

BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS

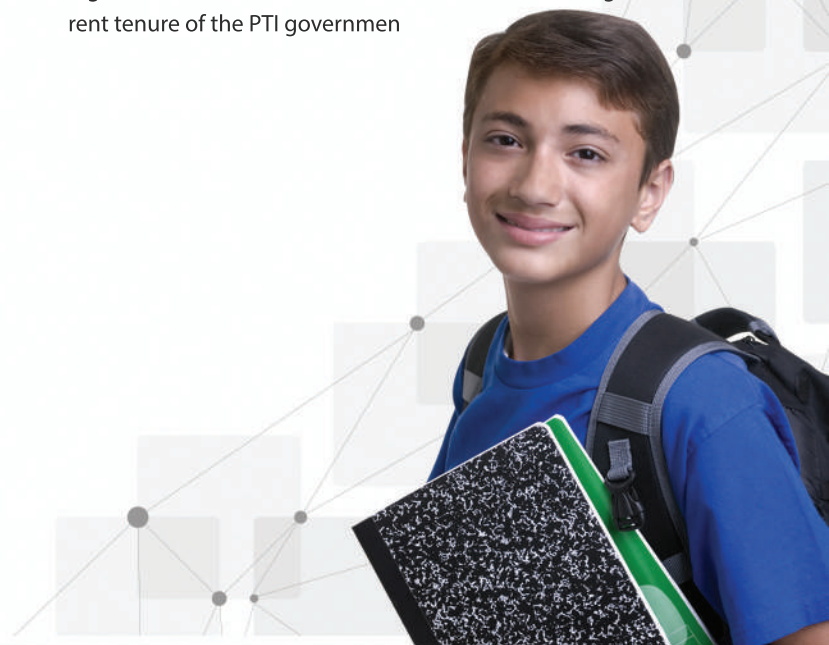


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In a small town of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, a province nestled in the north western region of Pakistan, children are heading out to school. The school is situated near a small town, easily accessible to parents and their children. A girl, Mahgul, sits in an overcrowded classroom and watches her teacher write on a chalkboard. She is asked a question and answers correctly, but yearns to learn beyond the conventional methods of teaching. She is glad that she came early today. Being late usually means getting to sit in the back of the class, giving her a mere chance of participating. Mahgul sees the daily struggle that her teacher goes through, and is distressed by the lack of knowledge gained by students during the limited school hours. She begins to think to herself "There must be a better way."

The unrest within KPK had a tremendous effect on the education system, where the classrooms were not adequately equipped, nor were the teachers provided with basic facilities. However, in recent years Muhammad Atif, an emerging PTI leader from Mardan and the Education Minister of KPK, is taking bold measures to implement PTI's manifesto. He has empowered the KPK E&SE department to choose best technologies and teachers to enhance traditional and blended learning in classrooms. Under the supervision of KPK Chief Minister, Atif has successfully initiated the first step of liberating the young community of KPK, and delivering an opportunity for them to excel in all fields of life. Imran Khan's dream for Pakistan is to promote the significance of education and witness a Pakistan where the youth is skilled, well-educated and enlightened, and Atif has proven to be an excellent choice to deliver on this dream.

One of PTI's major achievements in KPK is a project that plays a vital role in establishing a strong technology base for elementary and secondary education. KPK E&SE department together with the KPK IT planning department have worked relentlessly to become the pioneers of introducing quality teaching methodologies, like OneScreen multi-touch screens with annotation & swap learning software, for teachers to facilitate learning in a more collaborative environment. Five hundred schools are now benefiting every day from the OneScreen enabled IT labs all over KPK, and the departments are looking forward to expanding this initiative to over two thousand schools during the current tenure of the PTI government.



In another part of the world, a successful US based Pakistani Entrepreneur, Sufian Munir was keen to invest in the education sector of Pakistan. In KPK, he found a government that met this criteria. Sufian is the CEO of Clary Icon, an organization that manufactures OneScreen solutions. Recognising the brilliance of OneScreen, KPK ES&E department seized the opportunity to provide this ground-breaking educational system to the community of KPK. Today, young children in five hundred schools benefit from the same OneScreen technology that is being leveraged by the educators and students of Ivy League educational institutions such as Princeton University, Columbia University and other well reputed universities in Pakistan like LUMS etc. This is a huge initiative enabling valuable talent of KPK to come forward and compete on international forums.

Other projects initiated by KPK ES&E department under PTI's leadership include the training of **83,000** local teachers by qualified British Council professors, new school structures with solar power & container based smart schools, which takes them many steps ahead in competing with the global education system.

In a school of KPK, Mahgul sits in a technologically advanced classroom. The teacher points at the huge OneScreen touch-screen to deliver digital educational content. Her teacher makes a video call and suddenly the whole classroom begins to interact with another class full of students sitting in another part of the world. All the lectures can be captured and redistributed. Mahgul is mesmerised that they are now able to connect to international platforms with the touch of a finger. She is now able to record, save and share the same experience with her friend, who does not have the resources to attend school. With OneScreen, the educators of KPK have been enabled to incorporate distant learning, collaboration, discussions and sharing in real-time through HD video conferencing, whiteboarding and computing. OneScreen also provides endless opportunities such as Microsoft training after school hours and entrepreneurial classes in the evening. Mahgul is now pleased to see her time being utilised productively, as the classroom sessions are monitored. Mahgul has a wide grin on her face and she thinks to herself "So there is a better way."



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