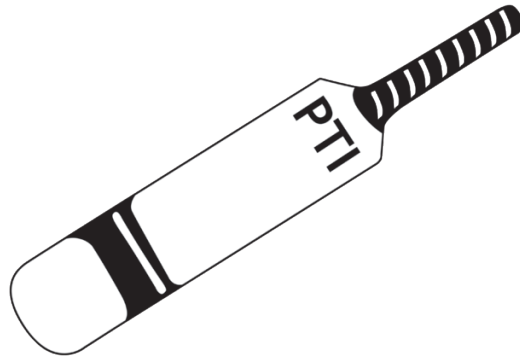


Pakistan Tehrik-e-Insaf Manifesto for 2018 Elections



PTI's manifesto lays out detailed plans for how the party will bring about an Islamic welfare state. Social justice, transparency, and accountability are central to PTI's vision for Pakistan. The manifesto builds upon PTI's achievements in KPK, including mass afforestation, police reforms, and improving education.

Governance: The PTI promises to make NAB fully autonomous by strengthening its mandate and eliminating legal loopholes like 'voluntary return' and 'plea bargains'. It pledges a mass E-Governance revolution whereby fully electronic legal, property, and government records databases will be set up. This will be supplemented by ensuring total transparency and full access of government actions, records, and information (e.g. budget reports) to public scrutiny. The manifesto proposes a new whistle blower program for citizens to report official misconduct to community call centers. The depoliticization of police is emphasized whilst pledging the establishment of women police stations and women desks at all police stations. PTI in their manifesto promises to eliminate land, water and extortion mafias in Karachi.

Democracy: PTI plans to implement its KPK devolution model all across Pakistan whereby local infrastructure initiative will be delegated to village councils. When equal rights are extended to the tribal areas by the implementation and consolidation of the FATA merger, special development funds will be allocated to the region and local elections held immediately to ensure devolution. The manifesto mentions political reconciliation with Baloch leaders and proposes a plan to ensure Baloch representation and involvement in CPEC and Gwadar projects. The economic marginalization of South Punjab will be remedied by the creating of a 'Junoobi' Punjab province. Empowering the people of Gilgit-Baltistan is also vowed through granting autonomy to legislative assembly, substantive inclusion in CPEC and new tourism and mineral resource exploration investments. It recommends a new governance model for Karachi that empower local elected officials and a city government.

Justice System: PTI ambitiously plans to dispose all civil court cases within one year through reforms in the Code of Civil Procedure based on KPK justice reforms. There are also pledges to create new separate juvenile and female prison centers whilst modernizing parole rules jails can be transformed into reformatories entailing a duty of the state to rehabilitate prisoners housed in jails for more than a year. All legal cases from the past 10 years will be compiled into one comprehensive database.

Vulnerable Groups: PTI promises an extensive audit of all women related legislation to find and correct legal loopholes and weaknesses. Gender based violence courts will be established to provide speedy resolution and additional legal protection to women. Furthermore, protective services for women like Dar-ul-Aman will be significantly upgraded and affirmative action policies will be guaranteed in public employment. Strict action against hate speech and violence towards minorities will be taken under the National Action Plan whilst a legally empowered, well-resourced and independent National Commission on Minorities will be established, followed by provincial bodies to protect minority rights. Minority quotas will be implemented in all government departments in letter and spirit. Similarly, a 2% job quota for differently abled people will be ensured and Disability Resource Centers in each district will be developed, equipped with necessary equipment for screening and therapy. PTI pledges to improve the capacity and delivery of 4 existing social protection programs: Workers Welfare Fund (WWF), Employees Old-Age Benefits Institution (EOBI), Zakat Fund, and Bait-ul-Maal.

Economy and Business: PTI has numerous proposals to remedy and revive Pakistan's faltering economy. To increase taxation revenues: FBR will be made fully autonomous, businesses will be incentivized to enter the formal economy and risk engines and smart algorithms will be used to identify potential taxpayers and clamp down upon tax evaders. It aims to create 10 million new jobs in the next 5 years. Debt-ridden and inefficient State Owned Enterprises will all be corporatized and brought under depoliticized autonomous boards based on performance based indicators. PTI will fully utilize CPEC's vastly untapped potential by ensuring a stronger, equitable and indigenous resource based two way linkage that would involve Chinese expertise in improving domestic production. It promises improving exports by increasing trade agreements and diversifying exports. The textile industry sector will be strengthened by increasing local production of raw materials and improving quality control. A Knowledge Economy Authority with powers across government departments will be set up to adopt a central strategic direction towards digitization and improve the IT sector. Furthermore, it vows to improve and implement State Bank of Pakistan's National Financial Inclusion Strategy to drastically increase access to finance, increase deposit base of banks and establish an infrastructure lending bank for large projects. It also promises to put Pakistan in the top 100 economies according to the World Bank Group doing business rankings by improving logistical infrastructure and ensuring power supply. It plans to upgrade SME's by establishing incubators with ensured funding, provision of advanced technology and favorably regulating taxes.

Agriculture and Water: In order to revive agriculture, PTI will reduce import duties on farm machinery, deregulate the seed market apart from few commercially vital seeds, increase technical support and improve access to finance. Livestock will be boosted by genetic technology interventions, effective vaccinations and incentivizing investors and producers to organize small farmers to build community biogas plants and milk collection infrastructure. The goal is to make Pakistan self-sufficient in milk and milk-based products and expand meat production for domestic consumption and exports. On the water issue, PTI will expedite construction of Diamer-Bhasha dam and feasibility studies for other dams whilst building up smaller dams all over Pakistan. It plans to launch a clean drinking water supply campaign in Karachi and then other cities that will provide point-of-use purifying solutions to households and support local government bodies to provide filtration plants through a public-private-partnership model. Rainwater catchment capacity will be aggressively increased and a desalination plant set up in Karachi.

Tourism and Fisheries: Pakistan will be internationally promoted as “Asia’s Best Kept Secret.”⁴ tourist destinations annually will be developed and the focus will be shifted from solely northern areas. Technical education will be provided to local people to increase human capital. Fish-protected areas will be increased from 1% to 10% of coastline, wasteland will be used for fish farming to promote inland aquaculture, new fishing licenses will be banned till marine fish stock reach a sustainable level and new regulations will be imposed e.g. fishing net size.

Healthcare: The Sehat Insaaf Program will be upscaled to all of Pakistan. The Lady Health Worker Program will be doubled in scale to ensure each woman has access to complete package of LHW services (including family planning, pregnancy management, neonatal care). Private sector partnership will be encouraged to improve public health facilities and a new comprehensive mental health policy will be drafted. The number of BHUs and RHCs equipped with staff and ambulance service will be increased to ensure each village has access to a facility within 10 km radius.

Education: A national body for Human Capital Development will be established to predict, identify and regulate the supply of students into a particular field of study according to labor market circumstances. In the manifesto, PTI promises to build a massive public-private partnership for education access through vouchers for low-fee private schools and access to credit (university and financial) for educated youth to teach students in their communities. An Education Fund will incentivize young entrepreneurs to develop technology and communication-enabled solutions to provide education access in remote areas. Establishment and upgradation of girls’ schools along with cash incentives for female education will be prioritized. Youth will be engaged in development by giving small grants to solve community problems. Literacy and math will be introduced into Madrassah curriculum. Madrassas would be streamlined through a public-private “Adopt a Madrassa scheme” where local businesses will be given tax benefits for adopting a Madrassa, upgrading it and offering apprenticeships to its graduating students.

Climate Change and Population: An alternate green economy will be developed which will provide eco-friendly jobs. An annual eco-budget will be presented which would internalize environmental costs into all economic decisions. PTI aims to enact green legislation including mandatory environmental education, green building codes and reducing plastic use. Mass afforestation will be carried out under the “10 Billion Tree Tsunami” spread over 5 years under community stewardship. Airtime on national television will be provided to promote reproductive behavioral change and increase uptake and continuation of contraception. PTI will build upon the existing consensus from religious leaders of all major schools of jurisprudence on using temporary birth spacing methods and publicize their endorsement at the community and household level. Lastly, a large scale national Maternal Health Program will be set up to provide assisted births and family planning information to women.

Foreign Policy: PTI aims to bring down substantive structural changes by expanding the Foreign Service, introducing an International Law section within MOFA and creating a coordination cell under the PM to include all key stakeholders in foreign decision making. It plans to take a non-partisan role in the Middle East to act as a reconciliatory agent, expand the strategic partnership with China and invest in new partnerships like that with Russia.

Defense: A National Security Organization will be set up to adopt a coherent and organized strategy towards internal security challenges. The NSO will include all major political, security, and administrative stakeholders. PTI plans to continue convincing terrorists to agree to laying down arms and also dealing with the political grievances of the people of FATA and Gilgit-Baltistan. There is an emphasis upon the need to establish State presence in ungoverned spaces and reclaim social spaces through a counter-narrative to that of the terrorists.’ It will try to deprive terrorist cells of logistical support by winning over passive elements and tracing their activities through the support of a new National Terrorists Financing Investigation Cell (NTFIC).

Culture: PTI promises to revive sports in Pakistan by adequate funding and proper infrastructural development. It pledges vibrant community centers at the district level, where exhibitions, road shows, literary events and workshops can take place. Pakistan’s National Council of Arts will be revitalized and art and culture exchange partnerships with international Art Councils and bodies will be created to provide international exposure to local artists.