

Elections Manifesto 2018

The purpose of this Manifesto is to inform the public about the aims and objectives of the Awami National Party (ANP), so that voters in the forthcoming General Elections will know clearly what the Party stands for. The manifesto does not purport to be a detailed programme of action. It seeks only to describe the spirit that motivates the Party and the overall principles that will govern its policies, should it be called upon to serve the people of Pakistan, either singly or in partnership with others.

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THE PREAMBLE

The Awami National Party (ANP) draws its inspiration from the example and teachings of Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan, affectionately known to his people as Baacha Khan. With peace, non-violence and pluralism as his guiding principles, he spent his entire life in the unrelenting struggle for freedom and against all kinds of injustice, oppression and exploitation. He and his Khudai Khidmatgars supplied the vanguard of the demanding fight for the liberation of South Asia against the great imperial and colonial power of the day, and rendered, in that path, sacrifices which were matchless and which have remained a beacon for those who seek justice and rights. He aimed and strove not only to liberate the masses of South Asia, particularly his own people, the Pakhtuns, from the shackles of foreign domination, oppression and exploitation, but also to rid his own people of the curse of poverty, ignorance, harmful customs and biases, internal disharmony and political inertia. He wanted both political and social justice for all peoples and nations and wished that all peoples and nations should live in freedom, with internal peace and justice, and with mutual accommodation and cooperation on International level. In Baacha Khan's scheme of things politics and public service were two sides of the same coin.

In keeping with this spirit, the ANP, like its predecessors, the NAP (National Awami Party) and the NDP (National Democratic Party), considers politics and public service essentially as two complementary and indispensable branches of the same activity. Hence, the party is dedicated to the promotion of democracy and freedom, Provincial autonomy, the eradication of poverty and ignorance, the protection of fundamental human rights and liberties, and the fulfilment of genuine and legitimate aspirations of all groups and strata of the society-particularly the weak, the disadvantaged and the dispossessed.

Overall Goals and Guiding Principles:

1. ANP stands firmly against extremism and violence in all its forms and manifestations. It believes that dialogue is the best way to resolve bilateral and multilateral issues.
2. ANP is committed to strengthening the democratic and political process, rule of law and access to justice. It will strive for the establishment of a peaceful, prosperous, progressive and secular society.
3. ANP is committed to equal rights and opportunities for all citizens, nationalities, groups irrespective of gender, religion, race, class and creed. All discriminatory laws shall be repealed. The essence of security will be guaranteed among women, elderly and people with disabilities, transgender, religious and ethnic minorities.
4. ANP will ensure protection of rights, development and welfare of people with disabilities. ANP shall strive for their meaningful participation in decision making at all levels. It will make serious efforts to improve safety and accessibility in public and work places and will ensure implementation of existing quotas in letter and spirit.
5. ANP opposes parochial interpretation of religion, traditions and customs. It is against xenophobia, religious extremism and terrorism that are pushing the country into isolation and a closed society. ANP upholds Baacha Khan's discourse of human dignity, pluralism and indigenous wisdom and identity.
6. ANP believes that every citizen shall have the right to hold any public office including the offices of the President and Prime Minister. ANP believes that every citizen of Pakistan shall have equal rights and opportunities in the political, economic and social sense.
7. ANP is committed to Provincial Autonomy with the centre retaining control of defence, foreign affairs, currency, communications and such other subjects which the federating units agree to in the Council of Common Interest (CII). It will ensure full

- implementation of the 18th Constitutional Amendment, particularly with regards to oil, gas, water and power, energy, health and education.
8. ANP will continue to build on policies of devolution of powers to the Provinces and the Districts. ANP will establish Provincial Higher Education Commissions and Provincial Finance Commissions.
 9. ANP is committed to securing full political, social and economic rights for all the federating units of Pakistan as equal partners in the federation and their full share in the country's progress and prosperity.
 10. ANP is committed to the protection of the rights and identities of the peoples of the four Provinces, Serais, Gilgit Baltistan, ensuring unrestricted freedom for the development of their cultures and languages.
 11. ANP will continue its struggle to unite the Pakhtun within Pakistan by removing the colonial divisions through constitutional amendments. ANP's decades of struggle and sacrifices for the merger of FATA with Pakhtunkhwa have been realised through the 31st Constitutional Amendment. The Party will continue its struggle to bring the newly merged districts at par with the rest of the Province and will leave no stone unturned to unite the Pakhtun in Balochistan (Southern Pakhtunkhwa) with Pakhtunkhwa.
 12. ANP will make sure that every penny of the development funds meant for the new districts merged with Pakhtunkhwa is spent there. We shall strive to divert even additional funds to bring the area at par with the rest of the province in terms of socio economic development. We intend to follow the example of the former West Germany that diverted more funds to the former East Germany from its own share in the interest of even development, social cohesion and integration.
 13. It shall support efforts of the federating units which wish to reorganize on the basis of historic, cultural, linguistic and geographical similarities in accordance with the Constitution.
 14. ANP believes in fair and just distribution of water resources particularly of the Indus river system. It will continue to strongly oppose usurpation of water rights of the Provinces especially the lower riparian. ANP will work on a comprehensive policy for water conservation, storage and desalination.
 15. ANP considers local government an important tier of the democratic process and improving access and quality of services at the door steps. It will review, amend and strengthen the Local government system and ensure increased participation of women, peasants/labour and religious minorities in the system.
 16. ANP believes in freedom of association and expression. It is committed to freedom of and right to information in letter and spirit.
 17. ANP shall strive for the abolishment of parallel legal and quasi-legal systems so as to ensure a uniform, integrated judicial system in the country.
 18. ANP believes in good governance, transparency and across the board accountability. ANP will strive to eliminate bribery and corruption at all levels including in civil, military bureaucracies and judiciary. It will establish an autonomous commission for accountability with a Constitutional cover.
 19. ANP is committed to significantly increasing tax to GDP ratio through economic policy reforms. ANP will widen direct tax base to reduce heavy dependence on regressive indirect taxes. It will rationalize State and Government's expenditures to levels which do not jeopardize economic and social welfare and development of the people of Pakistan.
 20. ANP opposes any interference in politics by civil and military bureaucracy. ANP upholds the basic principle that all institutions shall work within their Constitutional

limits.

In the pursuit of these goals and principles, the ANP is ready to work together with like-minded forces in Pakistan and subscribes to partnerships with all peace-loving countries of the world, especially neighbouring countries.

I. Internal Affairs

1. Peace and Security

The State exists as a social contract between the rulers and the citizens where the rulers undertake to offer peace and security to the citizens in return for their acceptance of the sovereignty of the State. Pakistan, in general and Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan, in particular are passing through a critical stage of history as terrorism and extremism have destroyed lives and livelihoods and pose an existential threat to their very existence. It is worth mentioning that the situation of militancy has not sprung from out of nowhere but rather it is the outcome of the flawed policies and governance, particularly since the country joined the 1980s proxy war (fasad) in Afghanistan. The ANP's leadership had warned of the dire repercussions of the fasad for the country and the region at the time. ANP's position on terrorism and extremism (fasad) has been vindicated.

The ANP considers extremism and terrorism a threat to the very existence of the country. It has sacrificed more than 1000 party members in the struggle for peace and security in the past decade. The Party is committed to establishing peace in the country and will not let the sacrifices of the people of Pakistan, security agencies and especially Pashtuns and ANP's members go in vain. ANP also believes that no security measures will succeed without giving highest priority to fundamental rights and human security. Objectives of establishing peace and security can be achieved if the State promotes a culture rooted in constitutionalism, human rights, democracy and rule of law.

- I. ANP opposes all forms of violations of the country's sovereignty and integrity.
- II. ANP is committed to evolve a national consensus to transform the State into a secular and democratically developing welfare State.
- III. ANP believes security and foreign policies are the primary responsibility of the public representatives. A process for review of the security and foreign policies would be initiated both within the Parliament and outside to enable the transformation of the State.
- IV. ANP believes in a holistic security approach and mechanism based on professional and well coordinated intelligence organized on modern lines as a key to addressing the root causes of extremism, sectarianism and terrorism. ANP will review and reform the security policies and strategies to bring it in line with modern security requirements. To ensure long term effectiveness of the security measures, ANP will give highest priority to human rights and security as an important component of the holistic security approach.
- V. ANP will continue to strive for effective implementation and Parliamentary oversight of National Action Plan (NAP). It will build the capacity of National Counter Terrorism Authority (NACTA) as an important institution for NAP implementation.
- VI. ANP will evolve a standard policy for compensation, including a comprehensive public insurance policy, for victims of sectarianism, terrorism and violence. The policy will give special attention to the newly merged districts of Pakhtunkhwa (formerly FATA) where the people have been hardest hit by terrorism and extremism.
- VII. ANP will establish a Martyrs Cell in the Provinces to ensure well being of the families of the Martyrs of terrorism and extremism.

- VIII. ANP will reduce security check posts and replace them with enhanced intelligence, state of the art surveillance with a back up from quick response force. All check posts will be under charge of civilian Police force. Check posts will be closely monitored to ensure there is no violation of citizen's rights and dignity under the law, rules and procedures.
- IX. ANP will give top priority to the removal of landmines from the terror affected areas. It will initiate awareness and training programme about protection from landmines for local population. A special rehabilitation package will be given to families affected by landmines.

2. Judicial and Police Reforms:

Pakistan's civilian security is faced with numerous challenges due to lack of political will and commitment to rule of law, weak criminal justice system, promotion of extremism of armed state actors, poor working conditions of employees of the criminal administrative system, poor service delivery, callous attitude to redress grievances, non-registration of FIR, poor quality of investigation and prosecution and poor anti riot personnel to maintain public order.

Justice delayed is Justice denied: Pakistan civil and criminal justice system is characterised by inordinate delays where both police and courts exhibit callous indifference to the needs of citizens. ANP proposes to remodel the whole structure of present civil and criminal justice system in accordance with the democratic aspirations of the people. As an important step, the Party intends to implement necessary reforms so that people have greater confidence in the justice system.

I. Judicial Reforms

- a. ANP believes the Supreme Court is the highest appellate court and should not be bogged down with taking up Constitutional cases. Instead, ANP will support the establishment of a separate Constitutional court.
- b. ANP will strive to strengthen and reform the judicial system, especially focussing on building physical and intellectual infrastructural capacity of lower judiciary to adjudicate cases in a fair, just and transparent manner at a low cost. ANP will setup judicial complexes at the District levels.
- c. ANP will strengthen legal and judicial systems and procedures for prosecution of terrorism related offenses by providing effective security to judges, prosecutors and witnesses.
- d. ANP will work towards reforming and abridging the Criminal and Civil Procedures to enable speedy justice at the door step, without compromising on due process of the law and fair trial.
- e. ANP will ensure access to justice to people living in remote areas by initiating mobile courts.

II. Police Reforms

- a. ANP will take measures for strict adherence to Rule of Law by ensuring all actions in accordance with law without fear, interference or influence.
- b. ANP will ensure independence of Police and make it subject to law and democratic control.
- c. ANP will ensure quality standards, functional specialization and provision of modern technology in all spheres of policing.
- d. ANP will invest in professional and international standards of police training academies in the Centre and the Provinces.
- e. ANP will raise investigation capacity by investing in improved technical skills

and setting up of forensic science laboratories operated by highly educated and trained staff.

- f. ANP will take measures to improve coordination between Police and Judiciary to end unnecessary delays in investigation, trials and appeals.
- g. ANP believes Civil Armed Forces have a central role in Counter Terrorism and should be well equipped for effective performance of responsibilities. Whereas Counter Insurgency is the primary responsibility of the Armed Forces.
- h. ANP will invest in improving civilian intelligence and security coordination amongst agencies in the Centre and Federating Units.
- i. The Provincial and Central Police quota shall be brought according to the space given by the constitution of Pakistan and all the promotion in police department shall be carried out by the Provincial government.
- j. Police stations standards and capacity will be raised. Administrative and Financial Authority will be decentralised to the Range, District and Police Station levels.
- k. ANP will upgrade Police salary and benefits, residential facilities and transportation for all cadres.

III. Prosecution:

- a. ANP will ensure independent Prosecution subject to the law. It will have its own hierarchy of service structure ensuring smooth promotions.
- b. ANP will upgrade Prosecution to an Administrative Department.
- c. Will establish training academies for prosecutors to improve their technical abilities and civic responsibilities.

IV. Correction Services and Management:

- a. ANP will reform the concept of Prison Management to Correction Services and Management.
- b. Administrative and Financial autonomy will be granted to the inspectorate of Prison on the pattern of the Inspector General of Police.
- c. Functional specialisation will be ensured and the Inspector General will be appointed from the hierarchy of Correction Services and Management Correctional Centres will provide educational, sports, library, recreational and medical facilities.
- d. The Correctional Services through special modules and physical courses will be imparted to the prison staff to build their skills. A training institute for this purpose will be established in the Provinces with qualified trainers.
- e. Strict segregation of under trial convicts, women and juvenile prisoners will be pursued.
- f. ANP will invest in building new Correction Centres and in establishing high security prisons for under trial terrorists.
- g. Under trial prisoners will be kept in Correction Centres located close to the courts. Upon conviction the Prisoners will be moved to the designated centres.
- h. ANP will ensure transparency and merit in all recruitments, postings and transfers.

3. Human Rights

I. Women's Rights and Empowerment

Pakistan's women are trapped in a web of dependency and subordination due to their low social, economic and political status. The majority of women suffer from all forms discrimination and violence. There are inherent structural impediments that prevent and

discourage women from participating in the decision-making process and this perpetuates their disadvantaged status. Although Pakistan has made commitments at the National and International levels to ensure women's rights, there is a wide gap between commitments and implementation.

The ANP is committed to gender rights and equality. In light of its vision, constitution and policies, the Party will work towards ensuring women's equal rights and empowerment through the following:

- a. Will continue efforts to increase Women's Participation in decision-making at all levels to a minimum of 33% representation in Political Parties, Parliament, Provincial Assemblies, local government, public services, superior judiciary, public commissions and boards etc.
- b. Will evolve consensus on direct elections for women to all elected positions including on reserved seats/quota, as the Party believes that there is no substitute for direct elections.
- c. Will provide women's meaningful and requisite technical and financial support to enable them to participate effectively in all spheres of life.
- d. ANP pledges equal access and opportunities to employment for women and will take effective policy and administrative steps to ensure implementation of the existing quota for women's employment.
- e. Will ensure effective implementation of legislations enacted for women's rights and empowerment. Will continue efforts for the promulgation domestic violence law, child marriages and trafficking in women and children.
- f. Will evolve consensus to repeal all discriminatory laws and policies that infringe on the equal rights of women and their participation in decision making within the state, family, community and society.
- g. Will comply with existing international conventions/instruments ratified by Pakistan addressing violence against women and ratify the Optional Protocol of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and other relevant instruments relating to trafficking of women and children and violence against women.
- h. Will ensure that no Laws, Regulations, Policy and Code of conduct prescribed and adopted by the State exclude and/or discriminate against women.
- i. Review and revise identification policies to ensure that citizens are identified by parentage and not spouse so that their national identity cards do not change with a change in marital status. Remove the need for a male guardian for adult women when applying for National Identity Cards.
- j. Will create awareness about the importance of gender equality through education and media.
- k. ANP is committed to taking concrete steps to combat Gender Based Violence (GBV), concomitant reforms and adjustment in rules and regulations within the government system for horizontal linkages and coordination mechanisms among concerned departments. ANP will expand and improve the quality standards and security of welfare institutions for survivors of GBV in the face of rising incidents and current inadequate systems.
- l. Will strengthen the relevant Ministries and Departments for Women Development in the Provinces. Build capacities in terms of professional, technical and financial requirements to effectively implement their challenging agenda for women rights and empowerment.
- m. ANP's Pakhtunkhwa Government spearheaded the establishment of a Provincial Commission on the Status of Women (PCSW). Other Provinces have followed its

example. ANP will make the existing National Commission on the Status of Women (NCSW) and Provincial Commissions on the Status of Women (PCSW) autonomous (financially and administratively) for raising and following up on women's issues.

- n. Will prohibit deals between local elders and political parties that bar women from exercising their right to vote and/or contest elections. ANP will revoke membership of any Party member found to be involved in deals preventing women from their right to vote.
- o. Ensure administrative reforms within civil, judicial and police, for effective implementation of existing laws for women's right to inheritance, elimination of customary discriminatory practices of child marriages, swara, ghag, vani, etc.
- p. Encourage recruitment of women in the judicial system at the level of Readers and Moharirs along with the needed recruitment as judges in the higher courts.
- q. ANP will ensure payment of minimum wages in informal and formal sectors of economy and ensure right to unionization especially in the informal sector.
- r. Ensure women's participation and integration in newer positions and fields to shun the restriction of stereotypical professions. Women will be provided equal opportunities for education and employment in the fields of their choice and qualification.
- s. ANP will start improved mass transportation system with dedicated spaces and safe and secure environment for women and people with disabilities in all Districts.
- t. ANP will evolve a policy for day care centres in all Government offices, Industrial units, Universities and Corporations will be made mandatory. ANP will give policy guidelines for women friendly work environment.
- u. ANP will ensure all public and private offices, markets and shopping malls have separate functional and clean toilets for women with provision for women with disabilities.
- v. ANP will provide incentives for women run businesses through the women's chambers.
- w. ANP will introduce a policy for mandatory maternity and paternity leave in public and private sectors.
- x. ANP will introduce curriculum from early years of education at schools which will include lessons about gender equality, women and girls' rights.
- y. ANP will make extra efforts towards empowerment of women in the newly merged and least developed and terrorism affected districts in the true sense. It will create a special job quota of at least 25 % in different job departments.
- z. ANP does not support any customs, traditions, law or act that discriminates against women and violate their rights.
- aa. ANP does not support extra judicial forums operating in violation of the Constitution and the law, like the traditional Jarga and Panchyat systems that act as judge, jury and executioner.
- bb. ANP aims to create special funds for the widows of martyrs of terrorism for their financial security and wellbeing.
- cc. Acknowledge the role of civil society as contributory and useful partners in promotion of women advancement in all walks of life including legislation for women, political education and participation and poverty reduction projects.

II. Child Rights

- a. Children under-18 years constitute around 50% of Pakistan's population. The

18th Constitutional Amendment as introduced in April 2010, inserted article 25-A in the Constitution promising free and compulsory education to all children of the age of five to 16 years in such manner as may be determined by law.

- b. Education after the Eighteenth Amendment is a fundamental right of each and every child in Pakistan. It is binding on the State to protect and promote this right. ANP will ensure full implementation and adherence to article 25-A.
- c. ANP will review, legislate and implement child labour laws to ensure that child labour under the age of 16 years is prohibited in all formal and informal sectors including domestic sector.
- d. ANP is committed to implementation of the Juvenile Justice System and will establish exclusive juvenile courts and juvenile correction centres focusing on education and rehabilitation facilities for the children.
- e. ANP will make efforts to prohibit all forms of violence against children such as corporal punishment, sexual abuse, rape, kidnapping and ensuring punishment as per law.
- f. ANP will strengthen the National Human Rights Commission with Provincial & District Chapters in collaboration with the Provincial Governments to monitor the status of child rights in the country.

III. Religious Minorities Rights

- a. The misuse of religion in politics has strengthened and reinforced violent conflicts over the others version of religion. ANP will continue its struggle for a secular democratic & pluralistic Pakistan with equal rights and opportunities for all citizens.
- b. ANP will continue efforts to repeal amendments made to the 1973 Constitution mainly by dictators relegating religious minorities to a secondary citizen status.
- c. ANP will make efforts to review and remove all discriminations against religious minorities in the Constitution and the law and will ensure affirmative action to integrate religious minorities as equal citizens.
- d. ANP will ensure effective legal and administrative measures to counter incitement to violence against citizens of other ethnicity, faith and religions.
- e. ANP will bring legislation and ensure its effective implementation to prohibit forced conversions.
- f. The Party will continue its effort to evolve consensus on direct elections on reserved seats for non-Muslims and increase their representation in public sector decision making. ANP will increase seats for religious minorities in the local government, national and provincial assemblies with a minimum of 33 percent of the seats allocated for non-Muslim women.
- g. ANP will allocate a minimum 5% general seats tickets to religious minority members.
- h. ANP will ensure security, restoration and facilitation of temples, churches, gurdwaras or any other place of worship of religious minorities.
- i. ANP will increase job quota for religious minorities and ensure its implementation.
- j. ANP will declare official holidays on all main religious festivals celebrated by religious minorities.
- k. ANP will remove hate material against religious minorities from the textbooks.
- l. ANP will amend blasphemy law to avoid its misuse.

4, Provincial Autonomy:

Strengthening and Implementation of the 18th Constitutional Amendment

ANP has struggled for decades for devolution of powers from the Federal level to the Provinces and their rights over their own resources. The 18th Constitutional Amendment is a significant step towards devolution of powers to the Provinces. ANP will take effective measures for its effective implementation. It will vehemently oppose and resist any attempts to roll it back or the Federal encroachment in subjects devolved to the Provinces such as health and education etc. ANP will continue its efforts to strengthen implementation and build on the revolutionary 18th Constitutional Amendment in consultation with other political parties.

I. Education

The education system of Pakistan suffers from the malaise of both access and quality. Post 18th amendment, the State is obligated to provide free and compulsory education to children from age five to sixteen years. ANP believes that education is instrumental in dealing with the threats of terrorism, extremism and bigotry. While primary and secondary education serve as initial building blocks; higher and university education enable a country to produce skills both in the field of social and natural sciences. The growing concern among researchers and practitioners that future universities may produce students with an intolerant and extremist mindset need an urgent policy attention. Besides improving access and quality of primary, secondary and tertiary education; ANP will specifically focus on education sector at all levels to evolve a progressive, pluralistic, law-abiding and tolerant society. ANP will also focus on technical skills development and career counselling from higher secondary levels. It will initiate programmes and funds to create employment opportunities for the educated youth.

- a. ANP will declare an education emergency at the Federal and the Provincial levels. ANP will increase funds allocation for education to 6% of the GDP.
- b. ANP will raise literacy levels especially for women by 25 percent
- c. **Education in Mother Tongue:** ANP will bring in a policy where primary education will be imparted in mother tongue as research shows the positive effects of teaching in mother tongue on the overall conceptual abilities of children in learning lessons. English and Urdu will be taught as languages. Other languages like Chinese will also be introduced at the higher secondary school level.
- d. After 18th Amendment the education sector is a provincial subject. ANP will establish Provincial Higher Education Commission which will work as an autonomous body with constitutional cover. Higher Education shall be the subject of Provincial Higher Education Commission (PHEC).
- e. **“One District One University”** slogan will be followed and ANP shall ensure that in the first year of its government it will build universities in the newly merged districts in Pakhtunkhwa and districts that are without Universities. Universities and Colleges will be made autonomous bodies with qualified Board of Governors.
- f. Universities will be declared centres of excellence in research offering MS, PhD and other research projects with academic linkages with local and international institutions.
- g. ANP will start special students exchange programmes with Universities within the Province, Country and Internationally.
- h. In Pakhtunkhwa the eight Districts i-e Bunair, Shangla, Kohistan, Torghar, Chitral, Upper Dir, Karak and newly merged districts, shall be declared as district below par and special funds shall be allocated to these districts to bring them at par with other districts and the rest of the country.
- i. Merit based research fellowships will be awarded to MS and PhD students in public universities. Hostel facilities will be made available for students and teachers especially to women on or close to the Universities campuses.

- j. Will introduce a single system of education which meets International standards of quality education. ANP believes multiple systems of education protect and perpetuate class and feudal interests. Uniform curriculum shall be introduced for all public/private schools across the board. To increase school enrolments and minimise dropout rate especially of girls, ANP will build on the special incentivised programmes started by its Pakhtunkhwa Provincial Government in districts with low literacy levels.
- k. ANP will devolve the administrative and fiscal responsibility of Primary schools to Local Governments. Will de-bureaucratize and decentralize educational governance and work towards eliminating political interference and corruption in the education sector.
- l. Access to schools especially for girls shall be made possible by all means. Each Union Council will have minimum three (03) Primary Schools for Boys and the same number for Girls.
- m. **Student-Teacher Ratio:** ANP will introduce a One Teacher, One Class Policy at Primary School level. Each class at the primary level will have one teacher for a maximum number of 30 children. Parents Teachers Association shall be given more financial and administration autonomy.
- n. ANP will give preference to recruiting qualified women teachers at the Primary School level.
- o. **Education Task Force to Review Curriculum:** ANP will establish an Education Task Force to review and reform the existing curriculum to remove hate literature, discrimination, racism, stereotyping and unwarranted glorification of violence and wars. ANP will in still peace, gender equality, civic education, religious tolerance, empathy with the poor through the revised curriculum.
- p. Lessons on civil rights and responsibilities, cultural sensitivities, peace-building, environmental protection, abiding by rule of law will be incorporated in the curriculum at all levels of education. ANP will also incorporate lessons on local history, indigenous culture and will include local heroes in the fields of political, social, and culture. ANP will introduce specialised optional subjects, for example “Rohology”, Ethics & Comparative Religions at Higher Education level. New posts for teaching “Rohology” & other selected specialised subjects will be created. ANP will ensure elimination of gender disparities in education and will ensure equal access to all levels of education for the vulnerable, under-privileged, including persons with disabilities.
- q. **Education Monitoring Mechanism:** Building on its Government’s initiatives, ANP will put in place a strong monitoring mechanism for teacher and staff attendance in primary and secondary schools.
- r. ANP will ensure induction of qualified language, science and math teacher in primary and secondary schools to fill the gap.
- s. ANP will ensure provision of basic facilities to government schools such as boundary walls, toilets, additional classrooms, drinking water, electricity, furniture and stationary. Special effort will be made to provide schools with libraries, playgrounds, computer and science laboratories. For this purpose, the existing Parent-Teacher Associations (PTAs) will be strengthened at all government schools and a collaboration of PTAs with local governments will be established.
- t. **Teacher Trainings:** ANP will devise specialized trainings for school teachers to enhance their abilities to bring positive changes in children’s attitudes coupled with imparting quality education. Promotions of teachers will be linked with successful completion of trainings.
- u. **Merit based Recruitment:** ANP will ensure that all teachers and staff are recruited on merit. ANP will end political interference in recruitment, posting and transfer for

- teaching and support staff.
- v. ANP will build the **Elementary Education Fund** to initiate Teachers welfare, health, housing and old age benefits programmes.
 - w. ANP will review and reform teachers services structure and rules. ANP will make special effort to remove ad-hocism from school employment and services structures.
 - x. **Regulation of Private Schools:** While Pakhtunkhwa government has approved the Pakhtunkhwa Private School Regulatory Act but it has failed to implement the same. ANP will ensure strict implementation of the regulator authority and will ensure quality education in the private schools with a rationalized fee structure. ANP will ensure that teachers in private schools get a minimum salary in accordance with the Provincial Government's policies.
 - y. Special focus on areas where Literacy Rate is low: ANP's government will commission special studies to identify regions/district where overall literacy rates and female literacy rates are low than the average literacy rates. Special programs for these regions/districts will be devised so that these areas may be brought at par with relatively good performing districts.
 - z. **Controlling Drop-Out Rates:** Research shows that there is a worrying trend of children drop out from schools at 5th, 8th and 10th class. The main reason is the unavailability of schools in the neighbourhood. ANP will make efforts to provide schools within a 2-kilometre radius to every child to fulfil its constitutional obligation. In areas where it is not possible, school transport facilities will be provided to students.
 - aa. ANP will focus on rehabilitation of the destroyed structures of schools due to natural and manmade disasters across the country.
 - bb. Will build on the existing concept of elected Parent Teacher Associations (PTA) with financial freedom for infrastructure development and academic audit to ensure participation of parents in achievement of academic excellence in the Provinces.
 - cc. ANP will initiate students psycho-social, educational and career counselling from the higher secondary school level.
 - dd. Merit and need based scholarships will be available for public school's students especially for girl's students.
 - ee. ANP will support revival of student unions in Colleges and Universities.
 - ff. Vocational centres providing market-based skills will be established and strengthened with certified staff in all sectors of local labour industry to provide suitable options for students who are unable to acquire a professional degree.
 - gg. Will de-monopolize textbooks publication.
 - hh. Steps will be taken for revival of the tradition of co-curriculum activities in schools and colleges.
 - ii. Subject Specialist positions for "Mother languages" i.e. Pashto, Hindko, Khowar, Saraiki and Kohistani will be created.

II. Health

ANP will ensure improved access to and quality of health services for all citizens. In this respect various options including health insurance schemes, public private partnership, regulation and/or support to the private health sector shall be considered.

- a. ANP will allocate at least 6 percent of the GDP to health.
- b. ANP will work towards decentralization of health services to bring them closer to the door step with special emphasis on improvement of rural primary health services.
- c. ANP will introduce family medical registration and record keeping system at each BHU and RHC levels. It will also introduce referral system of medical cases to the

- secondary and tertiary care levels with transportation facility on no loss no profit basis.
- d. ANP will introduce state of the art fully equipped and functional professional emergency services at the district level.
 - e. ANP will introduce a network of specialised hospitals at District level.
 - f. ANP will establish fully functional burn and trauma hospitals at each divisional level.
 - g. ANP's emphasis will be on mother and child healthcare, provision of clean drinking water and preventive healthcare.
 - h. ANP will give emphasis on primary health care (PHC) and will provide firm and good foundation for the establishment of secondary and tertiary care.
 - i. ANP will initiate Baacha Khan healthcare packages and incentives for women, workers and senior citizens.
 - j. ANP will ensure mandatory safety and health benefits in informal and formal sectors.
 - k. ANP will ensure full participation of the community in primary health care and will provide incentives for health staff especially those working in remote areas.
 - l. ANP will focus on upgrading and better equipping BHU, RHC to provide good foundation for the health delivery system. Effective immunisation and Hepatitis control will be initiated with the help of the community.
 - m. Mortality and morbidity rates from common infectious diseases will be reduced to minimum by providing preventive and curative basic measures at the primary health care levels.
 - n. It will ensure continuous health education for all the health care staff i.e. Doctors, Nurses, Paramedics and health technicians. ANP will setup district level institutions for Nurses, male & female, paramedics and health technicians training linked to District Hospitals.
 - o. ANP will ensure coordination between public health sectors i.e. Health Department, Public Health Engineering, and industrial and environmental departments.
 - p. It will ensure liaison between medical institutions, health departments, and private health sectors to ensure a balance between demand and supply of all health staff and health facilities.
 - q. ANP will ensure quality control and stringent regulation of private medical services and institutions.
 - r. ANP will take special measures to regulate quality of medicines and supplies. It will improve registration and regulation of private medical schools and hospitals, herbal medicines preparations, centres and practitioners.
 - s. ANP will initiate special preventative healthcare awareness programmes through mass media.
 - t. ANP will establish drugs rehabilitation and awareness centres at District levels.

III. Population Planning and Well-being

ANP stands committed to ensuring well being of all citizens and to addressing on a priority basis the rapidly increasing population and its adverse effects on quality of life. The ANP led Pakhtunkhwa government passed comprehensive women and child protection legislation. ANP is committed to the following:

- a. Will ensure a holistic, cross sectoral and integrated approach to population planning and well-being, linking programmes and initiatives with health, education,

- nutrition, environment, skills development and poverty eradication etc.
- b. Will ensure that public and private programmes are focussed on mother and child's health and well-being as of highest priority.
- c. Will work towards stabilizing and reducing population growth to less than 1 percent by 2025.
- d. Will double the per capita expenditure on public sector spending on population planning and well-being.
- e. Will improve quality and access of services especially ensuring better rural outreach for access to high quality birth spacing services.
- f. Will institutionalize training of community women health workers and birth attendants and link their services with the Basic Health Units and Mother and Child Healthcare Centres.
- g. Will ensure community support in implementation and monitoring of programmes.
- h. Will institutionalize a credible mechanism for research and monitoring at the Provincial levels.
- i. Will launch communication campaign addressing men, women, families and community to promote mother and child health and well being.
- j. Will extend social security and retirement benefits to support parents in old age.
- k. Will invest in skills development, recreational and employment opportunities for the youth population.

IV. Youth Development & Employment

- a. ANP will develop a holistic youth policy with special emphasis on providing opportunities to youth for creative learning, art and culture, recreation and sports, employment, skills and vocational capacity development.
- b. In order to ensure enabling environment for propagation of science, technology and employment issues of young researchers; academia will be connected with industry. Connecting science research departments across each Province with relevant industries will not only make research work more fruitful but also increase chances of new employment opportunities for young science researchers and also prospects and progress of science and technology.
- c. Special attention will be paid to addressing challenges faced by the educated unemployed. Facilities like internship, placement bureaus and advisory organizations will be provided to help them find jobs.
- d. Comprehensive projects for self-employment would also be given a priority. ANP will invest in improving the quality standards of existing vocational training centres at the District level. New centres will be started in Districts which do not have the centres or where there is demand for additional centres.
- e. ANP will develop a cadre of youth volunteers in each district trained in disaster mitigation and management. The youth volunteers will be connected with the Local Government.
- f. ANP will start a network of youth skills and vocational development, psycho social and career guidance centres at the District level.
- g. ANP will enrol skilled students in the Baacha Khan self employment schemes on merit basis and will assist them financially to initiate businesses.

V. Labour Rights and Development

ANP is committed to the protection of rights of workers employed in the formal and informal sectors and will ensure their rights to a safe working environment, employment and old age benefits.

- a. ANP believes trade unions are critical in protecting labour rights, safety standards

and in ensuring better living standards and opportunities for workers. ANP will continue to support trade unions and will review and amend any laws that restrict formation or working of trade unions.

- b. ANP will ensure workers access to improved health care, education, skills development and holidays.
- c. ANP will revise and facilitate implementation of labour laws to ensure safe and secure working environment in both formal and informal sectors.
- d. ANP will regularly review and set minimum wage and workers benefits comparable to cost of living and inflation rates. Will increase the current minimum wage to Rs. 25,000.

VI. Agriculture, Livestock and Poultry development

Agriculture is the lifeline of Pakistan's economy accounting for 19.5 % of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP), employing 42.3 % of the labour force and providing raw material for several value-added sectors. ANP will thus give top priority to development of Pakistan's agriculture sector by doubling its development budget so that it plays its central role in country's development, food security and poverty reduction. ANP's agriculture policy will consist of the following main points;

- a. **Improve Irrigation System and Water Availability:** ANP will devise a highly efficient irrigation management system which will not only enhance the existing water availability but will also manage the demand for water. Water conservation and storage will be given top priority.
- b. Domestic and foreign investments will be sought to initiate projects like Chashma Right Bank Canal (CRBC) to bring barren areas under-cultivation to increase crop production. Such as small and large irrigation projects will be initiated across Pakistan with special focus on underdeveloped regions of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Balochistan, Southern Punjab and Sindh. Improvement of the existing canal networks will be also extensively reviewed and revamped.
- c. Establish 500 KVA transmission line from Chasma Barrage to Dera Ismail Khan and Zhob for rehabilitation of Balochistan's agricultural production.
- d. Ensure due share of water for all Provinces: ANP will ensure that all provinces get their due share of water as agreed among provinces in the apportionment of the waters of the Indus River System in 1991. ANP will ensure the newly merged district of Pakhtunkwa are included in the water distribution shares.
- e. ANP will extend agriculture credit to small farmers to alleviate financial pressures of farmers in the least developed districts and the newly merged districts of Pakhtunkhwa. Increased credit to farmers in Pakistan will be ensured through interventions from State Bank of Pakistan via commercial banks.
- f. **Farm-to-Market Roads & Cold Storages:** ANP will initiate rural road projects across all districts in order to improve farm to market access for timely transportation of agriculture produce to markets. Besides farm-to-market roads, ANP will build cold storages at Tehsil Levels to facilitate fruits and vegetables availability throughout the year with controlled prices. Similarly, for the newly merged districts of Pakhtunkha and least developed districts ANP will use relevant forums to ensure that Federal and Provincial governments pay attention to the infrastructure needs of the agriculture sector.
- g. **Support Prices for Agriculture Produce:** ANP will announce support prices for all major crops including wheat, rice, cotton, sugarcane and tobacco to facilitate the small growers of a minimum guaranteed income.
- h. **Subsidized Fertilizers and Seeds.** ANP will subsidize the fertilizers for the benefits

- of small farmers to maintain prices at a level where small farmers can utilize to enhance their crop productions.
- i. ANP will also establish scientific research centres for seed improvement, which will cope with changing weather patterns to increase the productivity. Research collaboration of these institutes will be established with agriculture universities across the provinces to increase efficiency.
 - j. ANP will establish provincial fertilizer corporations on the pattern of national fertilizer corporations.
 - k. **Improved Agriculture Extension Services:** ANP will take practical steps to improve agriculture extension services by increasing the number of trained agricultural extension workers.
 - l. **Promotion of Modern Farming Techniques:** Special development projects will be initiated to introduce modern farming techniques so that per acre yield improves.
 - m. ANP will also devise projects to remove water logging and salinity problems. Strengthen the existing and initiate new agro-based industries will be started.
 - n. Special incentives would be devised to encourage the adoption of more water efficient farming technologies such as vertical farming. ANP will establish more Nursery farms on the pattern of Tarnab Farms at district level. Also, ANP will invest in raising the standards of Tarnab Farm, Peshawar.
 - o. **Will increase Rural Livelihood Opportunities through Investments in Projects for Livestock, Poultry and Dairy Products.** ANP will devise special programs to invest in areas of livestock, poultry and dairy products to ensure rural livelihood opportunities. This will not only improve the production in these sectors but will help in stopping the rural to urban migration.
 - p. **Will construct small & medium water reservoirs and dams, small and large canals.** ANP will invest in crop research, forestry, markets for agriculture products.
 - q. Livestock is a major contributor in this sector. ANP will give special attention to this sector because of its large-scale impact on poverty reduction, nutrition and economic growth.
 - r. **Will prohibit and strictly regulate the use of harmful pesticides, steroids and adulteration.**
 - s. ANP will initiate technical, marketing and financial support to encourage dairy farming entrepreneurship at District level.
- VII. Energy, Oil, Natural Gas and Mineral Resources:**
- a. ANP will continue its efforts to uncap Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's royalty from the net profits from hydel generation.
 - b. Devolve generation and supply of electricity to Provinces with WAPDA only playing the role of a coordination body. Headquarter of WAPDA will be shifted from Lahore to Islamabad.
 - c. In the transition period until the devolution of power generation and supply, consumer rates shall be fixed in accordance with the cost of production at the source for the Province where the power is generated instead of the standard aggregated rates.
 - d. ANP will invest in the improvement and up gradation of power infrastructure especially transmission lines.
 - e. Implementation of article 172 (3) for providing Provinces with proper representation in control and management of oil, natural gas and mineral resources. In view of new oil and gas discoveries, new royalty rates will be negotiated to

generate more resources for the development of the Provinces in accordance with the 18th amendment of the Constitution.

- f. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Gas and Oil Company initiated by the ANP led Pakhtunkhwa government shall be taken to its logical conclusion and similar initiatives will be considered in other Provinces as well.
- g. Alternate sources of energy including coal, run of the river, solar and wind power shall be explored and developed.
- h. The ravages of terrorism and extremism for several decades have damaged the country resource base and infrastructure, especially in Pakhtunkhwa. ANP will strive for rehabilitation of natural resources and infrastructure as a priority.

VIII. Industrial & technical advancement

- a. ANP will accelerate large scale industrial development. Investment will be promoted especially in industries based on oil and gas, water and power and alternate energy sources.
- b. Large scope exists in the extraction and polishing of marble, gemstones and mineral processing. ANP will encourage investment in these industries.
- c. Special emphasis will be laid on food preservation and processing industry so as to increase the incomes of fruit and vegetable farmers.
- d. Packaging and Marketing of products will be developed and linked with local industries.
- e. ANP will provide special incentives, technical, financial and marketing support to local businesses manufacturing and marketing everyday goods, quality medicines and surgical instruments to counter the monopoly of multinational companies.
- f. ANP will Industrial and Economic policies to be made in consultation with the Chambers of Commerce.
- g. Suitable districts for setting up Industrial zones will be identified and special efforts will be made to revive existing industrial zones.
- h. ANP will take special measures to improve transit trade especially with neighbouring countries.

IX. Art and Culture

- a. Will preserve and promote cultural heritage through a comprehensive culture mapping.
- b. Will expand space for creative cultural expression through encouraging cultural practitioners, art and literary organizations.
- c. Will promote indigenous sports, folklore and indigenous languages through establishment of Arts Councils and Community Cultural Associations.
- d. ANP will setup film and drama studios and theatre facilities at divisional level through public private partnership.
- e. Will introduce Culture Education into government education system.
- f. Will start a housing project and old age benefits including health insurance for artists.
- g. Will encourage and promote fine arts, performing arts and visual media, as part of a wider cultural legacy in a historical as well as contemporary context.
- h. ANP will encourage thoughts and aspirations of artists, intellectuals, poets, writers, artisans, architects and all others related with cultural activities while retaining the integrity of cultural diversity in different parts of the Provinces.

- i. ANP will study the devastation inflicted on indigenous culture by extremism and terrorism and will take effective steps for its rehabilitation and restoration.
- j. Will take necessary steps for protection of sites of spiritual significance and highlight respect and reverence for all belief systems, religions and sects.
- k. Will encourage civil society's cultural initiatives like cultural exchange programmes, exhibitions and growth of public-private partnerships to support arts and culture.
- l. Will discourage copyright piracy; provide material incentives, employment, support and exposure, in view of competitive global trends eroding local art, culture and values.
- m. Will continuously make efforts to develop and strengthen the implementation framework for Culture Policy with a view of the post 18th amendment scenario, including setting up of administrative machinery and funding allocation for annual plans and recurring positions.
- n. ANP will work on creating of special fund for artists' welfare, health, housing and old age benefits on a priority basis.
- o. Will revive Nishtar Hall for theatre & drama. Offer theatre, drama, film making, music, script writing and poetry classes. Will setup institutions like PNCA at divisional level.
- p. Will invest in establishment of internationally recognised standard auditoriums, cineplexes at divisional levels through public private partnership.
- q. Develop policy for long term employment opportunities, retirement/old age benefits for artists & related support staff. ANP will establish residential colonies for artists.
- r. ANP will hold annual performing arts award ceremonies to recognise and encourage artists.
- s. ANP will establish Arts Colleges like the National College of Arts at the Divisional levels.
- t. ANP will continue its efforts to establish TV channels at the Provincial levels through public private partnership.

X. Environment

Environmental degradation may cost Pakistan's economy over Rs 365 billion every year of which inadequate water supply, sanitation and hygiene accounts for Rs 112 billion, agricultural soil degradation Rs 70 billion, indoor pollution Rs 67 billion, urban air pollution Rs 65 billion, lead exposure Rs 45 billion and land degradation and deforestation Rs 6 billion, says the new Economic Survey of Pakistan 2013-2104.

- a. ANP will lay special emphasis on the protection of natural environment and promotion of biodiversity.
- b. ANP will review policy for urban planning and management. The design and alignment of underground and surface drainage would avoid or minimise the impact on existing environmental values. This includes direct impacts such as tree removal and habitat disturbance as well as ecological process issue.
- c. Will ensure improved access to clean air, drinking water, waste management systems, sanitation and open spaces.
- d. ANP will also urgently address the problems of safe disposal of hospital, industrial and other toxic waste.
- e. ANP will focus on improvement of urban waste management system.
- f. ANP will give top priority to clean drinking water supply coverage and access to

improved sanitation facilities. High priority will be given to water management, storage facilities, cleaning of rivers, streams and lakes.

- g. Will increase land area protected for the conservation of wildlife.
- h. Will double the forest cover including state-owned, private forest and farmlands, as percentage of the total land area. Increase forest area through targeted incentivised programmes. Penalties for cutting forests illegally will be raised.
- i. The literature about protection of environment will be included in text books of school, colleges and universities.
- j. ANP will focus on investing in good quality, fuel efficient, comfortable and reliable low cost intra and intercity mass transportation and introduce special measures to reduce use of private vehicles. ANP will also devise a policy for restricting old and ill maintained vehicles causing severe air pollution on the road.
- k. Building water reservoirs to store water for later use, Pakistan wastes billions of gallons of water every year. Internationally tested and tried water management system will be introduced to encourage water conservation and prevent wastage.
- l. Provincial Environmental Protection Agencies & tribunals will be strengthened to effectively monitor and act against environmental violations.
- m. ANP will proactively explore and support alternate energy sources especially solar, air power and run of the river energy.
- n. ANP endorses the Paris 2015 climate agreement and will take necessary steps for its legislation and implementation to contribute significantly to the reduction of risks and the impacts of climate change.

XI. Sports

- a. Sports facilities and activities will be made compulsory in all schools and colleges for both boys and girls. Sports and recreational complexes on the model of Abdul Wali Khan Sports Complex, Charsadda will be set up at district levels with special facilities for women.
- b. Provincial, National and International sports tournaments will be facilitated and their security ensured.
- c. ANP will establish recreational and theme parks at district levels.
- d. ANP will promote traditional and local sports such as Makha, Kabadi, Cheendro, Meergati, etc. Will hold inter and intra districts tournaments to encourage local sports.
- e. ANP will encourage public-private partnership in protecting, restoring and promoting heritage and religious sites.

XII. Tourism Development:

- a. ANP will work on an integrated socially, culturally & environmentally sustainable tourism policy in consultation with key stakeholders & experts.
- b. Will introduce the concept of tourism as a right for all citizens. Will encourage & facilitate public private partnership to promote tourism industry & ensure improved, secure & affordable facilities for inter & intra Provincial & foreign tourists.
- c. ANP will review & support special tourists visa policies to encourage & facilitate foreign tourists. Will also work on a visa on arrival policy for tourists especially those visiting from neighbouring countries.
- d. Will invest in improved tourism infrastructure and facilities in the identified tourists

- destinations.
- e. The list of tourist destinations will be developed & reviewed regularly in consultation with relevant stakeholders & experts.
 - f. ANP will encourage development & promotion of diversity tourism including heritage, art, cultural & religious sites, cycle & trekking, nature walks routes, traditional sports, festivals & cuisines, mountaineering, ski resorts, Jeep rallies etc.
 - g. Establish & facilitate local tourism sector related technical training institutes & placement centres to provide local skilled employment opportunities such as tourist guides training, language courses etc.
 - h. Will maintain long term employment opportunities in the tourism sector with fair working conditions especially for all.
 - i. Hold seasonal festivals to preserve, encourage & promote local art, culture & crafts.
 - j. Will give special attention to improved standards of tourism service centres, hotels, restaurants & tele & internet connectivity on the tourist destination routes.

XIII. Information and Communication

- a. ANP is committed to freedom of expression and right to information and communication.
- b. ANP is against unconstitutional and illegal wire tapping, invasion of citizens' privacy. It will bring transparency in blocking and censorship policies.
- c. ANP is committed to freedom of expression and right to information. It will review existing legislation and ensure effective implementation of right to information law.
- d. ANP will facilitate Provincial governments in setting up and running Provincial television channels and radio stations independently. Will decentralise authorisation of licences.
- e. ANP will take special measures for protection of journalists especially those working in difficult and terrorism affected areas.

5. Newly merged District of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (Formerly FATA)

- a. ANP will make certain that the new districts (Bajaur, Momand, Khyber, Orakzai, Kurram, North Waziristan & South Waziristan) and the new sub divisions of Pakhtunkhwa province get full representation based on their actual population in Provincial and National Assembly.
- b. ANP will make sure that every penny of the development funds meant for the new districts is spent there. We shall strive to divert even additional funds to bring the area at par with the rest of the province in terms of socio economic development. We intend to follow the example of the former West Germany that diverted more funds to the former East Germany from its own share in the interest of even development, social cohesion and integration.
- c. ANP will ensure reasonable representation for the elected representatives in provincial and federal governments so that they are fully part and parcel of decision making process.
- d. ANP will vigilantly monitor the implementation of merger and reforms plan for the new districts approved by the Parliament and the Provincial Assembly and will guard against its derailment or delaying by the vested interest. We shall particularly not allow the imposition of FCR in a new garb. We shall identify benchmarks and timelines for the implementation of merger and reforms plan in the interest of the local people.
- e. ANP will ensure that the local security personnel (Khassadars) are recruited into the Police force, their salaries and benefits are reviewed and brought at par with the rest of

the Police force in the Province.

- f. ANP will remain closely in touch with the nascent civil society of the new districts of Pakhtunkhwa and shall provide full support for strengthening it. We shall consistently work for building, expanding and consolidating Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Press Clubs, Bar Associations, Women Rights Organizations, Academic Bodies, Students Associations and NGOs in these districts.
- g. ANP will work for building physical and intellectual infrastructure in the new districts on priority to lay sound and sustainable basis for their speedy socio-economic development and to enable the people of the area to compete with other regions. Following are the details of the program.

I. Education:

- a. ANP shall build as many primary, schools as possible to make sure the admission of maximum number of school going kids into them. Special attention will be given to building girls schools so that our daughters are able to quench the thirst for knowledge closer to their homes. Middle and high schools will also be built according to the needs of the area. Priority will be given to areas that have no schools.
- b. Polytechnic colleges, vocational and craft training centers will be established in every district and subdivision to provide opportunity to young people for developing their skills.
- c. A network of inter and degree colleges will be built so that students completing their school education have the facility of college education in their area. Girls' colleges will figure prominently in this program. Commerce colleges will also be built to open doors of this discipline for students.
- d. Students' quotas and scholarships for students from the new districts in other areas of the province and the country shall be maintained until similar facilities are made available to them in their own areas.
- e. At least one university will be built in each new district for providing access to the students to get higher education within their own district.

II. Health

- a. Survey will be immediately carried out of the existing health facilities in each of the new districts to ascertain their capacity and potential. Special attention will be paid to the availability of specialists, operation theaters, number of beds and medical facilities for children and mothers. ANP will strengthen the District Headquarter Hospital in terms of staff, equipment, variety of departments, laboratories, supply of medicines and ambulances.
- b. We shall build hospitals at sub division levels and BHUs in union councils so that people can have access to health care near their homes.
- c. Mobile health units will be formed to pay regular visits to far flung areas where basic health facilities are yet to be built.

III. Ownership over Land and Natural Resources

- a. Almost all the new districts of Pakhtunkhwa are mountainous and there is not much land for agriculture and building houses. But it is very important to remember most of the land, including mountains, is communal property. ANP will make sure that ownership of the land is basically vested in the inhabitants of the area which include plain areas, mountains and forests. Any changes

involving land, including land settlement, use of land for developing infrastructure and housing shall be done with the consent of owners of the land (the local population).

- b. The local population being the actual owners of the natural resources will be entitled to royalty for the use of natural resources (including oil, gas and all types of minerals).
- c. Town Planning would be introduced in the new districts on urgent basis with the participation and support of the local people and civil amenities will be provided to all existing towns and urban centers in the new districts.

IV. Economic Development

- a. The new districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa have rich natural resources, manpower, scenic locations and trade routes therefore it has great potential for economic development. ANP will prepare a special development plan for the area within the provincial development plan. We shall also involve the federal government for making its due contribution in the development process. The plan will focus on mapping natural resources, identifying areas for developing particular industries, building infrastructure and developing connectivity.
- b. Marble cities will be built in Khyber, Momand and other new districts with marble mines to develop this sector. Modern equipment and training will be made available to make efficient use of this precious natural resource.
- c. Cold storages will be built in areas producing fruits and vegetables so that local producers are able to store their products.
- d. Agriculture department will guide and help the local farmers to develop fruit orchards, vegetables and other agricultural products.
- e. ANP will use the resources of the provincial government to use the great potential of the area for live stock and dairy farming. We shall encourage a transition from traditional modes to the modern ones in this area.
- f. Almost all the new districts are full of exquisite natural beauty and panoramic views. The area has great potential for developing a dynamic and robust tourist industry. The first thing that the provincial government needs to do is to prepare a plan and start building infrastructure for developing tourism.
- g. Except the Orakzai district all the other new six districts border at Afghanistan and regional trade has been an important source of livelihood for the people of area. ANP will make every effort to develop and expand trade at crossing points Torkham, Ghulam Khan, Angoor Ada, Kharlachi, Arundu, Garam Chishma and also start using new routes.
- h. ANP will pursue the project of North Western highway that would connect Bajaur to Waziristan and Zhob, joining the CPEC, after passing through all the new districts. This will definitely be an important step towards fully opening the area and linking it to CPEC.

6. Social, Economic & Financial Reforms

One of the primary duties of the state is provision of a better life for the people. Political rights and freedoms have to be accompanied by advancement in the social and economic spheres. Poverty, disease and illiteracy have to be eliminated and social justice ensured. High population growth, huge non-development and military expenditures and heavy domestic and external debt servicing have contributed to the low social, economic and human development indicators.

- a. ANP will ensure procedures for getting CNIC is improved and made transparent. Discrimination on the bases of gender, ethnicity and religion in the registration of CNIC procedures will not be tolerated.
- b. ANP believes shelter is a fundamental right. ANP will take policy measures to regularise slum dwellings (Katcha Abadi) on ownership basis throughout the country.
- c. ANP shall ensure Parliament and Parliamentary Committees role is strengthened in nominations and endorsements of senior level positions especially ambassadors, judges of the superior judiciary, chairperson and members of commissions and boards of public corporations etc.
- d. Post 18th Constitutional Amendment, ANP will strengthen Provincial Public Services to bring it at par with the Federal Civil Services. Further, Federal civil servants posted to the Province will be appointed with the consent of the Provincial government. The Provincial government will have complete control over all officials serving in the Province.
- e. At the Federal level, ANP will continue to strive for the Provinces rightful share of appointments at all levels.
- f. A comprehensive package of economic, social and legal measures shall be proposed to protect labour rights and interests.
- g. Efforts shall be made to narrow the difference in salaries between the highest and lowest paid government employees. Salaries, benefits and minimum wage shall be indexed to the cost of living.
- h. Benefits, subsidies and privileges granted to former rulers of States, their dependents or other special classes of citizens shall be abolished.
- i. The elimination of bribery and corruption shall be given the top-most priority and practical steps.
- j. The privacy of citizens in domestic matters and in communications shall be ensured. Wire-tapping, censorship, and entry into private premises without legal authority shall be prohibited.
- k. ANP considers evolving a political will and consensus imperative for setting economic and institutional reforms agenda to effectively address the country's economic, social and energy crises.
- l. ANP considers economic growth with equity between different social classes, gender, rural and urban areas, and between the Provinces as indispensable for eradicating poverty and improving human development indicators.
- m. ANP will support public sector development and explore public private partnership wherever possible to ensure cost effective and quality services.
- n. ANP will encourage and protect foreign investment and offer special incentives in this regard.
- o. ANP will continue to develop safety nets in the line of Bacha Khan Employment, Technical Training and Rural Development Schemes initiated by the ANP led Pakhtunkhwa government and will replicate these programmes in other areas.
- p. ANP will focus attention on improvement of Industrial and agricultural productivity through adoption of new technologies, more efficient techniques for production, human resource development, and lower inflation.
- q. Threats of extremism, terrorism and targeted killing have had negative implications for the economy. ANP will continue its efforts to deal with the root causes of violence, sectarianism and extremism to revive the economy;
- r. Land grabbing in Gwadar and other parts of Balochistan, Karachi and other parts of

the country will be dealt with firmly and Provincial resources will be developed in accordance with the will of the people.

- s. ANP will introduce legislation & policies to make Pakistan's citizenship & domicile mandatory for purchase & ownership of land.

I. Fiscal & Tax Reform

- a. ANP will increase the Tax to GDP ratio from the current low level to a minimum of 15%.
- b. To increase the tax base the Party shall impose taxes that tap the wealth and incomes of the rich rather than burden the less well to do. Direct tax net will be increased to 70% and tax collection shall be improved on a priority basis.
- c. ANP believes that incomes from all sources should be taxed and any exemptions provided should be abolished. Incomes from agriculture, real estate dealings, defence related businesses, property of defence personnel in cantonments and incomes from speculative markets etc shall be brought in the tax ambit.
- d. The debt burden has crippled the economy. Debt servicing has become the single largest item of expenditure in the government budget reflecting the combined impact of surge in the volume of domestic and foreign debt, rise in domestic interest rates and depreciation of rupee. The debt management strategy has ignored the efficient and effective use of the borrowed funds. This is largely due to corruption, capital flight, adverse impacts of loans on domestic savings and spending on consumption rather than investment items.

ANP will address these challenges as follows:

- i. Adhere to fiscal responsibility and debt limitation act;
- ii. Top priority would be given to payment of expensive debts to make the overall burden manageable;
- iii. Domestic savers and foreign investors would be encouraged to invest in the country;
- iv. Diversify borrowing by investing in both short and long-term securities;
- v. Make special efforts to boost the country's exports and remittances;
- vi. Being an agro based economy, policy focus will be on the development of agriculture and agriculture related businesses;
- vii. Trade deficit would be reduced mainly through reducing the existing trust deficit and improving quality standards;
- viii. Expand regional trade in particular with Afghanistan. The present two main road links (Torkham and Speen Boldak) are insufficient to cater for the growing trade between the two countries. At least ten more roads and rail links will be built to enhance bilateral trade;
- ix. Invest in different traditional crafts in the socio economically backward areas of the country to enable workers to create employment for themselves;
- x. Expand the share of manufacturing sector from the present 19% of the GDP to almost 30% within the next 10 years.
- xi. State corporations will be made more efficient, transparent and corruption within these institutions will be dealt with severely,
- xii. Necessary steps will be taken to modernize the industrial sector to reduce cost of manufacturing. Export duty will be decreased and speculative business will be discouraged, besides developing an infrastructure to bring back the economy on the right track;

- xiii. ANP will ensure that the government assume responsibilities of creating the right kind of incentive structures to stop the decline in manufacturing output. Focusing mainly on quality of human capital formation and building appropriate technological capabilities through increased investments in industrial research and development;
- xiv. Will ensure large scale investment in energy sector in collaboration with the Provincial governments to kick start the development of hydel power, solar, gas and oil and other alternative sources of energy in the country.
- xv. Provincial resources were reduced, when the Federal Government took away cantonment taxes from the Provinces without relieving it of the responsibility for the provision of infrastructure, services and maintenance of law and order. The federation will be urged to pay for these services through the Council of Common Interest.
- xvi. Many large organisations like the National Highway Authority, the Civil Aviation Authority and others were taken out of the purview of the National Economic Council. The result was that equity in distribution of funds and projects cannot be maintained. ANP will bring these under the Council of Common Interest to ensure equity.
- xvii. ANP will explore the feasibility of setting up Peshawar and Quetta stock exchanges.

7. China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC)

The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is an under construction \$45 billion plus mega project intended to upgrade and expand infrastructure across Pakistan. ANP believes that the original Kashghar Gawadar Economic route plans focussed on ensuring benefit to the terror affected and under developed districts of Balochistan and Pakhtunkhwa as a priority. It was the first to raise concerns when the original plans were changed from the western route to the eastern route under the CPEC project. ANP held protests and APCs to evolve a political consensus on reverting project plans to the original route. ANP expressed serious concerns when the PML N led Government backtracked on the PM's commitments to the APC to make the original western route a priority.

CPEC is a multibillion dollars project which has been termed as a game-changer by analysts and officials but due to deviation from the original plan, there is nothing for Pakhtunkhwa, Balochistan and tribal belt. ANP will ensure that the mega CPEC substantially benefits the least developed and terrorism affected new districts (former FATA), Balochistan and Pakhtunkhwa. It will ensure protection of the rights of people of Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan.

- a. The following three proposed western routes of CPEC will be immediately constructed which provide a second and third passage and ensure access to the Central Asian Republics (CARs):
 - (1) Gilgit, Shandor, Chitral, Chakdara, Peshawar, Kohat, D.I.khan, Zhob, Quetta, Gwader. (2561 Km)
 - (2) Gilgit, Bisham, Shangla, Khwazakhela, Swat, Chakdara, Peshawar, Kohat, D. I khan, Zhob, Quetta, Gwadar. (2614 Km)
 - (3) Gilgit, Bisham, Shangla, Buner, Katllang, Swabi, Mardan, Peshawar, Kohat, D. I khan, Zhob, Quetta, Gwadar. (2655 Km)
- b. The work on the alternate route of railway track connecting Gilgit-Shandur-Swat

- and Dargai will be initiated to ensure uninterrupted communication with China in case of land slides or other nature calamities on the Karakorum Highway.
- c. Cheap potential hydel projects of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa will be included in CPEC in addition to the coal/ thermal projects.
 - d. Projects of oil and gas explorations will be included in the CPEC encompassing installations of new facilities and equipments.
 - e. Establishment of Industrial Parks at Chakdara, Zhob, Bostan, Quetta, Bannu, DI Khan, Rashakai, Momand, Bajaur etc.
 - f. Will invest in revival and rehabilitation of Rail Projects.
 - g. Peshawar- Kohat- Karak-D I Khan sections will be upgraded to four lanes. A Link Roads will be established between Burhan/Hakla- D I Khan motorway, new highways will be constructed between Jand and Pindi Gheb and the existing N-80 section from Jhand to kohat will be rehabilitated.
 - h. High potential of Pakhtunkhwa mines and minerals will be explored and developed.
 - i. Linking of Pakhtunkhwa districts to the CPEC through a road link starting from Bajaur to Jandola connecting it to CPEC at Dera Ismail Khan.
 - j. Establishment of industrial development zones in Pakhtunkhwa's newly merged Districts.
 - k. Conduct a feasibility study for Wakhan Corridor as part of the regional connectivity.

II. External Affairs

Pakistan owes its importance in the world to a number of factors, not all of its own making. Its geo-strategic location is often cited as a primary one, but in fact, it is a mixed blessing. Pakistan borders on four countries, each of which has played or continues to play a major part in international affairs. These countries are China, India, Iran and Afghanistan. Pakistan's proximity to these States makes it a useful tool for powerful countries to exploit it for their own global interests and, while this can be turned to advantage, it can also pose a threat to the country's independence and freedom of action. The country's foreign policy has, therefore, to be finely adjusted to guard against these dangers while, at the same time, it must serve to further the national interest in terms of economic and commercial progress. Keeping this in view, ANP will work for a independent Foreign Policy and relations rooted in non violence, peace and mutual respect. It will contain the following elements:

- a. Friendly and peaceful relations with all countries, particularly with neighbours.
- b. Compliance with the Charter of the United Nations and full participation in all its developmental and peace-keeping activities. Similarly, Pakistan should take part in the work of other international organizations of which it is a member. In particular, it should actively engage in international efforts to promote an equitable international order. It should also support international moves for arms reduction and abolition of nuclear weapons on a universal and non-discriminatory basis.
- c. Promotion of the concept of a multi polar world which would avoid universal domination by one or two major powers.
- d. Use of diplomacy as a tool for promoting the country's economic and trade interests, diversifying its market and attracting foreign investment.
- e. Special attention to be paid to relations with Afghanistan. In view of the commonalities in culture, faith, language and history between people of

Pakistan particularly Pukhtunkhwa and Balochistan and those of Afghanistan. Determined efforts shall be made to promote cooperation in every field including economic, commercial, educational and cultural. Bilateral relations shall be conducted strictly on the basis of sovereign equality and non-interference in each other's internal affairs.

- f. Similarly, establishment of peaceful, cooperative good neighbourly relations with India will be given high priority. All issues including Jammu and Kashmir and other outstanding issues would be solved through peaceful negotiations and open dialogue shall become the hallmark of bilateral relations.
- g. Establishment of peaceful and cooperative relations with Iran, Russia and Central Asian republics will be actively pursued on the basis of sovereign equality and non-interference in each other's internal affairs.
- h. The traditional close relations with China will be maintained and further developed.
- i. ANP will strive for normalcy in the relations with the United States based on mutual interests and respect as independent and sovereign states. It will avoid fluctuating policies that border on extreme reactions of either abject surrender or threats of armed conflict.
- j. Relations with the European Union will be further developed and strengthened.
- k. Pakistan shall play a leading and constructive role in the Organization of Islamic Conference, SAARC, SCO and ECO.
- l. Special attention will be paid by our missions abroad to the problems of expatriate Pakistanis, particularly in the Gulf countries, Malaysia and Saudi Arabia where there are many Pakhtun workers.
- m. Pakistan will encourage the seeking of political solutions to political problems rather than the use of force.
- n. Pakistan will maintain independent foreign policy without getting involved in regional great, small or double games.