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# Land Of Pakistan

### LOCATION AND GEOGRAPHY OF ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN

#### **INTRODUTION**

Muslims ruled over India for about 1000 years. After the death of Aurungzeb Alamgir in 1707, Islamic government started to weaken. After that the Britishers took over India. In the beginning they ruled by the name of "British East India Company". After the war of Independence 1857, in 1858 they directly took hold of India. Muslims of India started agitation against it. At last their movement from the platform of Muslim league became fruitful and on August 14, Pakistan came into being. According to the constitution of Pakistan, the new state was given the name "Islamic Republic of Pakistan".

#### **GEOGRAPHY OF PAKISTAN**

The geography and location of Islamic republic of Pakistan is as following:

#### **LOCATION IN ASIA**

There is a small continent in the south of Asia which is called subcontinent The Himalayan Range and its branches separate the sub - continent from the northern Asia. Pakistan is in the west of the sub – continent. That is why it is called the southern part of Asia and western part of the sub – continent.

#### **GEOGRAPHICAL VASTNESS**

#### LOCATION

Location of Pakistan is as follows:

#### (i) IN NORTH

Kashmir is in the north of Pakistan. We proceed further in the north there is China after Kashmir. China is a great friend of Pakistan. There is a boundary of 1500 Kms between Kashmir and Pakistan.

#### (ii) <u>IN NORTH EAST</u>

Pakistan has the Himalayan Range in the north-east. This mountainous range has some of the world's highest peaks. Mount Everest which is in Nepal is

in the same range. Another peak Nanga Parbat which is 8162 m high, is in Pakistan.

### (iii) <u>IN EAST</u>

India is in the east of Pakistan along with that, Pakistan has the longest boundary, which is 800 miles or 1500 km, long.

### (iv) IN WEST

Afghanistan is in the west of Pakistan. Along with that, Pakistan has the longest boundary which is 1400 miles or 2200 Km long. It is called Durand Line. It was made by the English rulers and the Afghan King in 1893. Right after Afghanistan, there was Russia which has now been disintegrated. Now there are Muslims states of Central Asia which got freedom from Russia after its disintegrated.

#### (v) IN SOUTH WEST

Pakistan has a brotherly country, Iran, in the south – west. They have 800 Km long boundary between them. There are Middle East, Gulf and African Countries in the south – west of Iran.

#### (vi) IN SOUTH

Pakistan has Arabian sea and Indian ocean in the South. Pakistan has a very important sea – port in the south.

### AREA OF PAKISTAN

### 1. AREA UNDER FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Total area of Pakistan under Federal Government is 796096 km<sup>2</sup>.

### 2. <u>AREA OF NORTHERN REGION AND</u> <u>WESTERN TRIBAL REGION</u>

Total area of Northern Region and Western Tribal Region is 72495 Km<sup>2.</sup>

### **MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION**

### 1. POPULATION AND MAN POWER

According to the Census of 1981 total population of Pakistan as 8 million 37 Lac and 82 thousand or "**83782000**". While according to the census of 1992 total population of Pakistan was 11 million 91 Lac i.e, "**119100000**". And according to the census of 1998 it has crossed 13 million limit.

### 2. POPULATION FOR SQUARE KILOMETER

Almost 134 people live in one square kilometre in Pakistan.

# 3. <u>BIRTH RATE</u>

In Pakistan the birth rate is 41 persons per 1000 persons or 41/1000.

# 4. <u>DEATH RATE</u>

Death rate in Pakistan is 11 persons to 1000 persons or 11/1000.

# **IMPORTANCE OF LOCALITY OF PAKISTAN**

On the map of world, Pakistan has a place which is very important in the world affairs. Following is an account of importance of locality of Pakistan.

# 1. FORT OF THE ISLAMIC WORD

From its locality and from its scientific and atomic progress, Pakistan is no doubt, fort of Islam. Present day, Pakistan is the only Islamic country having atomic reactor. Not only that but on May 28, 1998, it has became first in the Islamic world and seventh in the world, which has conducted nuclear tests. In addition to that, Pakistan the only country in the Islamic world which is preparing weapons.

# 2. <u>HEART OF ISLAMIC WORLD</u>

Pakistan is in the centre of the chain of Islamic countries from Indonesia to Morocco. That is why Pakistan is the heart of Islamic world as well, and all the Islamic world agrees on it.

# 3. <u>NEIGHBOURHOOD OF THE SUPER – POWERS</u>

Pakistan is the neighbour of two super – powers of the world i.e., India and China. It has been the neighbour of Russia in the past because a narrow part of Afghanistan separated it from Russia. That is why it has got importance in world affairs.

# 4. <u>RESISTANCE AGAINST EXPANSIONISM</u>

Pakistan is a country which always resists expansionism. The proof is that in September 1965, and in December 1971, India showed some aggression. Pakistan faced the Indian aggression, for the safety and security of Pakistan nation very bravely. When in 1979, Russia occupied Afghanistan, Pakistan criticised it very much on international level.