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Born and raised in a small village in the mountain range of Himalyas in the northwest frontier Province of Pakistan. Politics was no foreign to him because he grew up in a politically active family and saw his father, uncles, and cousins political endeavours in the local politics and also cognizant about his ancestors political history. That encouraged him to compete in his school and college debates and got elected president of student council many times.

- B.A from Post Graduate College Abbottabad, NWFP (Pakistan)
- M.A (Economics) University of Peshawar (Pakistan)
- LL.B (Bachelor of Law) Gold Medalist, University of Karachi (Pakistan)
- M.A Political Science from University of Karachi (Pakistan)
- LL.M University of Houston Law Center(Houston, Texas-USA)
- Doctor of Jurisprudence (JD) South Texas College of Law (Houston, Texas-USA)
- Texas State Bar Certified Attorney at Law.

Practiced law in the port city of Karachi Pakistan and got actively involved in National Politics as well. When General Zia assumed the powers in a coup and jailed him several times. He migrated to United States in 1978. He took \$2.50 an hour job at a convenience store as a start of his life in America but hard work determination and conducive business environments combined with freedom tempted him to start his own business. It did not take him very long to realize American dream and he owned & managed several chains of C-stores. While making money he did not forget about his personal and intellectual growth and he joined University of Houston Law School and earned his LL.M Degree. Then he focused on earning his Doctor of Jurisprudence Degree and joined South Texas College of Law. After completing his JD he took his Texas Bar Exam and accredited as “Attorney at Law” in 1990.

In 1997 he established Pak-Oil Company and acquired jobber-ship for Exxon, chevron, Mobil, shell and Diamond Shamrok. Besides fuel distribution & wholesale business he has handsome investments in real estate in the Beaumont-Golden Triangle areas as well as in bordering State of Louisiana.

During his stay in United States he keenly studied the American Institutions and the functioning of democratic System. He felt the urge to help his country of origin by transferring the experience he has acquired in his adopted homeland America. He took along a burning desire to see American values of liberty, Justice Right to pursuit of happiness. Civil liberties, rule of law and due process transplanted in Pakistan.

His desire to serve Pakistan led him back to Pakistan and he started participating in active politics. He participated in first general election under the Rule of General Musharaf and got elected with land slide victory as "District Nazim" or Chief Executive of NWFP largest District "Mansehra". After Serving one and a half years he resigned from that position to run for the senate and he got elected to Pakistan Senate with highest voted in February 2003.

During his service as a Nazim he set new precedents in the politics of Pakistan by not accepting any salary, no transport, no lodging .boarding, security and contributed from his personal pocket a significant amount of funds for social welfare and development projects .He made his legacy of giving to people of Pakistan and not to be on the receiving end. He played a pivotal role in establishing the HAZARA University in District Mansehra, that is the only institution for higher learning in the area with special emphasis on universal values. This is a great contribution for the poor and less privileged people of Hazara having a breast for higher education aiming to serve their country and people in particular and humanity at large.

He looks forward to playing a vital role in the Pakistan Senate by legislating such laws to guarantee rule of law, protection of human rights of woman, victims, poor and minorities and right to due process. Most of all bringing sanctity and supremacy to the people's elected parliament .He also intends to play a role in promoting the good will and friendship between the two people and countries; through promotion of trade, investment and commerce between Pakistan and United State of America