

## 27 to 100; Greetings for 100 Years of Independence of Pakistan

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### Abstract

As Pakistan is close to starting preparations for the first 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, it has been for sure a tough journey with lots of memories of life and property losses in 1947 and of almost 80 years of see-saw between military rule and democracy with every political party blaming every voter for selecting the wrong leaders or rulers. Various visions were tried some halfheartedly and many without understanding their long-term impacts on the future of Pakistan. This article presents a vision with the steps of what most is required in Pakistan during its preparations for its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. The article recommends some steps of human resource development with respect to safer Pakistan in the field of transportation.

**Keywords:** Independence of Pakistan, 100 Years of Independence, Pakistan, celebrations of 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, safer Pakistan, etc.

### Introduction:

The time is now for the Pakistani nation to start preparations for the first 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. It for sure has been a tough journey with lots of memories of life and property losses of 1947 to almost 80 years of see-saw between military rule and democracy with every political party blaming every voter for selecting the wrong leaders or rulers. Various visions were tried some halfheartedly and many without understanding their long-term impacts on the future of Pakistan. The NRB<sup>1</sup>, NAB<sup>2</sup>, Charter of Democracy and few more similar works and many slogans achieved only the slowing down of development and most important of all no effort towards nation building.

### Analysis:

The unexpected international COVID-19 was taken in a typical style of non-seriousness with no proper SOPs and a very little percentage of citizens following precautions and SOPs. Covid's impacts on almost every sector were so different and so unpredictable that the year 2020 would be remembered in the history of Pakistan for decades to come.

Yet, how lucky the people as a country and a nation are that the work on China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and its various components like industrial zones, power projects, and development works have their completion visible (Solangi, 2019). On the geopolitical front, a few more years and we shall be seeing very different relations with almost all of our neighbors. Like "Friendly Neighbor Status" with Afghanistan and accept India's offer of "Peaceful Co-Existence" both developed and will be matured in the 2020s. China trade corridor and Gwadar port development plan though a bit late but will be completed by or before 2035 and over a dozen regional countries will be enjoying its benefits. The real impact of CPEC, its development works, new world order and development and progress of the region needs to be visualized or dreamed to see Pakistan of 2047.

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<sup>1</sup> National Reconstruction Bureau

<sup>2</sup> National Accountability Bureau

Pakistan of the 2040s will be a country standing out in the region for many reasons, apart from being still the only Muslim atomic power and amongst the top three countries with a population of 500 M ++. Development and the Growth rate of the last 20 years, its stand on peace, harmony, and other universal issues will be the prime reason for selection to BIG EIGHT of UN Security Council, irrespective of presently missing discipline, rule of law and different standards for same offense or event. To be there and to get the country's right share of progress, the present time is suitable for launching the "Human Resource Development" and preparation of SOPs for every eventuality. The vision of the country for that time and beyond must be decided in the next few years, in place by 2025, and finalized by 2030. Only then, in the next few years, its citizens will become reforming into a law-abiding, caring, happy, and healthy living and progressing nation marching towards 100th birthday. New protocols for media, religion, living, and working must now be worked for and discussed in detail for every segment of society to feel its ownership and follow it in its letter and spirit.

### **100<sup>th</sup> Birth Year of Islamic Republic of Pakistan:**

The government of Pakistan in due course of time will be requested to celebrate 2047 as "100th Birth Year of Islamic Republic of Pakistan" as the year of "See Pakistan with FREE travel" countrywide on all government transports. This year will begin on Tuesday 01 January and 14 of August will fall on Wednesday. The yearlong celebration program will be announced a year earlier. It might appear to be a difficult task but is the need of the time and the only choice. The present generation of age 25 to 40 under the guidance of seniors has to sacrifice the most by completely changing its lifestyle and working towards the new vision.

This generation will also be training the next generation which is at present age 15 to 25, and together both of these generations will prepare the third generation which is under 10 as of 2025. This will be the generation that will be leading the citizens towards a brighter Pakistan and in return will be getting ready for the 100 plus Pakistan. A real Muslim state as dreamed by Iqbal and created by the leaders under the guidance of Muhammad Ali Jinnah. The best part of it is that all these procedures and guidelines were there for long, many have seen these guidelines being followed and most will be now revising to adopt these as their new mandatory life and work style.

### **Conclusion:**

Together to formulate a vision for the hundredth year, the citizens must restrict their thinking and planning to only:

- i. Safer living, aiming to make Pakistan a safe country to live, travel and work.
- ii. Transportation (air, sea, river, road, rail, pipelines and cables).
- iii. Religious Harmony (both inter and intra religion).
- iv. Education that includes training also.
- v. Training of trainers for "Nation Building."
- vi. Community living (including Nation Building, Conservation of Resources, Rescue, Accident prevention, Fire Handling & Emergency Management).
- vii. Health and Health Facilities and awareness on preventive health care.
- viii. Tourism and protection of tourist sites for Pakistanis and international visitors.
- ix. CPEC and its effects or benefits – awareness of the public in general for preparing them to earn from its benefits.
- x. Skill development opportunities for youth to become safety-conscious workers.

The think tank very soon will realize that due to its scope and size, this mammoth work requires more teams and input from concerned experts and citizens. Some work on transportation

was done which is being reproduced here. Through printing and circulation of this article, every Pakistani is requested for his input on the above subjects and/or inclusion (or deletion & merger) of these.

### **Recommendations:**

To be ready by 2025 for 25 years of working towards “Safer Pakistan,” following are recommended:

- i. Educating drivers and related organizations on new post-Covid-19 precautions and adhering to agreed SOPs for safety.
- ii. Upgrading the licensing system countrywide to follow the same SOP and work 24 -7 to reduce or eliminate the gap between the number of vehicles and license holders. Ensuring training before awarding the license to applicants.
- iii. Complying with all existing rules for various categories of driving licenses contained in different publications in their true spirit.
- iv. Ensuring implementation of Repeat Clause for violations and award of more serious punishments mentioned in existing rules.
- v. Taking action against owner, parents, custodian, or even teachers for offenses like underage driving and riding. Adding the responsibility of “No under Age Riding or Driving” to school staff.
- vi. Promoting cycling through dedicated cycling tracks and promoting community cycling system (NUST Main Campus example).
- vii. Promoting schemes like WoW to give the flexibility of travel to female commuters
- viii. Implementing the traffic warden system countrywide and training a dedicated number for assessing the applicants for restive types of licenses.
- ix. End of Overloading Era both for cargo and personnel. Complying weight limits promulgated in rules and carrying passengers as per SOP.
- x. Registering the existing driving schools with respective chambers and organizing mandatory “Training of Trainers” for their instructors.
- xi. Through stakeholder consultations promulgating agreed syllabi for the training of riders and drivers.
- xii. Introducing simulator-based training and assessment for all renewal of licenses.
- xiii. No issuance or renewal of license for under matric applicants. They must attain this qualification from any education board or Allama Iqbal Open University.
- xiv. Every school to have its own transport system for students with zebra or any other agreed pedestrian crossing and nearby marked parking space for staff & administration vehicles. Introducing “Road Tax” for students being dropped in private vehicles.

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