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Learning from the Chinese Governance System and Development Model



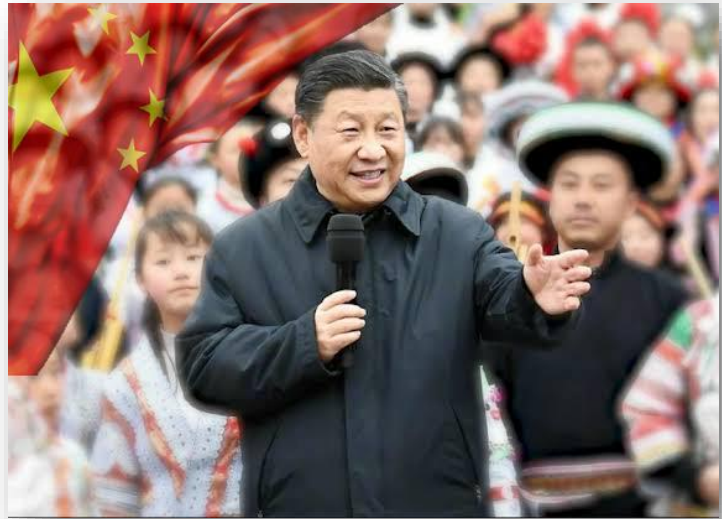
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“China has created another miracle that will go down in history, shaking off poverty is not the finish line, but the starting point of a new life and new endeavor.”

– President Xi Jinping

For decades, China has been a major player on the global stage, and its governance system and development model have played a significant role in its rise. The Chinese system, characterized by its focus on economic growth, centralized decision-making, and effective implementation of policy, has produced massively impressive results.



As a developing country and a close friend of China, we can learn from China's approach to governance and development. It is important to note that the Chinese Governance system and development model consists of small changes and developments made from the grass root level that have evolved, progressed and eventually lead to major developments and good governance.

The dynamics of every country are unique, and what works in one may not work in another. However, that doesn't mean we cannot learn from the experiences of other countries and adopt their best practices. China's governance system and development model is an example of what a country can achieve if it realizes and achieves its true potential.

It is not necessary to carbon copy their policies or agendas, the key here is to analyze their policies and the results achieved, reconstruct them according to Pakistan's socio-economic needs and then applying them for the desired outcomes.

When it comes to the Chinese development and governance system, it can be said that the model is based on 'practicality, hard work, innovation and cooperation', which seems to be attractive to developing countries. This model also proved that as long as a country's people work hard, they are bound to overcome hurdles and complex social issues such as poverty, lawlessness, illiteracy and resulting in a better lifestyle for its citizens. China's political system and development path have shown their advantages with a wide range of achievements. Under its socialism with Chinese characteristics, China became the world's second-largest economy in 2011 and eliminated extreme poverty in 2021.

When it was hit by the COVID-19 epidemic, a serious public health emergency threatening human life and the world economy, China showed the ability to concentrate resources in a short time and respond to the crisis effectively.



The focus on performance at the highest levels of the Chinese government. Which has led to much greater investments in State capacity and building an effective machinery for



governance and service delivery. In particular, there is great emphasis placed on measuring, monitoring, and rewarding performance of officials at all levels. Promotion prospects for lower-level party officials as well as public employees are linked to performance. Such a structure both improves incentives to perform at all levels of the government, and also leads to higher-performing officials and politicians getting promoted

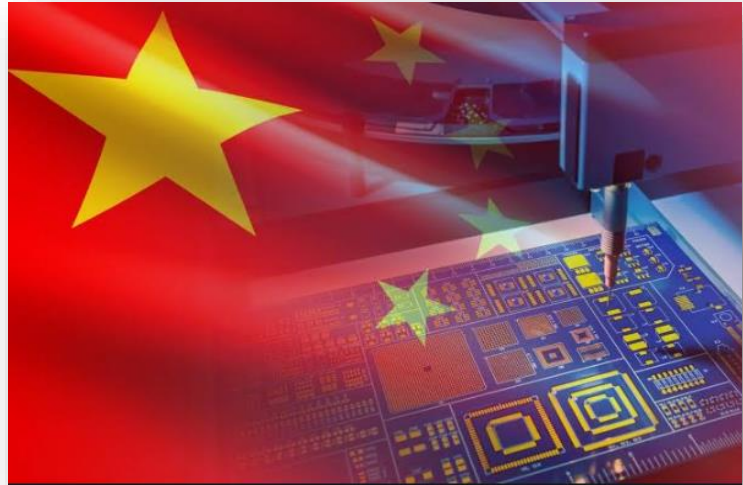
Starting from the ground up, Pakistan must prioritize evaluating outcomes and tying the advancement of its officials to quantifiable performance metrics. Studies on effective management around the world have emphasized the significance of personnel policies, such as recruitment, training, job assignments, compensation, and advancement, in determining organizational efficiency. High-performing organizations typically allow front-line officials discretion in carrying out their duties while holding them accountable for the results. This approach has been embraced by the Chinese government and could benefit Pakistan if similarly adopted.

China's remarkable achievement in poverty reduction is a model that Pakistan should consider emulating. Through robust economic growth and policies that favored the poorest, China lifted a staggering 730 million people out of extreme poverty. The strategy of targeted poverty alleviation, led by Xi Jinping in 2013, was based on precision and tailored measures that addressed specific needs at the household level. The criteria for exiting poverty included "two assurances and three guarantees," ensuring basic necessities like food, clothing, education, medical services, and safe housing. The Chinese government also made improvements to infrastructure, such as transportation, electricity, water, and

communication, and increased investment in public services like education, healthcare, and social security. To further the efforts, millions of city officials were sent to impoverished areas to work directly with those in need, resulting in a gradual improvement in living standards.

As Pakistan has multiple programs to assist the poor like the Benazir income support Program, China also adopted specific programs to address unemployment and poverty but of course with far better results.

The Chinese government launched a massive initiative to combat poverty, known as the Dibao program. It was the largest poverty alleviation program in recent human history and effectively addressed the unique



needs of the ultra-poor. The Dibao program provided supplementary support in crucial areas such as housing, health, education, and temporary assistance in case of unexpected disasters. The initiative played a significant role in helping China lift millions of people out of poverty and improve their standard of living.

If a similar program would have been initiated in Pakistan a decade ago many of our flood victims would have had better assistance to deal with their losses.



Apart from this the government helped to revitalize the agricultural economy, set up more industries, in simple words it empowered its people to earn for themselves for a better life resulting in eventually a better economy for the country.

In conclusion, the Chinese governance system and development model offer valuable lessons for Pakistan. By taking a closer look at the key elements of this system, we can continue to make progress towards our goals.