

White Paper regarding Educational Crisis in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa: A Call to Action

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Islami Jamiat Talaba Khyber Pakhtunkhwa is deeply concerned about the deteriorating state of education in the province. Despite PTI's third term in government, the education sector remains in shambles. We urge the provincial government to take immediate action to address the following pressing issues:

1. Restoration and Election of Students Union

Students Union is vital for promoting democratic culture and leadership. We demand restoration and elections for Students Union at universities and campuses. Currently, Educational institutions often require students to sign affidavits prohibiting them from participating in any political activity. This practice infringes on students' basic freedoms. It violates their human right to freedom of expression, protected under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Restoring student unions will foster healthy political engagement and leadership development among students.

2. University Reforms

The majority of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa universities face financial and administrative crises, compromising education standards. We demand:

- Permanent vice chancellors for all 34 public sector universities
 - Financial support for struggling universities
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3. Semester System Reforms

The semester system lacks checks and balances, giving excessive power to teachers and administrations. We demand reforms to promote debate, innovation, and student participation. We also demand an increase in the number of seats for BS programs. The current admission limit of 40 should be revised to 80.

4. Harassment and Drugs

Increasing harassment and drug issues on campuses require strict action. We demand:

- Institutions and provincial-level Drugs and Harassment cells with student representation
 - Effective measures to eradicate these issues.
 - We demand the elimination of co-education and the establishment of separate colleges for girls.
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5. Fee Reduction

Exorbitant fees have made higher education inaccessible to middle-class students. We demand fee reduction and affordable education.

6. Technological and Technical Expertise

Our education system lacks courses aligning with emerging technologies. We demand:

- Courses and opportunities for technical expertise
 - Industry-academia linkages for skilled and efficient graduates
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7. Education and Industry Relationships

Our education system fails to meet industry needs. We demand:

- Education aligned with industry requirements
 - Collaboration between educational institutions and industries
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8. Colleges

Undergraduate degree programs in colleges lack infrastructure, faculty, and funds. We demand:

- Government support for colleges
 - Quality education for undergraduate students
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9. Out-of-School Children

Over 4.7 million children are out of school in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. We demand:

- Effective solutions to address this issue
 - Increased literacy rates
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10. Teacher Deficiency

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa requires over 16,000 teachers. We demand:

- Recruitment of qualified teachers
 - Quality education for government schools
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11. Privatization Policy

Privatization of schools will exacerbate education deprivation. We demand:

- Government responsibility for primary education
 - Regulation of private sector education
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12. Uniform Education System

Lack of uniform education system leads to a class-based nation and youth. We demand:

- Uniform education system at national and provincial levels
 - Quality education for all
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13. Affidavit against Human Rights

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