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Quarter in Focus

With the decrease in coronavirus cases in Pakistan and the subsequent lifting of the country-wide lockdown, IPS resumed its on-ground activities partially, and the most prominent one among those was the annual meeting of IPS-National Academic Council which saw senior academicians and practitioners from different parts of Pakistan expressing grave concerns over governance deficit and deteriorating state of education in the country.

The other important programs in the period included two sessions analyzing relations between Pakistan and African countries in the contemporary global scenario, while issues like the controversial construction of a Hindu temple in Islamabad and minority rights in neo-communal settings of South Asia were also brought to the discussion table in two separate gatherings.

Kashmir remained at the very heart of the Institute's work as it held four sittings of its Working Group on Kashmir (IPS-WGK) in the period apart from publishing two discerning studies, one a legal fact-finding report – in collaboration with Legal Forum for the Oppressed Voices of Kashmir (LFOVK) – and the other laying out comprehensive policy recommendations and the way forward over the matter.

The quarter also saw IPS LEAD – the Learning, Excellence and Development Program of IPS – taking an initiative to launch Let's Talk Studios – a platform connecting the country's youth with senior level mentors, engaging them in open discussions over various concerning issues which otherwise remain unaddressed, and empowering them in the process not only to have their own voice but also to capacitate more youth further ahead, effectively creating a chain. Within a period of two months, the initiative has already seen seven insightful sessions taking place.

IPS LEAD also organized three sittings of its program 'The Living Scripts', alongside holding an enlightening workshop on oral history research techniques conducted by Dr Sana Haroon, Associate Professor, University of Massachusetts at Boston.

Three policy briefs were issued during the period on topics including distributed generation landscape in Pakistan, the country's national agriculture and food security, and Islamabad temple controversy.

IPS Press – the Institute's publishing arm – brought out the fourth book of IPS' Executive President Khalid Rahman's popular series *Kamyab Zindagi*. The title of the new book is *Kamyab Zindagi – Taaluqat ko Nikhariye*.



Annual meeting of IPS-National Academic Council

Senior academics and experts, including four vice chancellors of different universities from across Pakistan have termed unchecked governance deficit and institutional deterioration of education sector, especially higher education, in the country as two of the biggest domestic challenges, cautioning that failure in addressing these issues can prove extremely destructive for the nation.

These apprehensions were shared at the annual meeting of the National Academic Council (NAC) of IPS on September 12, 2020.

The session was chaired by Executive President IPS Khalid Rahman and addressed by Ambassador (r) Shamshad Ahmed Khan, Syed Abu Ahmad Akif, former federal secretary, Dr Anis Ahmad, vice chancellor, Riphah International University, Prof Dr Anwar-ul-Hasan Gilani, vice chancellor, University of Haripur, Dr Fateh Muhammad Burfat, vice chancellor, University of Sindh, Dr Syed Tahir Hijazi, vice chancellor, Muslim Youth University, Dr Syed M Junaid Zaidi, executive director, COMSATS University, Dr Adnan Sarwar Khan, former dean

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'South Asia, Neo-Communal Settings and Implications for Social Democracy'

Distinct and considered political representation of Dalits in South Asian countries is a prerequisite for their socio-economic uplift. This was the unanimous viewpoint of social scientists and scholars from Pakistan, India and the UK, mostly representing the Dalit or scheduled classes and Muslims of the Subcontinent, who were speaking at a webinar organized by IPS on August 21, 2020.

The first-of-its-kind dialogue, titled 'South Asia, Neo-Communal Settings and Implications for Social Democracy' connected Dalit and Muslim scholars across political boundaries to

understand and discuss the conditions, deprivations and reservations of the Dalits in South Asia, especially Pakistan and India, while trying to identify a way forward for their elevation.



Prof Meena Dhanda

The panelists included Prof Meena Dhanda

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Removing roadblocks to the growth of clean energy the only way forward for Pakistan's environmental security



Mirza Hamid Hasan

The Global Climate Risk Index has placed Pakistan on the fifth spot on the list of countries most vulnerable to climate change in its annual report for 2020. The use of fossil fuels which includes

coal, gas and fuel oil on the other hand is detrimental for the country's environmental future. It is thus imperative for the country to move to renewable energy sooner rather than later, wherein a failure in doing so will further aggravate the existing food, water and energy security related threats.

These concerns were raised in the first yearly meeting of IPS' Steering Committee on Energy, Water and Climate Change, which was held on September 30, 2020 for

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'Connecting with Africa: Prospects and Opportunities for Pakistan'



Pakistan has missed out big time by not capitalizing on its peacekeeping missions in African countries, its rendered diplomatic support for the independence movement of many in the decades of 1960s and 70s and alumni of several thousand African students and officials who have studied in Pakistani universities and institutions. The need is now to revitalize that social, political and diplomatic footprint in the region and

diversify its relations with African countries by fostering cooperation in the untapped areas of bilateral interests aimed at sustaining mutually beneficial ties.

These notions were expressed in two separate sessions held at IPS: i) a roundtable titled 'Connecting with Africa: Prospects and Opportunities for Pakistan' held on 25 September 2020, which was chaired by Ambassador (r) Tajammul

Altaf, senior research associate at IPS who has also served in Tanzania as Pakistan's ambassador, and addressed by EP-IPS Khalid Rahman, Dr Tughral Yamin, associate dean, Centre for International Peace and Stability (CIPS), National University of Science and Technology (NUST), Dr Najam Abbas, senior researcher, East West Institute, UK, Dr Bakare Najimdeen, who hails from Nigeria and is serving as the HOD, International Relations, NUST, Farzana Yaqoob, Founder & CEO, Center for Asian African Studies (CAAS) and Dr Bashir Bahar, who is originally from Sudan but is serving as an assistant professor at the International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI), Islamabad; and ii) a meeting held in collaboration with the Centre of Asian African Studies (CAAS) on July 15, 2020 with a view to build initial understanding of Africa's socio-political and economic landscape as well as the significance it may hold for Pakistan's global standing going forward.

Discussing the geopolitical importance of African continent and states for Pakistan, it was pointed out that the world's second largest and second most populous continent after Asia had the

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Annual meeting of IPS...

of social sciences, University of Peshawar, Dr Abdul Rauf Rafiqi, director, Abdul Samad Khan Achakzai Chair, University of Balochistan, Dr Noreen Saher, chairperson, Department of Anthropology, International Islamic University, Islamabad, Fasih Uddin, former chief economist of Pakistan, Mirza Hamid Hasan, former federal secretary, Air Cdr (r) Khalid Iqbal, and Amanullah Khan, former president, Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI).

For further details, visit:
www.ips.org.pk/annual-meeting-of-ips-national-academic-council-2020/

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South Asia, Neo-Communal...

from University of Wolverhampton, Prof Dr Sumeet Mhaskar from Jindal Global University, Prof Amit Thorat from Jawaharlal Nehru University, Dr Abhay Kumar, Indian scholar and journalist, Asif Aqeel, a journalist and researcher from Pakistan's Christian-Dalit community, Faqir Shiva Kachhi, president, Darawat Ittehad, Sarwan Kumar Bheel Advocate, a social activist from Tharparkar, Heba Ahmed, research scholar, Centre for Political Studies, JNU, and Dr Sunaina Arya, JNU research fellow and editor of *Dalit Feminist Theory: A Reader*. From IPS' research faculty Dr Shahzad Iqbal Sham, Sufi Ghulam Hussain, Nadeem Farhat Gilani, and Agha Noor Muhammad Pathan participated in the discussion, while the session was chaired by Khalid Rahman, the Institute's executive president.

For further details, visit:
www.ips.org.pk/south-asia-neo-communal-settings-and-implications-for-social-democracy/

'Minority Rights in Pakistan in the Specific Context of Hindu Temple Controversy'



Sensitive matters like building a Hindu temple in Islamabad should be dealt with very diligently on the back of careful need assessment, proper planning and adequate homework. The judgement now is in the hands of the Council of Islamic Ideology, whose verdict not only should be based on facts, figures and on-ground realities, but also needs to be articulated enough to be used to educate the masses.

The thoughts were shared in a session titled 'Minority Rights in Pakistan in the Specific Context of Hindu Temple Controversy', which was organized by Institute of Policy Studies (IPS), Islamabad on July 15, 2020 to have a look at the intricacies of the issue. The session was chaired by the Institute's Executive President Khalid Rahman.

Sharing his views over the matter, Rahman said that the matter would have attracted much less criticism if it was backed by proper homework.

He was of the view that there was no denying the fact that the constitutional rights of non-Muslims in

Pakistan should be protected. However, even in Western democracies there are criteria and procedures for religious communities to construct new places of worship.

The discussants raised questions if the population of Hindus in Islamabad qualifies to have a temple built in its prime location. They also looked at the matter from economic, constitutional, humanitarian and international contexts, maintaining that while the development can also be seen as a step towards promoting a soft image of Pakistan, it also remains a fact that there was an adequate space for the less than 3000 Hindu population in Islamabad and Rawalpindi combined to perform their religious rituals and festivals.

For further details, visit:
<https://www.ips.org.pk/minority-rights-in-pakistan-in-the-specific-context-of-hindu-temple-controversy/>

IPS' Working Group on Kashmir (IPS-WGK)



L-R: Farzana Yaqoob, EP-IPS Khalid Rahman, Dr Mushtaq Ahmad and Advocate Nasir Qadri

Four sessions of IPS-Working Group on Kashmir (IPS-WGK) were held in the quarter with a view to discuss the situation at hand at the conclusion of one-year period post Indian abrogation of Article 370 and 35-A by India in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K). The sessions were held on July 13 and 22, August 11 and September 17, 2020 respectively.

Over all the 8th meeting of IPS-WGK, the session held on July 13 was addressed as keynote speaker by Afzal Ali Shigri, former Inspector General (IG) Police, who in his presentation titled 'Significance of Gilgit-Baltistan in Kashmir Issue: Past, Present and Future', maintained that Gilgit-Baltistan (GB) cannot be delinked from the Kashmir issue as the territory would be included in the plebiscite mandated by the UN resolutions whenever it is conducted. The people of the region however still need better governance and constitutional rights, he stressed, and to this end GB should provisionally be granted the status of a province.

Held on July 22, the 9th session of IPS-WGK was held as an annual review meeting, seeking to analyze and summarize the findings and recommendations laid out by the Institute's dedicated working group in their previous gatherings held across the year.

Chaired by Executive President IPS Khalid Rahman and participated by Farzana Yaqoob, IPS associate and general secretary, IPS-WGK, Syed Mohammad Ali, senior research fellow at IPS, Ambassador (r) Syed Ishtiaq Hussain Andrabi, Ambassador (r) Tajammul Altaf, Brig (r) Said Nazir Mohmand, Raja Sajjad Khan, director, Jammu & Kashmir Liberation Cell (JKLC), Advocate Nasir Qadri, international law expert from Legal Forum for Oppressed Voices of Kashmir (LFOVK) and IPS' General Manager Operations Naufil Shahrukh among others, the meeting proposed the government to cohesively address Kashmir issue through six different aspects of political, diplomatic, psychological, legal internal law & law fare, economic, and strategic domains. A policy brief titled 'Jammu and Kashmir: One Year After August 5, 2019 and

Way Forward' (ips.org.pk/jammu-and-kashmir-one-year-after-august-5-2019-and-way-forward/) was prepared as a result of this meeting, consolidating findings and recommendations of all IPS-WGK meetings to date in a single document for the consideration of relevant institutions and concerned stakeholders.

The tenth and eleventh sessions of IPS-WGK discussed at length legal aspects and issues associated with the Kashmir dispute.

Associate Professor LUMS Dr Sikandar Ahmed Shah, the keynote speaker of the session held on August 11, stressed on developing better understanding of international law - especially international humanitarian law (IHL) and the UN laws - in order to make intelligent use of various provisions available in them to supplement the Kashmir struggle through more channels than mere moral and diplomatic support.

Dr Muhammad Mushtaq Ahmad, director general, Shari'ah Academy, International Islamic University, Islamabad (IIUI), urged in the sitting held on



September 17 for a better selection of legal provisions and forums, improved use of language and relevant terminologies, and cases backed by facts and figures as they were crucial for presenting the Kashmir case efficiently and cogently in the evolving global environment.

For further details, visit: <https://www.ips.org.pk/ips-wgk/>

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Removing roadblocks.....

reviewing outgoing year's progress as well as planned projects for the forthcoming year 2020-21. The meeting was chaired by Mirza Hamid Hasan, former secretary, Water and Power, and addressed by Ashfaq Mahmood, former secretary, Water and Power, Syed Akhtar Ali, former member energy, Planning Commission of Pakistan, Ameena Sohail, Sr IPS associate and energy lawyer, EP-IPS Khalid Rahman, GMO-IPS Naufil Shahrukh, and the Institute's energy and water program's team members Naila Saleh, Sarah and Wali Farooqi.

Terming the use of clean energy as the only way forward for ensuring an environmentally secured future for Pakistan, it was stressed that roadblocks in the way of wider use of clean energy should be addressed timely since it is not only the most efficient, feasible, reliable and safest mean of energy generation, but simultaneously will contribute to reducing reliance on imported fuels and harnessing the immense indigenous renewable energy resources available in Pakistan. In parallel, Pakistan is already 5th most vulnerable country to climate change and could not afford to continue the existing trajectory. In this regard, the excessive rains in many parts of the country including Karachi were only a recent highlight of the alarming threats posed to the country—emphasizing urgent need for action to address the issue on priority basis.

For further details, visit:

www.ips.org.pk/removing-roadblocks-to-the-growth-of-clean-energy-the-only-way-forward-for-environmental-security-of-pakistan-ips/

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Connecting with Africa.....

footprints of all major global powers such as the US, China, Russia and even India. Pakistan, on the other hand, had 28 embassies/high commissions on the continent since 1947, but 13 of them were later closed down. Pakistan currently has resident missions in 15 African countries which include Algeria, Ethiopia, Egypt, Kenya, Libya, Niger, Mauritius, Morocco, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, Tunisia, and Zimbabwe.

These countries are mostly in northern Africa and incidentally have large populations while nine of them are also members of OIC.

The government of Pakistan, since last year however, has started focusing on Africa with its 'Look Africa Policy'. In line with this, the government has announced that five more embassies - in Djibouti, Rwanda, Uganda, Ghana and Ivory Coast - will be established in the first phase, whereas another five will be set up in the second phase.

The discussion also explored various ways Pakistan can diversify its relations with African states by taking measures like inviting African Union to establish its office in the country and

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Sharing Insights IPS encourages interaction with different national and international organizations and scholars to share their studies and exchange views on the subjects of mutual interest. A glimpse of such interactions in the last quarter is being presented here.

IPS represented in ISSI webinar ‘OIC at 50’



Director Youth Forum for Kashmir Ahmed Qureshi, Chairman Board of Governors ISSI Ambassador Khalid Mahmood, Director General ISSI Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry and Director Research ISSI Najam Rafique.

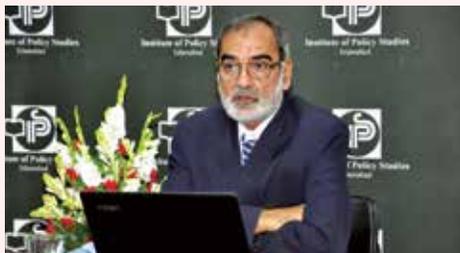
Speaking on the occasion, Rahman said that fifty years was a sufficient time for an organization to establish its position and OIC has come a long way in this period becoming a consolidated platform. He said that while OIC has spearheaded institutions which are performing successfully, the less than satisfactory performance of the organization was due to its internal polarization. The platform however remains to be a necessity for the Islamic world, he stressed, albeit with a need of adopting a proactive approach to address the stern challenges faced by the Muslim world today.

For further details, visit: <https://www.ips.org.pk/ips-represented-in-issi-webinar-oic-at-50/>

Executive President IPS Khalid Rahman represented the Institute in a webinar titled ‘OIC at 50: Strengthening Partnership and Future Prospects’, which was organized by Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad (ISSI) on September 24, 2020.

The session, which was addressed by the Foreign Minister of Pakistan Shah Mahmood Qureshi and Secretary General OIC Yousef bin Ahmad Al-Othaimeen through recorded messages, was also partaken by Pakistan’s Permanent Representative to the OIC Ambassador Rizwan Saeed Sheikh, Executive

‘National Consultation over Medium of Instruction for Education’

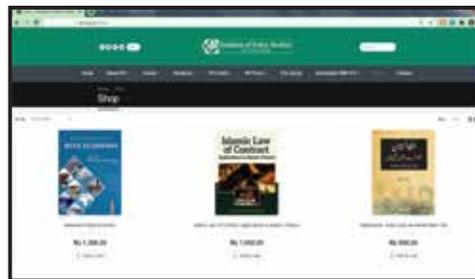


Uniform education curriculum and medium of instruction for education are nowadays the talks of the town due to special attention being paid to them by the Prime Minister and Education Minister of Pakistan. A national level consultative meeting, having Federal Education Minister as a chief guest and also having representations of the government officials as well as public, private and religious institutions from the capital, provincial governments, AJ&K and Gilgit Baltistan, was held online on July 16th 2020 to discuss various concerning issues. On behalf of IPS, the meeting was attended by its Executive President Khalid Rahman, who presented some valuable recommendations over the matter on the occasion.

For further details, visit: <https://www.ips.org.pk/consultation-over-medium-of-instruction-for-education/>

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IPS invited to BOI's consultation on industrial cooperation under CPEC

On the invitation of Pakistan's Board of Investment (BOI), Executive President IPS Khalid Rahman participated in the 'Consultative Forum on Draft Framework Agreement on Industrial Cooperation (IC) under CPEC', which was held on August 25, 2020 in Islamabad. The consultative forum was aimed at refining the content of the first draft of agreement with the Chinese stakeholders by incorporating the inputs provided by government entities, private sector, academia, and other stakeholders, with a view to promote industrial cooperation between Pakistan and China.

EP-IPS' lecture at 'Ulema Leadership Program'

Executive President IPS Khalid Rahman delivered an online lecture on the topic of Muslim world's contemporary scenario on July 28, 2020 in an 'Ulema Leadership Program' held by Society for Educational Research from July 18-30, 2020.

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- ▶ Exclusive Interview of Ms Samantha Neakrase (NTI, USA) on Pakistan's improved Nuclear Security ranking
- ▶ Interview of EP-IPS Khalid Rahman on IPS' 41st Anniversary
- ▶ 'Governance & Foreign Policy Challenges of Pakistan' - Amb (r) Shamshad A Khan
- ▶ Online discussion on IPS-LFOVK report 'Kashmir's Statehood Abrogated'
- ▶ Prof Dr Anwar ul Hassan Gilani, talks about education & social issues of Pakistan
- ▶ Dr SM Junaid Zaidi, ED COMSATS, speaks on the importance of science & technology education
- ▶ Amb (r) Tajammul Altaf discussing recent Pakistan-Saudi Arabia misunderstanding
- ▶ EP-IPS talks about existential gap between Islamic scholars & modern scientists
- ▶ Areas to improve in Pak-Africa relations - Dr. Tughral Yamin, Associate Dean, CIPS, MUST
- ▶ Pakistan needs to fortify diplomatic ties with African countries: Amb. (r) Tajammul Altaf
- ▶ Pakistan & African states should strive to strengthen P2P, B2B and G2G connections: Farazana Yaqoob (CAAS)
- ▶ The role of African students in strengthening Pak-Africa relations: Dr Bashir Bahar (IIUI)
- ▶ [Archives] Pak-China Relations: Bilateral and Beyond Bilateral Exchanges (April 28-30, 2014)
- ▶ [Archives] Islam and the West: Contemporary Issues and the Muslim Response (March 21, 2012)

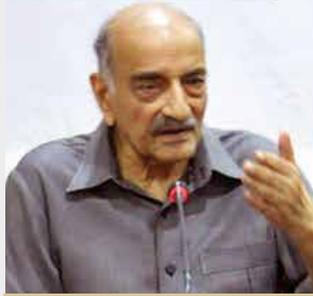
Human Development

The Institute's human development activities are carried out under 'IPS LEAD' (Learning, Excellence and Development Program) that aims at promoting knowledge economy for individual, organizational and societal excellence.

The Living Scripts | An oral history project to record life and times of veteran civil servants



Engr. Dr. M Akram Sheikh



Parvez Ahmed Butt



Zafar Ali Qureshi

Aimed at acquiring tacit knowledge from experienced practitioners of civil services and imparting it to the audience as food for thought, IPS LEAD – the learning, excellence and development program of IPS – is organizing a series of sessions titled 'The Living Scripts'.

The idea behind the initiative is to pursue accomplished personalities and eminent individuals of national stature, providing them a window to share invaluable experiences and knowledge from their personal and professional lives.

The sessions held within this quarter featured Engr. Dr. M Akram Sheikh (Hilal-e-Imtiaz), former Federal Minister / Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission on July 27 and 29, Parvez Ahmed Butt, former secretary, Minister of Housing, Works & Environment, & Ministry of Science & Technology, on September 11, and Zafar Ali Qureshi, former Inspector General, Police, on September 25, 2020.

For further details, visit:
<https://www.ips.org.pk/ips-lead/the-living-scripts/>

'Oral History Research Techniques'

A training workshop on 'Oral History Research Techniques' was organized on July 10, 2020 as part of IPS' team development program.

Conducted by Dr Sana Haroon, a renowned historian and associate professor at University of Massachusetts in Boston, the workshop aimed to capacitate the participants – comprising IPS' research faculty – on the importance of oral history research in policy studies, how to plan an oral history project, how to prepare its questionnaire in order to extract the relevant information and then how to record, transcribe and archive the proceedings in an efficient manner.



IPS LEAD launches 'Let's Talk Studio' for youth



A glimpse from the fourth session of 'Let's Talk Studio' (Sept 16, 2020)

forward, not only creating a voice for the youth in the process but also effectively creating a chain taking the learned messages further ahead.

'Let's Talk Studio' is set to be a very homey place and an open platform for

informal discussions where youth belonging to diverse backgrounds could come over and discuss any topic, no matter how controversial or tabooed, in an open-minded analytical debate, in turn playing a part in creating an environment that will nurture a knowledge-based society in the country.

Conceived by IPS' during the launch of IPS LEAD in 2013, primarily aimed at engaging the country's youth, the idea found wheels with the induction of Dr. Aisha Waheed, a senior writer, blogger and trainer already working on a similar idea, as a program manager of 'Let's Talk Studio'.

The first meeting of the steering committee of Let's Talk Studio was held on July 11 and was attended by IPS' honorary associates Syed Abu Ahmad Akif, Sardar Khalid Mehmood, Ahsan

Shafique, Syed Noaman Asar, and Saima Sher Fazal alongside the Institute's team comprising Khalid Rahman, executive president, Naufil Shahrugh, GM operations, Dr. Aisha Waheed, Let's Talk program manager, and Shafaq Sarfraz, manager outreach.

Four highly interactive sessions were held in Let's Talk Studio during July 2020. Titled 'Our Identity Crisis', the first session of the program was addressed by Dr Aisha Waheed on August 9, 2020. The second session on August 12, 2020 on the topic 'Social Media for the Win' was addressed by Talha Aslam, a social media activist. The third session titled 'Evolution of Electronic Media' was addressed by Ali Ahmed Nawaz on August 17, 2020, whereas the fourth session on 'A World Without God: Philosophical and Moral Implications of Atheism' by Ruhma Ahmed was held on August 24, 2020.

The month of September saw three interactive sessions taking place. The session titled 'History of Feminism', which was addressed by Hamza Qureshi, was held on 9th September 2020, the session 'The problem of Evil and Existence of God' addressed by Ibrahim Babakhel was held on 16th September, whereas the last session 'History of Liberalism' was addressed by Hassan Haroon on 23rd September 2020.

For further details, visit:
<https://www.ips.org.pk/ips-lead-launches-lets-talk-studio>

Publications

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Kamyab Zindagi 4: Taaluqat Ko Nikhariye



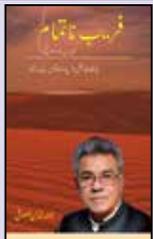
Kamyab Zindagi 4 - Apne Taaluqat Ko Nikhariye (A Successful Life: Refine Your Relations) is the latest addition to the series of IPS Press publications titled *Kamyab Zindagi*. The book emphasizes on the importance of building, maintaining, and refining different type of relationships that exist in our daily lives, in our surroundings, our society, and in our professional and personal lives, including our relationship with the Almighty. Comprising articles written in a very light-hearted manner, the book narrates several motivating stories from the author's life as well as from the experiences of his close acquaintances which left a profound impression on the minds and lives of the people involved.

It is pertinent to mention here that *Kamyab Zindagi* series is all about changing behaviors and developing of a personality, aspiring to give a special dimension to our thoughts in the perspective of individual and collective behaviors by enticing us to learn from the events that we witness, hear, read about, or ourselves become a part of.

Written by Executive President IPS Khalid Rahman, the book primarily is based on short speeches of the author that were prepared for *Raushni*, a program of Radio Pakistan.

For further details, visit: www.ips.org.pk/kamyab-zindagi-4-apne-talluqat-ko-nikhariye/

FORTHCOMING



Faraib-e-Na-Tamam
(4th Edition)
Author: Jumma Khan Sufi
Binding: Hardback
Pages: 788
Price: PKR 2,400
ISBN: 978-969-448-791-5

Jammu and Kashmir: One Year After August 5, 2019, and Way Forward



Prepared by IPS-Working Group on Kashmir, this policy brief encapsulates the ideas, knowledge and experiences, based on nine meetings and three international seminars, held by IPS between August 5, 2019 and July 22, 2020. The brief summarizes policy recommendations presented during these sessions by classifying them in six distinct policy domains. These include Political, Diplomatic, Psycho-social, Law-fare, Economic and Military/Strategic policy domains. Thus, it offers focused policy proposals in each respective domain for the consideration of relevant institutions and stakeholders.

For further details, visit: www.ips.org.pk/jammu-and-kashmir-one-year-after-august-5-2019-and-way-forward/

Kashmir's Statehood Abrogated – Legal Fact Finding Report



Co-published by IPS and Legal Forum for Oppressed Voices of Kashmir (LFOVK), this report manifests that India's siege of Jammu & Kashmir can be classified as a military occupation through unilateral annexation which stands in violation of international law. India has been perpetuating atrocities in J&K that come under crimes against humanity, crimes of aggression and war crimes, according to international laws. The report stresses that all this necessitates setting up of an independent war crimes tribunal to investigate atrocities committed by the Indian occupying forces and intervention of the International Criminal Court to initiate proceedings against all perpetrators.

For further details, visit: www.ips.org.pk/kashmirs-statehood-abrogated-legal-fact-finding-report/

RESEARCH

National Agriculture and Food Security in Pakistan



The monograph is a compilation of proceedings of a seminar jointly conducted by IPS and PAS Forum on the increasing importance of the agricultural sector and rising concerns about food security. The monograph highlights major challenges faced by the sector and way forward to enhance the agricultural sector.

For further details, visit: www.ips.org.pk/national-agriculture-and-food-security-in-pakistan-2/

Distributed Generation Landscape in Pakistan: An Overview

Prosumerism has instilled new hope for addressing challenges surrounding a reliable, affordable, and climate-friendly energy supply. Pakistan – a country with naturally high potential for solar prosumage – also issued net metering regulations in 2015. This brief provides major insights on year-wise, distribution company-wise and finally category-wise Distributed Generation (DG) growth over the past four years. It showcases that distributed generation growth in Pakistan, despite offering one of the most promising solutions to advancing clean energy transition in the country, still is in its infancy. Any significant growth in it will not only contribute to achieving the sustainable development goals on energy and climate action, but would also dovetail with the country's quest on energy security.

For further details, visit: www.ips.org.pk/distributed-generation-landscape-in-pakistan-an-overview/

Islamabad Temple Controversy: An Overview

The brief presents whole picture of the temple controversy and related issues for the benefit of govt. agencies, political and social groups and general public. It also aims to strengthen rational and critical approaches on all such issues.

For further details, visit: www.ips.org.pk/islamabad-temple-controversy-an-overview/



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