

# **POLITICAL PARTIES' MANIFESTOS ON EDUCATION**

## **AWAMI NATIONAL PARTY (ANP)**

### **Founder**

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### **Education Manifesto**

- The State is obliged to provide free education up to primary level and at affordable cost thereafter.
- ANP will aim to allocate at least 6% of the GDP to education.
- ANP will work to eliminate dual system of education that protects and perpetuates class and feudal interests. It will work for a single system which meets International standards.
- ANP will ensure that the medium of instruction at the elementary level is in the mother tongue.

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## **MUTTAHIDA OUAMI MOVEMENT (MOM)**

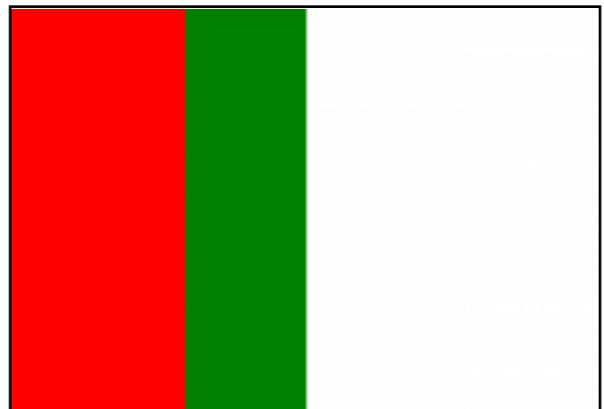
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## **EDUCATION MANIFESTO**

Education is the fountainhead of all technological progress and social development, and technology is the key to economic growth. It combats, unemployment, provides social equality, awareness, tolerance, self esteem and especially counters the spread of cultural and plural diversity. Like other social sectors, Education too is riddled with manifold problems.

MQM thus proposes to:

- Gradually increase education expenditure from 2.2% to 5% of the GDP, whereas Provinces need to allocate 20% of their revenue budget to education sector.
- Present dual system of education be abolished, not to degrade the privately managed institutions, but to upgrade the Urdu medium public sector educational institutions at par with the Grammar and English medium institutions.
- Measures be taken to drastically revise the syllabi of the public sector and Urdu medium schools for a uniform syllabi in all the educational institutions.
- Madaris (religious seminaries) be provided incentives to bring such institutions at par with the main stream of education at national level.
- Enrolment of children between the age 5 to 16 years be launched at massive scale both by the government, the civil society and especially NGOs. Since Sindh Assembly on the initiative of MQM has already enacted a Bill in conformity with the provisions of Article 25-A of the Constitution, it is high time that all the provinces follow suit and take measures on war-footing to make education compulsory and free for the children of this age.
- Provinces shall supply free books, uniforms and transport facilities to school going children.
- Introduce an evaluation system through Key Performance Indicators (KPI) which need to be monitored by the Community Management Boards at taluka/tehsil and district level to sustain the growth of literacy and standard of education and to ensure minimal dropout rate and no corporal punishment to the students.
- Every Province need to draw plans for the refurbishing of school buildings, provision of drinking water, washrooms, boundary walls and security arrangements.
- Actively encourage 'adopt-a-school' policy to ensure that philanthropists play an active role in promoting free education
- Put on fast track the moto, 'enter to learn'; and 'go to earn' especially in vocational schools

- Launch extensive training and refresher courses for primary and secondary school teachers
- The examination system will be made more transparent and rigorous.
- Grants and scholarship will be provided to such brilliant students who show best results and seek higher education both at home and abroad, especially for students who come from financially disadvantaged background.
- Official grants for professional colleges, like medical and engineering- so as to lessen the fee-burden for those poor students who cannot afford to bear the burden of high-fees.
- Reintroduce/ strengthen the role of elected students unions.
- Establish a network of public libraries, including digital libraries

MQM is determined to undertake all above measures to meet the challenge of education emergency. By developing across the board consensus, MQM will work on legislation, provision of additional financial resources, enrolment drives, reforms in syllabus and curriculum and most importantly the national and international organizations and foreign expertise to formulate, implement and ensure optimal utilization of funds for the growth of our Nation through a world class education system.

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## **PAKISTAN MUSLIM LEAGUE N (PML N)**

### **President:**

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### **Chairman:**

Raja Zafar Ul Haq

### **Secretary-General**

Iqbal Zafar Jhagra

### **Spokesperson**

Mushahid Ullah Khan

### **Education Manifesto**

- Ensure free education in all public sector institutions up to higher secondary level. The system will work through provision of transferable voucher scheme to encourage competition in the public sector educational institutions.



- Achieve cent per cent enrollment in middle school education by 2012 and secondary education (Matric) by 2015; and 80% enrollment in higher secondary education (Intermediate) by 2020.

Guarantee that all students who get first division in both Matric and Intermediate examinations are ensured of a place in a public sector college in their tehsil/taluka/sub-division. This is PML-N's top priority target.

- A National Education Corps will be set up to employ all jobless graduates in literacy and adult education programmes with the objective of achieving cent per cent adult literacy by 2012; cent per cent adult education up to middle level by 2015; and the same goal up to Matric by 2020.

The PML-N federal government will finance 50 per cent of the public sector education program up to higher secondary level through grants to provinces and cent per cent of all public sector universities and higher education institutions through grants. The government will also meet complete financial needs of the National Education Corp.

- Provide maximum facilities for science education and vocational training for all middle and high school students.
- Provide incentives for private investment in education.
- Pay special attention to the development of libraries at national, provincial and district levels.

Promote several centers for professional excellence in various scientific disciplines by providing highly qualified teachers, generous scholarships for training abroad, and liberal grants to science laboratories.

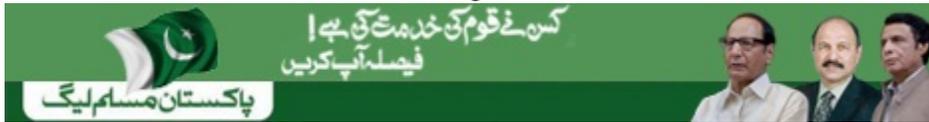
- The PML(N) resolves to work out and implement a National Education Policy to break the monopoly of elitist education system and to create equal education opportunities for the youth of all classes of society to get quality education in the public sector institutions. A participatory approach will be adopted to achieve key targets through public- private partnerships. Strategies shall be made to optimally harness and utilize the existing education facilities by improving governance, efficiency, monitoring, and effectiveness.
- To improve the quality of education for the poor, Education Foundations will be set up in each province and eventually at the district level to take over and manage education facilities through top level professionals. As described in the section on Employment, they will be received grants on per student basis.
- National curricula will be standardized and adopted at all levels to eliminate multi-class system based education in the country. Focus will be on academic content in science and mathematics. Curricula will be enriched by putting more emphasis on acquisition of practical skills, along with theoretical perception, and environmental education.
- Teaching profession will be made more attractive by grant of higher salaries to teachers who possess qualifications higher than the prescribed level. Teachers showing good results will be adequately rewarded in addition to the best teacher awards to be introduced at all levels of education. National medals and awards will be given to

nation's best teachers every year. Principals/Heads of educational institutions/teachers will be given special status in local areas.

- Female teachers will be posted as close to their homes as possible.
- Ethics and values based curriculum and teaching systems with a focus on character building to develop honesty, perseverance, tolerance, discipline, wisdom, innovation, respect, and team play, as enshrined in Islam, will be introduced at all levels. The teaching of Quran with translation will be compulsory for all Muslim students in secondary schools.
- One important objective of education at all levels will be to add to the productivity of the youth so that he or she is able to make a valuable contribution to society.
- Model schools will be set up at all districts and sub-districts where admission will be granted through competition. The administration of model schools will be autonomous. Educational expenses will be borne by students, but poor students will be given scholarships.
- Curriculum and the examination system will be linked to national commercial and trading requirements.
- The private sector will be persuaded to give free education to deserving students to be selected through competition. In return such schools will be given remission in taxes.
- Scientific and technological will get the maximum focus to raise the educational standards in conformity with the modern educational requirements. As a step, scientific and technological education will be given a boost with the help of research; major educational institutions will get separate research centers for the purpose.
- "Book Banks" will be established at each locality with the government's financial assistance to provide old books to deserving students free of cost.
- Education to women will be given the maximum attention; rural women will be the main target.
- Students will be persuaded to take part in sports and other extra-curricular activities.
- Professional apprenticeship will be sponsored with the help of local industries to train the youth in different technical and professional disciplines for respectable livelihood.

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## PAKISTAN MUSLIM LEAGUE QUAID-E-AZAM



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**Secretary General:** Mushahid Hussain Syed

**Spokesperson:** Kamil Ali Agha Khan

PML was instrumental in inclusion of the right to education in the 18<sup>th</sup> Constitutional amendment. The EFA Global Monitoring Report places Pakistan in the high risk group with the world's second highest number of children upto 5.1 million, with two-third of them being girls. **PML commits to a paradigm shift which universalizes primary education as a human right.**

### **The PML will pursue a National Education Policy which will:**

- Actively engage in closing the education gender gap and through behavior change communication make educating a girl an acceptable social norm.
- Raise the financial allocation to the level given in the Fiscal Responsibility and Debt Limitation Act.
- Through equity based targets, improve affordability & accessibility, give focus to the marginalized & create a sustainable education system.
- Develop online learning, virtual classrooms and electronic training centres.
- Create an enabling environment for private schools

### **PML is committed to the following objectives in the education sector:**

- As recorded by PML in the Constitutional 18th Amendment, standardization of education curriculum, examination system and higher education shall be a subject of the Federal Legislative List.
  - Drawing on the success of the Punjab free schooling innovation during 2002-2007, all efforts shall be made to enforce the fundamental right of free and compulsory education for children age 5 - 16 in all provinces.
  - Vocational and Technical education shall be introduced in the technical stream of education from 8th Class.
  - Establishment of Technical and Vocational Training Institute at district and tehsil level with special focus on women and girls in backward areas.
  - Improvement in status of teachers would be ensured by increasing salaries, teacher training, capacity building for required expertise, incentives, bonuses, health insurance, awards etc.
  - Establishment of Public Libraries at the district and tehsil level.
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- Revive National Teacher's Day launched by PML government in 2005.
- Strengthen the educational system in Madrassas by diversification of the curriculum.
- Sports, arts and music will be introduced through public- private partnership in government schools on an incremental basis.
- The Higher Education Commission (HEC) shall be made fully autonomous. The securing of higher education scholarships in foreign universities shall continue to be an HEC function. Efforts to obtain scholarships in the emerging sciences of informatics, advanced medicine, climate change and environment studies and those that improve the skills of the physically challenged.

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## **PAKISTAN PEOPLES PARTY (PPP)**

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### **Vice Chairman**

Amin Fahim

### **Secretary-General**

Jahangir Badar



## **Education Manifesto**

### **Access to universal and quality education**

- Education for all to eliminate class divides, gender disparities, poverty and unemployment.
- Every citizen should be able to realize their full potential in society through appropriate educational and vocational skills.
- Combat obscurantism and promote a forward-looking national outlook based on our progressive indigenous traditions and a positive engagement with science, development and universal values.

For implementation, PPP is going:

- Commit 4.5 per cent of GDP to education by the end of our next term.
- Ensure education is treated as a national emergency. This requires effective planning and budgeting as well as a holistic approach to bring about a change in the entire system of education. It requires the development of mechanisms for the exchange of information between different levels of education, and measures to ensure access to schooling for all children.
- Put an end to the abuse of the educational curriculum by removing hate, violence and references to militancy. A comprehensive review of the curriculum will be conducted with the addition of subjects like human rights, ethics, religious tolerance, and community work as well as instruction in hygiene, nutrition, reproductive health, environmental protection and sustainability.
- Carry out comprehensive curriculum and academic reform and, for the first time, review and reform language policy with stress on both mother tongue instruction as well as the appropriate introduction of national and international languages.
- Initiate madrassa reforms with the help of madrassa councils to modernize their education systems. No militias will be allowed to seek refuge under the aegis of a maddrassa to carry out militant activities.
- Back up the constitutional mandates with fiscal allocations that prioritize universal basic education.
- Create a cell within provincial education departments to monitor, coordinate and overview district-wise utilization of the education budget.

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**PAKISTAN TEHREEK-E-INSAF (PTI)**

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**President**

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**Secretary General**

Parvez Khattak



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## **Education Manifesto**

- One Education System for all
  - Medium of Instruction
  - Curriculum
  - Assessment
- Re-engineer Governance based on complete decentralization.
- Dramatically increase funding- from 2.1 % to 5% funding.
- Adult Education
- Teacher Training