in Islamabad.

Enacted:

- National Accountability (Amendment) Act, 2022;
- The Publication of Laws (Amendment) Act, 2022;

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Constitutional Reforms

Amendments to be introduced in the Constitution:

Empowering the People

- Right to education shall be strengthened
- Right to healthcare, including access to clean water and proper sanitation, shall be added.
- Right to access to justice shall be recognized.
- Right to good governance shall be accepted
- Introducing the Panchayat System for alternate dispute resolution.

Establishing Unequivocal Supremacy Of the Parliament:

- Articles 62 and 63 need to be amended or restored to their original position.
- Article 63 A shall be clarified.
- An Ethics Committee of the Parliament to be created to monitor the conduct of the members of the Parliament.
- Provisions regarding the Local Governments to be strengthened including enhancing their administrative and financial powers and security of the tenure.

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Judicial, Legal and Justice System Reforms

Legal System Enrichment Partnership: Collaborative Progress Nurturing

Collaborate with the Superior Courts, Law and Justice Commission of Pakistan and Provincial Justice Committees bring about reforms for the overall development of the legal system

Ensuring Time & Process Efficient Judicial Processes

- Legislate to ensure that no case is continuously leftover / not heard for a period exceeding maximum two months
- Limit adjudication time to one year, especially for cases affecting the life of a common citizen
- Time-bound disposal of Civil litigation and Criminal Cases spreading over generations and decades, respectively, through legislative intervention

Economic Impetus for Structural Upgradation

Enhance funding for organizations involved in legal proceedings to improve infrastructure, adopt technology to streamline administrative processes, and improve capacity

Effective, fair and timely prosecution

- Connect police stations, investigation, forensic laboratories, prosecution, courts and prisons through robust data systems
- Initiate combined training courses for judges, executive magistrates, investigating officers and public prosecutors
- Improve capacity of the Prosecutor General's office

Legal Inclusivity Initiative

- Ensure timely availability of legal assistance for individuals from economically disadvantaged backgrounds, including pro bono services
- Vibrant Statutory Legal Aid Bodies for affordable legal services for common man by empanelling the fresh law graduate on

monthly stipend.

- Translate all laws into urdu to amplify public awareness

Promotion of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)

- Promotion of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) mechanisms, such as mediation and arbitration, to reduce strain on the traditional judicial system and expedite dispute resolutions
- Extend the purview of Alternate Dispute Resolution Act 2017 across Pakistan for effective out of court settlement of disputes at District Level

Defamation laws: Improve and enforce defamation laws to make them effective

Abolish NAB: Strengthen existing anti-corruption institutions and agencies

Deterring Ill-intentioned Pursuits

- Curb frivolous litigation through the judicious application of section 182 of the Pakistan Penal Code (PPC), and discourage misuse of the legal system
- Introduce a compensation schedule under sections 35 and 35A of the Code of Civil Procedure (CPC) to deter false and frivolous litigation, and safeguard the interest of affected parties
- Legislation on initiation of False Criminal and Civil cases by imposing exemplary costs and in extreme cases imprisonment.

Overhauling Codes for the 21st Century

Comprehensive amendments in Civil Procedure Code, 1908 and Criminal Procedure Code, 1898 to standardise the procedural laws

Amend the Code of Criminal Procedure 1898 and 1906 to:

- Simplify procedure and ensure easy access to courts
- Amend/expand the evidence law (qanoon-e-shahadat)
- Strengthen anti-money laundering laws
- Implement witness protection programs

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Enhancing Merit & Inclusivity of Judicial Appointments

Inclusive procedure for appointment of Superior Court Judges on merit

Judicial Accountability

- Structural Reforms in Judiciary including but not limited to devising an accountability centric Code of Conduct of Superior Court Judges as well as District Judiciary through legislative measures.
- Developing a transparent legislative mechanism for regulating proceedings of Supreme Judicial Council under Article 209 of the Constitution for time-bounded disposal of complaints against judges of Superior Courts
- Existing forum for disposal of complaints against the District Judiciary will be replaced with an efficient Statutory Body to ensure transparency and accountability in conformity with international standards

Transparency Through Live Court Proceedings:

Live Telecast of important matters under adjudication before the Superior Courts including the proceedings of the Supreme Judicial Council.

Eliminate Legal Manipulation By Civil Servants

Amendment in Article 212 of the Constitution and other legislative steps to reduce the misuse of Constitutional Jurisdiction of High Courts under Article 199 of the Constitution by the Civil Servants

Prequalifying Petitions For Efficient Utilisation of Resources

Create Administrative Benches in High Court to conduct the preliminary hearings of any case filed before it till it gets mature for

final adjudication

Strengthen and optimise Overseas Courts

Establish dedicated Commercial Courts that specialize in managing economic and business disputes, and guarantee swift resolution of commercial cases

Reform family and child custody laws

- Model Family and Guardian Courts across the country for the welfare of mother and minors
- Align closer with Islamic Principles and harmonize legal provisions with religious injunctions
- Introduce Child-Centric & Child-friendly Reforms that:
 - Mitigate negative impact of current custody practices
 - Find alternative to requirement for children to meet secondary custodian in court
 - Utilise services of child mental health specialists for custody proceedings
 - Implement child-friendly procedures and practices
 - Prioritise the best interests and well-being of the child in custody proceedings

Labour-Friendly Legal Reforms aimed at safeguarding the rights of employees, and creating a fair and just working environment

Introduce and Implement Digital Transformation in Judiciary by online filing and remote hearings through Implementation of a user-friendly online filing platform

Endorse and enhance Transparency Through Live Court Proceedings

Ensuring Swift and Efficient Judicial Processes: Improve efficiency of the justice system by introducing Case Management System

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adopting international best practice, and managing and monitoring case progress

Establish E-Courts for time and resource efficient justice

- Appointment of Additional Judges with special focus on meticulous adherence to proper processes

Prisons, Probation and Parole

- Review and improve Jail Manuals according to international best practices
- Ensure jails serve as correction centres where prisoners attain education and skills so that they return as positive contributors to society
- Ensure adequate facilities in prisons for women and juvenile inmates, including infants imprisoned with their mothers
- Ensure availability of psychological counsellors at all prisons

Governance Reforms

Transform the Civil Service into a highly capable service provider by promoting a merit-based system at all levels through improvements in recruitment, postings, promotion, training and incentives.

Induction and recruitment

- Improve recruitment by finding better ways to assess candidates' knowledge and aptitude
- Adopt a cluster-based approach for specialisation
- Create space for technical experts through special pay scales
- Raise maximum age limit from 28 to 30 years

Training of Civil Servants

- Establish specialized training programs
- Introducing Operational Management Course (OMC) for officers seeking promotion from BPS-17 to BPS-18, and the Senior

Leadership Course (SLC) for officers in BPS-21

Performance management: Continue and further strengthen performance management system involving performance contracts between the Prime Minister's Office and the Ministries

Career progression, retention, and planning: Establish a well-defined framework for career advancement, including a transparent promotion and placement policy that offers clear pathways for professional growth.

Compensation, benefits, and retirement provisions to be reviewed and improved to attract and retain best talent and incentivize good performance

Local Governments

Political and Administrative Empowerment

- Constitutional amendment to further strengthen the financial and administrative powers of local governments including elections within 90 days of dissolution
- Empower ECP to undertake all election related matters including demarcation and delimitation
- Mandatory youth representation at every tier of Local Government
- Devolve following departments to local governments: Primary Health (Basic Health Unit), Primary Education (Primary and Middle Schools), Social Welfare, Family Planning, Sports, Transport, Child Protection, Public Health, Disaster Management, Rescue Services, Tourism and Environment.
- Developing a specialized local government service cadre to enhance administrative capacity of local governments.
- Empowering local governments in decision-making roles,

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particularly in urban planning, land use planning, master plans and zoning regulations.

- Merge all parallel bodies, companies and authorities including Development Authorities, PHAs to form an integrated city / district wide local government.
- Strengthening District Disaster Management Authorities for emergency response
- Empowering local government commissions to oversee and support local governments
- Establishing linkages between national and provincial poverty alleviation initiatives with local government institutions.
- Transfer of homeless shelters, langar khana, dar ul amaans, orphanages, and old homes to local governments.

Fiscal Empowerment

- Formalizing Provincial Finance Commissions with minimum 30% Gross Revenue Receipts for Local Governments.
- Restructuring Provincial Finance Commissions for equitable distribution, prioritising under-developed districts.
- Empowering local governments for localized revenue generation through taxation methods including reforming property tax.
- Develop innovative financing methods such as municipal bonds and land value capture.
- Empowering local governments in environmental management, particularly in land use, energy, and transport.



BUILDING A CLIMATE RESILIENT PAKISTAN

The 2013-18 PMLN government was the first Pakistani government to adopt and finance the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through the PSDP, and integrate them with our national agenda. Climate change is an important and urgent issue requiring immediate attention and prioritization backed by strong political will. The devastating floods of 2022 exposed Pakistan's vulnerabilities to the effects of global climate change and weaknesses in the state's pre-disaster planning, early warning systems, and environmental preservation. We must do everything to ensure that we increase our climate resilience and protect our people and our land from the

dangers of climate change. The 2022-23 PMLN-led government designed and initiated implementation of the Climate-Resilient Recovery Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Framework. We will continue effective implementation of this Framework in government. Envisioning a resilient Pakistan by 2029, we commit to mitigating global climate change impacts, including tapping into global climate financing, safeguarding industry, agriculture, and the economy. This commitment extends beyond immediate gains, ensuring a sustainable legacy for future generations.

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- Formulation of the inaugural Framework for Implementation of the Climate Change Policy (2014-2030).
- Ratification of the Paris Climate Agreement in 2015.
- Enactment of the Pakistan Climate Change Act 2017, a dedicated law for combating climate change.
- First Pakistan Water Policy in collaboration with provinces

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- Secured establishment of "Loss and Damage Fund" at COP27 for countries severely affected by climate change.
- Joined the Global Shield initiative to leverage climate risk financing.
- Established Prime Minister's task force on global warming for effective coordination.
- Implemented "Recharge Pakistan Programme" for climate resilience through Green Climate Fund.
- Accomplished the national-level plantation target under "Green Pakistan Programme"
- Developed National REDD+ Strategy complying with global standards
- Launched "PLEASE" project for plastic waste management
- Implemented "Living Indus Initiative" for ecological restoration of the Indus Basin.
- Developed National Hazardous Waste Management Policy 2022
- Developed "Pakistan Cooling Action Plan" to identify key cooling needs and priorities.
- Launched "National Adaptation Plan (NAP)" to enhance the country's capacity for climate change adaptation.
- Developed National Forest Landscape Restoration Plan
- Initiated "Clean Green Pakistan Movement" for ranking cities based on clean and green parameters.
- Executed projects on snow leopard conservation, Chilgoza Pine

Forests, and climate-resilient urban human settlements.

- Launched initiatives such as battery swapping stations and electric vehicles to facilitate e-mobility.
- 3.1 billion World Bank-funded projects were approved for Sindh province.
- The projects incorporated all prioritised sectors that were part of PDNA, and included:
 - 08 Emergency Floods Assistance Projects (EFAPs).
 - Sindh Flood Emergency Reconstruction Project (Estimated Cost Rs 48.400 billion).
 - Rehabilitation & Reconstruction of N-5 From Moro to Ranipur and

32 Damaged Bridges Under ADB Flood Emergency Loan (Estimated Cost Rs. 36.211 billion).

- WB funded- Sindh Flood Emergency Rehabilitation Program (SERP) (Estimated Cost Rs. 66.0 billion)
- \$400 million World Bank-funded projects were approved for Baluchistan province. It included housing, livelihoods, agriculture, transport, and disaster risk reduction.
- Rehabilitation of provincial roads of KP amounting to Rs 300 Mn USD.
- Gave financial assistance of Rs 88 billion to flood affectees

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1. SMOG Free Pakistan - Air Quality Emergency

- Commit strict implementation of environmental protection laws, regulations and quality standards through effective councils and agencies, and environmental impact assessments at the national and provincial level
- Introduce incentive-based policy for use of Low-Sulfur fuels, adopt Euro-II Standards for vehicular emission, and installation of pollution control devices
- Strictly enforce environmental quality legislation for greening of industries, fuel and petrol products quality the poor quality of imported diesel and petrol products
- Legislate to control burning of municipal waste and crop residue
- Use of Safe City Projects to control and manage traffic
- Upgrade and incentivize funding for Trench Brick Kilns into Zig Zag Brick Kilns for 70% less emissions
- Plant indigenous species trees in and around major cities to improve air quality
- Introduce modern and efficient techniques to control Fugitive/Construction dust
- Enforce a ban on non-degradable plastic bags throughout the country

- Empower local governments to administer urban planning, waste management, water and air quality, forestation and raise climate financing, in order to ensure effective mitigation of smog
- Trans-boundary cooperation between India and Pakistan on the pattern of the Asean Haze Convention to reduce the impact of crop burning dependent on the direction of the wind

2. **Green Pakistan Program:** Reform and Restructure "Green Pakistan Program" to prioritize clean air, clean water, protected areas' management, and climate change adaptation.

3. **Ban Plastic:** Develop and implement a comprehensive National Plastic Policy and Plastic Action Plan to manage plastic waste effectively.

4. **Waste Management:** Implement National Hazardous Waste Management Policy 2022

5. **Loss and Damage Fund:** Activate and Utilize "Loss and Damage Fund", established at COP27, and ensure transparency of the

fund by using leading international third-party Audit Funds

6. **Recharge Pakistan Program:** Continue and implement "Recharge Pakistan Program" for climate resilience through Green Climate Fund
7. Implement **National REDD+** Strategy
8. Launch "**National Adaptation Plan (NAP)**" to enhance the country's capacity for climate change adaptation
9. **National Environment Conservation Awareness-Raising Campaigns** focusing on energy, water, solid waste management and air quality
10. Develop and implement sector-based **Pakistan's Carbon Credit Policy Framework** for Pakistan
11. **Climate-Resilient, Recovery Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Framework (4RF)**
 - Implement 4RF across Pakistan to ensure transformative measures for sustainable climate resilience
 - Multisectoral approach to the implementation of 4RF in order to create and restore livelihoods and economic opportunities whilst ensuring social inclusion and participation
 - Create and ensure fiscal space for recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction finance
 - Incentivize climate-resilient Agriculture Investment
 - National and Provincial Action against Climate Change including disaster risk management and reduction, urban planning climate finance and climate resilient infrastructure
 - Need assessment, mapping and funding for climate-related government institutions
 - Strengthen Prime Minister Climate Change Council, Pakistan

Climate Change Authority, and Pakistan Climate Change Fund

- Enhance capacity, including technological capacity, of the Meteorological Department, NDMA and PDMA for early warning systems to mitigate and reduce risks
 - Ensure ecosystem-based adaptation and nature-based solutions to build on key initiatives such as the Recharge Pakistan Program and Living Indus Program
12. Relaunch **Pakistan Biodiversity and Forest Program** and implement National Forest Landscape Restoration Plan 2022
 13. **Curb Illegal Wildlife Trade & Mistreatment**
 - Develop a national wildlife crime enforcement strategy
 - Build capacity of law enforcement agencies to detect, intercept, and investigate wildlife crime
 - Establish wildlife rescue and rehabilitation centers in Pakistan.
 - Enhance forensic capacity of relevant departments and implement advanced technologies such as spatial monitoring and reporting to enhance surveillance and tracking of illegal activities
 - Legislate to prohibit use of animals as entertainment at public events, including parading animals at political events
 - Legislate to prohibit adoption of wild animals as pets at private residences and properties
 - Make all Wild life management boards autonomous
 14. **Protected Areas:** Safeguard Protected Areas by allocating sufficient funds to protected areas for developing management plans and bringing them under a National and Provincial GIS management system.
 15. **Legislate, Enforce, Advocate Wetlands Protection:**
 - Implement Pakistan wetlands policy for the conservation of

Pakistan's wetlands biodiversity

- Develop and review national and provincial wetland policies, management plans enhancing wetland rangers' capacities
- Allocate resources, funds, and infrastructure toward wetland conservation initiatives
- Build consensus among provinces on declaring the Indus River as a "Living Being," emphasizing the need for its conservation and sustainable management.

16. Government Green Office Strategy

- Make all Government offices green
- Provide a roadmap for governmental buildings, offices, and operations regarding adoption of solar energy and efficient water usage, recycling, waste management, and vehicular emissions



YOUTH: OUR COLLECTIVE FUTURE

Investing in our youth is investing in the future of our nation. This has always been and continues to be central to PMLN's vision for Pakistan. We are committed to ensuring that every young Pakistani citizen thrives. To this end, we promise to boost economic opportunities, enable active political engagement, and ensure quality education and employment for our nation's youth. We will integrate the

youth-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into our policies for the youth. Together, let's build a future where every young Pakistani can realize his or her full potential, prosper, create positive change, and contribute to Pakistan's progress.

PERFORMANCE 2013-2018

Created employment opportunities

- Disbursed Rs. 42B under Chief Minister Self Employment Scheme to 2.3M beneficiaries; the default rate on loan has been 0.01%
- Created new businesses by disbursing approximately 273,000 business loans through Prime Minister Interest Free Loan Scheme and Prime Minister Youth Business Loan Scheme

Increased supply of skilled labor

- Imparted vocational skills training-to 2M young people through TEVTA, PSDF and PVTC, towards increasing their employability
- Set up Punjab Tianjin Technology University, the first ever technology university in the country, geared towards training students for specialized jobs
- Guaranteed 100,000 apprenticeship positions through youth training and skills development program
- Expanded industries registration by 80% and initiated 2,439 apprenticeship programs between 2013-18

Developed labor marketplace

- Established an online job portal to connect people to an updated labor market information system with 373,000 job seekers and 33,300 prospective employers

Fostered team work and leadership through sports

- Inaugurated Pakistan Super League to develop local talent
- Established Endowment Fund worth Rs.1.3B to support and prepare 6,000 high performing athletes
- Set up 280 sports facilities across Pakistan
- Constructed boxing gymnasiums and swimming complex that meets Olympic standards
- Increased Punjab's sports budget by 480%
- Initiated the Punjab Youth Internship Program whose beneficiaries are 10,000
- Initiated SO stadiums and gymnasiums

PERFORMANCE 2022-2023

- Launched PM Youth Mobile App under the 'Prime Minister's Youth Program' for Socio-Economic empowerment of Youth.
- Allocated Rs 10 billion for Prime Minister Youth Program for Small Loans
- Set up around 40,000 paid internships for young graduates for duration of 6 months in F.Y 2023-
- 24 under Work-for-Skills Internship Program (WSIP)
- Set up around 20,000 1-year internships in new/ongoing Public Sector Development Projects under 'Build-for-Skills Internship

- Program' F.Y 2023-24.
- Resumed Youth Laptop Scheme with Rs.1.5 billion
- Resumed Young Development Fellows (YDFs) program to empower them to learn public policy matters.
- Launched Prime Minister's Youth Skill Development Program
- Launched PM Youth Mobile App - The Prime Minister's Youth Program for Socio-Economic empowerment of Youth.
- Rs. 5000 million Prime Minister's High-Tech Skill Training and Global

Skill Recognition Program

- Rs. 10000 million Prime Minister Youth Program for Small Loans
- Rs. 5000 million Prime Minister Initiatives for Sports
- Rs. 488 million ICT Internship Program (PSEB)
- Rs. 5 billion Prime Minister Strategic Reform Initiative for Women's Mobility - Women-on-Wheels
- Rs. 488 million ICT Internship Program (PSEB)
- Rs. 5000 million Prime Minister's Initiatives Support for I.T Startups and Venture Capital

- Rs. 5000 million Prime Minister Initiative for Women Empowerment
- Rs. 415 million High impact Skills Bootcamp Islamabad & Karachi
- Rs. 367 million National Freelance Training Program
- Rs. 5000 million Prime Minister's Youth Skill Development Initiatives

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Youth representation in national politics

- Representation in Parliament, provincial assemblies and local governments
- Revive student unions in educational institutions

Establish Federal Ministry of Youth Empowerment

- One-window operation for all youth empowerment initiatives across the country
- Cultivate jobs, entrepreneurship, and freelancing avenues
- Maximize overseas employment opportunities, including for highly skilled workers

Boost Youth Entrepreneurship

- Targeted funding through microfinance institutions for local entrepreneurial ventures
- Create a robust provincial and district-level youth entrepreneurship network under the National Youth Council to bring support closer to grassroots

Launch National Youth Portal

- Digital platform, connected to a labor market information system, matching jobseekers with employers
- Expand the Punjab e-Rozgaar initiative nationwide
- Consolidate knowledge, skills, and financial empowerment programs under a single-window operation for easy access.

Overseas job and business opportunities

- Launch skill development training and mentorship focused on jobs and business opportunities in international markets

Programs and Funding for Youth Development

- Solar-Powered Agricultural Tubewells for young farmers
- Agricultural Loan for Youth for young farmers
- National Youth Laptop Scheme
- Sports Endowment Fund for young sportsmen
- Green Youth Movement for national environmental conservation and awareness raising initiatives
- Fund for IT Startups and Venture Capital Innovation Award
- Scholarship Endowment Fund for higher Education
- Youth Skills Development Programme

Transform Pakistan's Sports Infrastructure

- Establish Pakistan's first sports university
- Construct 250 new state-of-the-art stadiums and AstroTurf pitches, providing world-class facilities for aspiring athletes.
- Establish sports academies at all levels to identify and nurture talent from grassroots to professional levels
- Launch a national Talent Hunt Youth Sports League
- Promote inclusive sports programs across all educational institutions

EDUCATE EMPOWER TRANSFORM: EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY THROUGH QUALITY EDUCATION

PML-N's educational journey from 2013-2018 was marked by triumphs, driven by the Chief Minister Reform Road Map Programme, which brought a significant transformation to schools across Punjab. Unfortunately, the positive momentum was abruptly halted during the 2018-2022 period, causing setbacks to our reform efforts.

As we look forward to the years 2024-2029, PML-N is eager to embark on a new chapter in education, guided by the principles of 'Educate, Empower, Transform.' This vision is deeply rooted in our national values, aiming not just to teach but to instill pride, identity, and responsibility in every citizen. Beyond imparting knowledge, our

focus is on nurturing compassionate and innovative leaders who are deeply committed to building a brighter and more sustainable future for all.

Crucially, our commitment extends explicitly to prioritizing girls' education and empowering them to be agents of change and progress. We are resolute in our dedication to reaching the disadvantaged, ensuring inclusive education that leaves no child behind, regardless of their socio-economic background or geographical location. Let us join hands in building a brighter and more inclusive future for our nation.

PERFORMANCE 2013-2018

Ensured access to basic education for all

- Increased Punjab's education participation from 83% to 92% through enrolment of more than 700,000 previously out of school children
- Enrolled 10,000 students in 14 newly established world class schools under the Danish School Authority
- Set up and revamped -10,000 schools educating over 2.5 M students through public private partnerships
- Introduced early childhood education in selected public schools
- Awarded need based scholarships worth Rs 17 billion through the Punjab Education Endowment Fund (PEEF)
- Introduced free transport in ICT federal schools

Expanded learning

- Developed interprovincial consensus on curriculum through establishment of National Curriculum Council
- Developed world class textbooks and teaching manuals setting the stage for a pedagogical revolution
- Formulated TVET policy and introduced vocational track in public schools

Implemented an integrated quality strategy

- Developed National Education Standards (NES) setting a minimum common benchmark for the country's schools
- Increased student learning outcomes by 22 percentage points through:
 - Conducting effective assessments
 - Developing quality teaching materials
 - Introducing mandatory teacher training

Closed the HR and infrastructure gap

- Increased provision of basic facilities from 70% to 99%
- Recruited 300,000 new teachers on merit
- Recruited 3,000 young managers as AEOs

Revamped governance and education financing

- Strengthened a digital monitoring system for public schools to drive accountability
- Disbursed 14 billion Rupees to schools for financial and administrative empowerment

PERFORMANCE 2022-2023

Accelerated Learning Program (ALP):

Developed a Non-Formal Education (NFE) Roadmap that comprises of Accelerated Learning

Program (ALP) including:

- Primary curriculum Textbooks
- Teacher Guides
- Middle-tech Curriculum and Textbooks

Trained 63,934 youth, as certified skilled professionals in High-tech, digital and cutting-edge technologies through "Skill for All", with 71% employed.

Established Directorate General of Religious Education (DGRE) to:

- Mainstream religious education

- Register and facilitate all Deeni Madaris
- Affiliate Deeni Madaris with the mainstream education system
- Increased Student Enrollment to 2.27 million in all the universities

Constructed, Eight (8) number of new Schools/Colleges in different areas of ICT

Established 30 STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) Makerspaces and 200 Blended E-Learning setups in classrooms in the public education system developed the 'Out of School Children Strategy' to bring children back to school.

The pilot program is designed for 1000 children of 12-16 years Established National Skills University (NSU) Sub Campus, Muridke

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Increase education spending to 4% of the GDP

Primary & Secondary Education

Launch 'Wheels of Opportunity' Program

- Safe and Accessible Transport for every student
- Integrate eco-friendly and cost-effective transportation nationwide
- Offer integrated transport vouchers and subsidies for financially challenged students

Nationwide Evening Schools - Doubling Potential:

- Consolidate and expand the Chief Minister's Afternoon School Programme nationwide
- Focus especially on girls and children from disadvantaged sections of society.

Expand Targeted Education Subsidies & Scholarships:

- Ensure integrated financial incentives for schooling, especially

for females

- Expand the scope of the Zewar-e-Taleem Programme
- Expand PMLN-launched Punjab Education Endowment Fund and Pakistan Education Endowment Fund (PEEF) to include marginalized communities
- Introduce integrated scholarship programs for children from marginalized communities.

Boost Public-Private Partnerships to Support Public Education:

- Expand the Punjab Education Foundation (PEF) and Punjab Education Initiative Management Authority (PEIMA) nationwide
- Integrate private sector and corporate support for public education

Nationwide expansion of Daanish School System:

- Launch additional Danish schools in underprivileged areas across Pakistan

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Equitable Access To Education:

- Expand PMLN-launched 'Schools for the Brick Kiln Workers' initiative nationwide
- End all forms of discrimination in education for students and teachers.
- Increase the educational budgetary allocation at federal and provincial levels.

Establish 'The National Commission on Excellence in Education':

- Develop a 'National Action Plan' for AI, STEM, ML, and technology-driven education.
- Update the curriculum to include coding, critical thinking, and interdisciplinary studies
- Establish integrated AI and ML labs or clubs within schools
- Promote integrated partnerships with the private sector, academia, and tech industries
- Create integrated model schools optimized for STEM field learnings

Encourage Reading

- Continue and establish E-libraries

Early Childhood Education

- Provide universal access to high-quality early childhood education
- Increase the number of ECE Centers nationwide
- Recruit and retain highly qualified, certified, and well-trained educators

Multi-Grade Teaching:

- Implement policies to make multi-grade teaching more effective

Comprehensive Professional Development of Teachers

- Launch Teacher Induction Programmes
- Ensure continuous professional development for teachers.

Nurturing National Identity, Pride, and Sense of Belonging:

- Integrate national values, history, and cultural heritage into education.
- Encourage activities that foster patriotism and a sense of belonging.

Building a Climate-Resilient Education System:

- Develop a Climate-Change-Resilient Education Framework.
- Invest in climate-resilient school infrastructure.
- Promote school sustainability practices

National Nutrition & Empowering Minds:

- Introduce a National School Nutrition Program.
- Expand the 'school milk program'.

Higher Education

Higher Education for all:

- Increase funding for higher education to 0.5% of the GDP.
- Establish endowment funds in each university.
- Increase enrolment growth to 10% per year.
- Increase access to higher education from 13% to 30%
- Establish new Higher Education Institutes (HEIs).

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- Ensure access and separate colleges for boys and girls in remote areas.
- Provide need/performance-based grants to universities.

Ensure world-class quality:

- Establish KPIs for all key positions.
- Strengthen incentives and evaluation systems for faculty.
- Increase share of female faculty members.
- Start a competitive program to support the ten best-performing universities
- Provide resources to enable other universities to learn from the experience of the top-performing universities.
- Encourage Pakistani universities to open global campuses.
- Pursue global knowledge corridor projects
- Build a Teacher Training Academy.
- Encourage research consultancy, industrial training, and patents
- Ensure protection of Intellectual Property (IP)

Encouraging cutting-edge research:

- Focus on enhancing research quality and social relevance.
- Invest in academic and professional societies.
- Expand international collaborative research projects.
- Strengthen mentoring and evaluation systems for Ph.D. candidates.

Improve efficiency and incentivize performance:

- Extend PERN to additional universities.
- Give incentives to universities for resource efficiency.
- Develop a comprehensive performance assessment framework.
- Create linkages with industry for university-industry programs.

Taking the Next Step in Devolution:

- Encourage provincial governments to fund provincial chartered universities.
- Distribute federal universities' grants by the federal government.

Super-Specialisation in Education:

- Identify universities for super-specialization in certain faculties/programs.
- Create entrepreneurship hubs within universities

Promoting e-Learning:

- Encourage use of IT resources for online education.
- Establish Smart Classrooms in every university.

Strengthening Higher Education at District Level:

- Open medical and engineering colleges at the district level.
- Restrict affiliation to the district level.

Building Support Structures for Higher Education:

- Incentivize research funding by the private sector.
- Grant need and merit-based scholarships to universities.
- Establish Science and Technology Parks.
- Develop paid internship opportunities and job portals.

Technical and Vocational Training

Building Futures Through Skills:

- Develop and implement internationally accredited training and certification programs.

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- Establish linkages with international certification bodies.

Enhancing TVET Training and Certification for International Employability:

- Establish COD-specific training centers.
- Develop student and faculty exchange programs.

Special vocational training programs for transgender persons:

- Design vocational training programs.
- Provide vocational courses and mentorship opportunities.

Enhancing the Capacity of NAVTTC / TEVTAs:

- Involve the industry in leadership roles.
- Ensure placement of skilled technocrats at operational levels.
- Adopt legal frameworks for standardized apprenticeship practices.

Ensuring certification of Pakistani skilled labor working abroad:

- Enhance the National Skills Information System.
- Collaborate with the industry for standardized curricula.
- Establish Job Placement Centers.
- Expand and update the PSDF

Special Education

Greater focus on special education:

- Open more special schools at Tehsil level.
- Centralize special education departments.
- Develop inclusive education policies.

Nurturing Basic And Non-Formal Education:

- Develop skill-learning programs for individuals without prior primary education.
- Expand the scope of the National Commission for Human Development (NCHD).

Primary & Secondary:

- Achieve universal primary enrolment by 2029
- Provide universal early childhood education.
- Extend access to quality education for children with special needs and marginalized groups.
- Introduce comprehensive education reform in FATA
- Introduce computer labs in middle-level public schools

Pedagogical revolution:

- Ensure compliance with National Education Standards.
- Introduce modern classroom technology and enhance digital connectivity.
- Reform assessment models for higher-order skills.

Research Institutions

Establish new centers of excellence:

- Establish hi-tech zones and a National Center of Excellence in Biotechnology and Nanotechnology
- Establish new state-of-the-art engineering universities.

Increase scale of technological research & innovation:

- Double national spending on R&D.
- Establish Science, Technology, and Innovation Parks.
- Review tertiary education curriculum to focus on gaps in R&D.

Ensure the proliferation of technology:

- Improve penetration of knowledge around technological innovation.
- Improve access to IT services such as high-speed internet.
- Ensure access to scholarships and research grants for capable scientists.
- Establish and strengthen institutions for R&D in defense technology.
- Launch the National Innovation Award to encourage high-quality research.