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Nuqta-e-Nazar (Urdu biannual)
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Established: May 1979

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Chairman: Khalid Rahman
Vice Chairman (Academics): Amb (r) Syed Abrar Hussain
Vice Chairman (Endowment): Abrar Ahmad Magoon

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Registered under the Societies Act 1860 (Act XXI of 1860)

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Along with associates contributing in research activities, there are associates who may not have a direct role in research but share the IPS vision and wish to contribute towards its development and are making their input in their respective areas of expertise such as planning, management and human development. For those who share the IPS vision, options for contribution are infinite such as sponsorships for on-going projects of IPS, various forms of collaborations and support including patronage, membership and volunteer services.

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Year in Focus



An otherwise engaging and productive year for IPS was overshadowed by the sudden demise of its founding chairman, Professor Khurshid Ahmad, former senator and a renowned scholar, who breathed his last in Leicester, UK, on April 13th, 2025, following a brief illness.

The setback, however, did not hinder IPS' activities as the Institute continued its endeavors with a renewed passion, aiming to carry the mission forward that was laid down by its founder about four and a half decades ago.

The highlight of the year was the international seminar on the role of religions in fostering peace, harmony, and justice, which brought together scholars, intellectuals, and religious leaders from six different faiths on one

platform. The event highlighted the significance of religion in promoting peace worldwide.

The annual meeting of IPS-National Advisory Council (previously known as National Academic Council) was another important event of the year featuring notable personalities from across Pakistan, emphasizing the need for a clear national direction for Pakistan going forward.

There were several significant developments on the international stage as well during the period that kept the Institute keen-eyed. The volatile regional situation w.r.t. Indo-Pak relations, particularly the Pahalgam attack in the Indian-occupied Kashmir region, the Indian aggression on Pakistan in its follow-up, the unilateral suspension of the Indus Water

Treaty (IWT) by India, and then Pakistan's proportionate response, were duly analyzed by the Institute in separate sessions.

The continued Indian atrocities in IIOJ&K also remained the center of the Institute's attention, underscoring the current Indian administration's approach to Jammu and Kashmir, the ongoing human rights violations post-revocation of Articles 370 and 35A in IIOJ&K, the assembly elections in the union territory of Jammu and Kashmir, and the future prospects and the opportunity to re-emphasize the Kashmir issue at the global stage post Indo-Pak conflict.

Amidst the ongoing push and pull in the South Asian region, the transformational developments within the internal political landscape of Bangladesh and its regional implications, as well as different aspects of Pakistan-Afghanistan relations, such as hurdles and challenges in bilateral relations following the Taliban's return to power, were analyzed by the Institute at length on different occasions.

The Gaza ceasefire, the Israeli hostility on Iran, and then Iran's response resulting in air strikes by the United States were some other notable developments of the year needing attention, whereas the need for Pakistan to balance its relations with established and emerging global powers, including Russia and China, were some other notions that were emphasized by former ambassadors, security analysts, and academics during different discussions held at the Institute.

Likewise, the ongoing Israeli atrocities in Palestine and the humanitarian crisis involving Rohingya Muslim communities in Myanmar were also contemplated at length

in different gatherings.

Domestically, several key issues were taken up for contemplation, including comprehensive discussions on the federal budget for FY2025-26, the 26th amendment to Pakistan's constitution, Pakistan's constitutional framework w.r.t. international law, ensuring family rights through legislative proposals, the Child Marriage Restraint Act 2025, Supreme Court's judgement in the Mubarak Sani case, the national unity and ethnic pluralism, the curriculum and discourse surrounding Pakistan Studies, the need for modernization and sustained compliance with International Maritime Organization (IMO)'s regulations, poverty alleviation, food security, and the steps needed to establish a Shariah-based Islamic finance ecosystem in the country.

Due heed was paid to the country's energy-related concerns as well, deliberating upon the challenges and future opportunities for the power sector, outlining the country's energy priorities, the solar surge in Pakistan, the role of Independent Power Producers (IPPs) and the lacunas in their contracts, and the need for DISCO reforms, whereas an issue brief on NTDC reforms, as well as a comprehensive infographic mapping IPPs in Pakistan, were also produced.

The Institute organized (and co-organized) three book launching ceremonies in the period, including *Bridging Horizons: Unravelling the Enigma of Connectivity between Pakistan and Central Asia*, *Ikkeeswi Sadi ka Bharat aur Musalman: Siyasat aur Samaj ke Aeenay mai*, and *Al-Muhallab: Khitta-e-Pakistan mai Islam ka Pehla Alambardar*, apart from arranging four lecture series: *Islamic Economics: The Polar*

Opposite of Capitalist Economics by Prof. Dr. Asad Zaman, *Pakistan: A Natural Geopolitical State* by Owais Ahmad Ghani, *The World and the Future of Humanity* by Prof. Dr. Anis Ahmad, and *Kamyab Zindagi* by Chairman IPS Khalid Rahman.

The Institute, in addition, also joined hands with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) to produce a two-day humanitarian journalism workshop, and with Quaid-i-Azam University's School of Economics to produce the 2nd International Islamic Economics Conference.

The Institute was represented by its team members on external platforms on different occasions, extending the Institute's viewpoints over miscellaneous matters of shared interests. Most notable among them were Chairman IPS addressing China's Sanya Public Security Forum on global governance reforms, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE) on Pak-China relations, Institute of Strategic Studies, Islamabad (ISSI) over recent Indian elections, Islamabad Policy Research Institute (IPRI) on politics and governance in Pakistan, University of Haripur at the conference on international law violations in Indian-occupied Jammu and Kashmir, and National University of Modern Languages (NUML) on the need for renewing our commitment to Pakistan; whereas Vice Chairman IPS Ambassador (r) Syed Abrar Hussain spoke on cultural diversity and unity at the Institute of Regional Studies (IRS), Islamabad, Pakistan's foreign policy and national security imperatives at a conference organized by Esar Trust and Riphah International University (RIU), on Pakistan's foreign policy at the Qurtuba University of Science and Technology, Peshawar,

Pakistan's role in countering terrorism at the Institute of Strategic Studies, Research and Analysis (ISSRA), and on Pakistan-Afghanistan relations at the Pak-Afghan Youth Forum (PAYF).

Besides signing two MoUs and holding collaborating ventures with various national universities and institutions, IPS hosted the talks of foreign scholars such as Prof. Dr. Sami Al-Arian, Prof. Dr. Bülent Şenay and Dr. Monjed Abu Bakr from Türkiye, Dr. Debbie Bargallie from Australia, Dr. Zarni from Myanmar, and Sa'diyya Nesar, a Ted-x speaker and disability rights advocate. IPS LEAD—the Institute's Learning, Excellence and Development program—on the other hand, organized a series of staff development sessions, held a workshop on creative writing, and facilitated a six-week summer internship program.

On the research side, apart from bringing forth new editions of its flagship journal *Policy Perspectives* and periodicals *Maghrib aur Islam* and *Nuqta-e-Nazar*, the Institute produced sizable research material on topics concerning global geopolitics, Pakistan's relations with neighboring countries, continued atrocities in Gaza and Indian-occupied Kashmir, economy, energy, etc.

IPS Press, the Institute's publishing arm, on the other hand, came up with five book titles i.e. the first volume of *Religion in Modern Age*, *Bridging Horizons: Unraveling the Enigma of Connectivity Between Pakistan and Central Asia*, *Geopolitics: Frameworks and Dynamics in a Multipolar World*, *Ties that Bind: Essays on Pakistan-Africa Relations*, and *Ikeeswi Sadi ka Bharat aur Musalman: Siyasat aur Samaaj ke Aeenay Mai*.

Research Projects

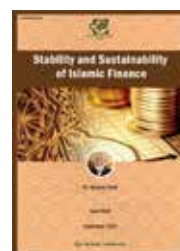
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Muhammad Wali Farooqi,
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New Strategy and Positive Approach for Bangladesh

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**Trajectory of Pakistan-
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**Military Stand-off and
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**Gaza After the Guns Fall
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**US Policy Toward Israel
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**Solidarity and Resistance:
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**New Normal? India-Pakistan
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at Risk**

Dr. Farhat Taj

Policy Perspectives (Volume 21, Issue No. 1, 2024)



- **‘Metamorphosis of Warfare: War without Warriors or Battlefields’**

Author: Aneela Shahzad, Geopolitical Analyst; Author of the following books: Understanding Geopolitics; and Geopolitics-from the Other Side.

- **‘From Foes to Friends? The Potential of the Saudi-Iran Détente Amid Raging Conflicts in the Middle East’**

Author: Dr. Nora Maher, Political Science, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University, Cairo, Egypt; Former Associate Professor, Political Science, The British University in Egypt (BUE), Cairo, Egypt.

- **‘Transnational Baloch Ethnicity Across the Afro-Asian Ocean Region: Prospects for Regional Maritime Connectivity’**

Author: Naufil Shahrukh, Former General Manager, Institute of Policy Studies (IPS); Deputy Team Leader, Institutional Reform Studies, Karachi Water Sewerage Services Improvement Project (KWSSIP), an initiative of the Government of Sindh funded by the World

Bank and Asian Infrastructure Development Bank (AIDB); PhD Scholar, Department of History, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, Pakistan.

- **‘Pak-Saudi Relations Maritime Cooperation: Opportunities and Future Agenda’**

Author: Muhammad Jawad Akhtar, Former Advisor, Ministry of Planning, Development Special Initiatives (MoPDSI), Government of Pakistan; Senior Associate, Institute of Policy Studies (IPS), Islamabad, Pakistan.

- **‘Pakistan’s Infrastructural Domestic Challenges to Connectivity with Central Asia: Role of Regional and Global Powers’**

Authors: Dr. Faisal Javed, Assistant Professor, Department of International Relations, Federal Urdu University of Arts, Sciences and Technology, Karachi, Pakistan; Dr. Uzma Siraj, Assistant Professor, Department of International Relations, Federal Urdu University of Arts, Sciences and Technology, Islamabad, Pakistan; and Dr. Arkadiusz Zukowski, Professor, Institute of Political Science, University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn, Olsztyn, Poland.

- **‘Navigating Hybrid Governance: Role of Pakistan National Security Committee (NSC) Constitutional Outlook’**

Author: Anum Akhlaq, Researcher at the Institute of Policy Studies (IPS), Islamabad, Pakistan; MS scholar, Media Studies, Riphah International University, Islamabad, Pakistan.

- **‘Privity of Contract Rights of Third Party: An Appraisal of Pakistani English Courts’**

Author(s): Farqaleet Khokhar, Corporate Lawyer; LLB (Hons), Gillani Law College, Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan, Pakistan.

- **‘Dialogue at IPS’**

Policy Perspectives (Volume 21, Issue No. 2, 2024)



- **Israeli Aggression: Perspectives, Policies, and Projected Scenarios**

Author: Malik Waleed, Researcher, Institute of Policy Studies (IPS), Islamabad, Pakistan.

- **'Horizontal Peace' in Ukraine Simplified**

Author: Lars Hilse, Independent Researcher, Cyber Security Expert, Bunsöh, Germany.

- **Democracy and Liberal Cosmopolitanism: Who is the Sovereign?**

Author: Aneela Shahzad, Geopolitical Analyst; author of the book: Understanding Geopolitics (2020); and Geopolitics-from the Other Side.

- **Effects of Investor-State Dispute Settlements (ISDS) on Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Flows**

Authors: Frans Lavdari, Department of Social Sciences and Economics, Sapienza University of Rome, Rome, Italy; and Xhulio Lavdari, Department of Engineering, Exeter University, United Kingdom.

- **Religion and Religiosity in the Contemporary Global Environment**

Author: Dr. Tamara Sonn, Hamad Bin Khalifa

Al-Thani Professor, History of Islam; Director of the Alwaleed Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding, Georgetown University, Washington, DC, US.

- **The Revival of Islam: The Central Role of Islamic Educational System**

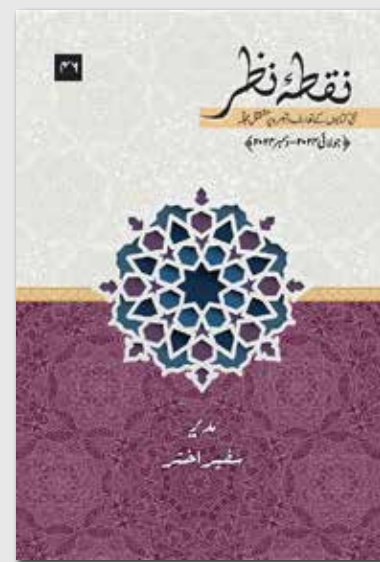
Author: Dr. Asad Zaman, Former Vice Chancellor, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE), Islamabad, Pakistan.

- **Transforming Pakistan's Blue Economy: Governance, Efficiency, and Sustainability**

Author: Muhammad Jawad Akhtar, Former Advisor, Maritime Affairs, Ministry of Planning Development & Special Initiatives (MoPD&SI), Government of Pakistan; Senior Associate, Institute of Policy Studies, (IPS), Islamabad, Pakistan.

- **Dialogue at IPS**

Nuqta-e-Nazar (Issue No. 46)



Editor: Dr. Safir Akhtar

Policy Perspectives (Volume 22, Issue 1, 2025)



- **Mending Fences in the GCC-Iran Relationship in the Wake of Israel-Gaza War**

Author: Dr. Nora Maher, Assistant Professor, Political Science, Political Science Department, Faculty of Political Science, Economics and Business Administration, May University, Cairo, Egypt.

- **Israel-Gaza War: Geopolitics and the Game Theory**

Author: Aneela Shahzad, Geopolitical Analyst; Author of the books: Understanding Geopolitics – From the Other Side; and Geopolitics – Frameworks and Dynamics in a Multipolar World.

- **Trump's Five percent NATO Ruse**

Author: Lars Hilse, Independent Researcher, Cyber Security Expert, Bunsöh, Germany.

- **Evolving US Indo-Pacific Posture and Strategic Competition with China**

Authors: Abid Hassan, Research Associate, Department of IR, International Islamic University, Islamabad, Pakistan; and Syed Hammad Ali, Research Associate, Department

of IR, International Islamic University, Islamabad, Pakistan

- **From Ganga to Pahalgam: India's Arc of Strategic Deceit**

Author: Asifa Tanveer, Associate Editor, Institute of Policy Studies (IPS), Islamabad; Former Chief Officer, Local Government & Community Development Department (LGCD), Rawalpindi, Pakistan.

- **The Life and Legacy of A Luminary Scholar Khurshid Ahmad (1932-2025): A Tribute**

Khalid Rahman, chairman IPS.

- **Dialogues at IPS**

- **'Beyond the Frontlines: 50 Days since Pahalgam Incident'.**

Maghrib aur Islam: Maghrib ka Tasawwur-e-Fardiyyat aur Muslim Muashray (Issue No. 50)



Editor: Dr. Anis Ahmad

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'The Role of Religions in Fostering Peace, Harmony and Justice' (4 December 2024)

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'Third BJP Government: India's Kashmir Policy and its Future Outlook'

23rd meeting of IPS-Working Group on Kashmir

Speaker(s):

Khalid Rahman, chairman IPS, Ambassador (r) Syed Abrar Hussain, vice-chairman, Dr. Syed Muhammad Ali, security analyst and strategist, Dr. Waleed Rasool, director Institute of Multi-Track Dialogue Development & Diplomatic Studies, Dr. Raja Sajjad Muhammad Khan, director Kashmir Policy Research Institute, Iftikhar Gilani, Ankara-based Kashmiri journalist, and Farzana Yaqoob, former minister of AJK and IPS research associate.

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Seminar

'Renewal of the Narrative of the Emergence of Pakistan and Pakistan Studies'

Speaker(s):

Dr. Ijaz Shafi Gilani, renowned social scientist and chairman of Gallup Pakistan and Gilani Research Foundation, Khalid Rahman, chairman IPS, Ambassador (r) Syed Abrar Hussain, vice chairman IPS.

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Seminar

'Kashmir's Struggle after the Revocation of Articles 370 and 35A'

Speaker(s):

Dr. Shazia Sobia Aslam, member of the National Assembly, Khalid Rahman, chairman IPS, Dr. Shahzad Iqbal Sham, senior research fellow IPS, Saleem Bismil, former secretary, Government of AJ&K, Dr. Noor Fatima, associate professor and chairperson, Department of International Relations and Political Science, International Islamic University, Islamabad, Farzana Yaqoob, former minister of AJK and IPS research associate, Zaman Bajwa, executive director, YFK, and others.

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Seminar

'Transformation in Bangladesh: Emerging Domestic and Regional Scenario'



Speaker(s):

Ambassador (r) Afrasiab Mehdi Hashmi, and Ambassador (r) Rafiuzzaman Siddiqui, both of whom have served as Pakistan's high commissioners to Bangladesh, Khalid Rahman, chairman IPS,

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Seminar

'Trajectory of Pakistan-Afghanistan Relations: Post-August 2021'

Co-organizer:

Institute of Regional Studies (IRS), Peshawar

Speaker(s):

Ambassador (r) Mohammad Sadiq, Pakistan's former special representative on Afghanistan, Khalid Rahman, chairman IPS, Dr. Muhammad Iqbal Khalil, chairman IRS, Farhatullah Babar, former senator, Dr. Khuram Iqbal, HoD International Relations, National Defence University (NDU), Ambassador (r) Ayaz Wazir, Brigadier (r) Said Nazir, defense analyst, Noor-ul-ain Naseem, policy advisor, GIZ Pakistan, and other panelists.

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Seminar

'The Judgment of Supreme Court of Pakistan in Mubarak Sani Case and the Way Forward'



Speaker(s):

Allama Muhammad Raghieb Hussain, chairman Council of Islamic Ideology, Khalid Rahman, chairman IPS, Maulana Zahidur Rashdi, a leading religious scholar, Dr. Ataullah Mahmood Wattoo, professor of law, International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI), Imran Shafique, advocate Supreme Court, Sajjad Hameed, advocate High Court, Rafeeq Shinwari, Shifa Tameer-e-Millat University, Islamabad, Dr. Muhammad Asadullah, assistant professor, Faculty of Shari'ah & Law (FSL), IIUI, Dr. Hafiz

Muhammad Siddique, assistant professor, FSL, IIUI, Muhammad Ishtiaq Ahmad, advocate Supreme Court, Yasir Shakeel Janjua, advocate Supreme Court, Hafiz Khizar Hayat, advocate Supreme Court, Dr. Yasir Aman, advocate Supreme Court, Abdul Rehman Nasir, advocate Supreme Court, Murad Ali, head of Shaybani Foundation, Islamabad, Muhammad Faizan Raja, head of Albalagh Media, Syed Tayyab Shah, deputy director, NACTA, Aameena Sohail, IPS associate, Dr. Taimia Sabiha, assistant professor, Faculty of Usuluddin, IIUI, Dr. Soumia Aziz, assistant professor, Faculty of Usuluddin, IIUI, Shagufta Omar, in-charge Dawah Section (Female), IIUI, Dr. Ghazala Ghalib, lecturer, FSL (Female), IIUI, Dr. Ayesha Rafique, assistant professor, Fatima Jinnah Women University, Rawalpindi, and Dr Sameeha Raheel Qazi, a religious scholar.

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'Landscaping IPPs in Pakistan'**Speaker(s):**

Muhammad Wali Farooqi,
Research Officer, IPS

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**Annual Meeting of
IPS-National Advisory
Council (NAC)****Speaker(s):**

Khalid Rahman, chairman IPS, Ambassador (r) Syed Abrar Hussain, vice chairman IPS, Ambassador (r) Sardar Masood Khan, former president of AJK, Ambassador (r) Masood Khalid, Prof. Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed, chairman, Higher Education Commission (HEC), Prof. Dr. Anis Ahmad, vice chancellor, Riphah International University (RIU), Mirza Hamid Hasan, former federal secretary, Water and Power, Dr. Syed Tahir Hijazi, former member (governance), Planning Commission of Pakistan, Syed Abu Ahmad Akif, former federal secretary, Dr. Asad Zaman, former vice chancellor, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE), Prof. Jalil Aali, poet and educationist, Prof. Dr. Anwar ul Hassan Gilani, consultant with

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Series**'Islamic Economics: The Polar
Opposite of Capitalist Economics'****Co-organizer:**

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Livelihoods, Malaysia*

Speaker(s):

Prof. Dr. Asad Zaman, former vice
chancellor, Pakistan Institute of
Development Economics (PIDE)

HEC and former vice chancellor, University of Haripur, Mufti Abdul Rahim, head of Jamia-tur-Rasheed, Karachi, and chancellor Al Ghazali University, Prof. Dr. Abdul Razzaq Sabir, vice chancellor, Gwadar University, Dr. Syed Muhammad Junaid Zaidi, founder rector of COMSATS University, Islamabad, Dr. Masood Mehmood Khan, senior lecturer, Curtin University, Australia, Dr. Noreen Saher, associate professor/chairperson, Department of Anthropology, International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI), Dr. Syed Kaleem Imam, former federal secretary and IG Police, Vice Admiral (r) Iftikhar Ahmed Rao, Muhammad Bashir Jan Mohammad, chairman and director Westbury Group of Companies, Naufil Shahrukh, deputy team lead, Institutional Reform Studies, World Bank's Karachi Water and Sewerage Services Improvement Project, and Dr. Naveed Butt, former head, Pediatrics Department, Federal Government Services Hospital.

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'Ensuring Rights in the Family: Review of Legislative Proposals'

Speaker(s):

Khalid Rahman, chairman IPS, Imran Shafique, advocate Supreme Court, Syed Muaz Shah, advocate and director Center for Islamic Law & Human Rights, Asma Mushtaq, advocate Supreme Court, Usama bin Salam, advocate High Court, Dr.

Sameeha Raheel Qazi, former member of parliament, and Taj Muhammad, assistant professor, Bahria University, Islamabad.

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Governance or Control: Analyzing the 2024 'Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir' Assembly Elections'

Speaker(s):

Ambassador (r) Syed Abrar Hussain, vice-chairman IPS Khalid Rahman, chairman IPS, Prof. Nazir Hussain, former dean School of Politics and International Relations, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, Farzana Yaqoob, former minister of AJK and IPS research associate, and Dr. Amna Mahmood, professor, Faculty of Social Sciences, International Islamic University, Islamabad.

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'Unpacking the Issues in IPP Contracts: Insight from Experience and Emerging Scenarios'

Speaker(s):

Naveed Siddique, consultant Engineer, Khalid Rahman, chairman IPS, Mirza Hamid Hassan, former federal secretary, Water and Power, and Asad Mahmood, a renewable energy expert, Muhammad Wali Farooqi, research officer, IPS.

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Launch**Al Muhallab – Khitta-e-
Pakistan Main Islam Ka Pehla
Alambardar****Speaker(s):**

Dr. Ijaz Shafi Gilani, founder of Gallup Pakistan, Prof. Jalil Aali, prominent writer, intellectual, and poet, Khalid Rahman, chairman IPS, Ambassador (r) Syed Abrar Hussain, vice chairman IPS, Syed Abu Ahmed Akif, former federal secretary, and Dr. Shahzad Iqbal Sham, senior research fellow at IPS.

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**'Pakistan-India Interaction:
Ancient and Contemporary
Perspective'****Speaker(s):**

Ambassador (r) Afrasiab Mehdi Hashmi Qureshi, Chairman IPS
Khalid Rahman

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**'Pakistan: A Natural
Geopolitical State'****Co-organizer:**

Bahria University, Islamabad

Speaker(s):

Owais Ahmed Ghani, former

governor of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan and member of the Institute of Policy Studies (IPS), National Advisory Council, Ambassador (r) Syed Abrar Hussain, vice chairman IPS, Dr. Shoaib Suddle, director and senior fellow, Global Think Tank Network, National University of Science and Technology (NUST), and Syeda Sughra Imam, former senator.

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Lecture

**'Israeli Aggression:
Perspectives, Policies, and
Emerging Scenario'****Speaker(s):**

Syed Muhammad Ali, policy analyst and strategist, Oves Anwar, director, Research Society of International Law, Dr. Khurram Iqbal, associate professor, National Defense University, Islamabad, Khalid Rahman, chairman IPS, and Ambassador (r) Syed Abrar Hussain, vice chairman, IPS.

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**'Poverty Alleviation in Pakistan:
Examining the Concept and
Performance of BISP'****Speaker(s):**

Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Arif, former dean, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE), Dr. Shujaat Farooq, chief of research, PIDE, Khalid Rahman, chairman, IPS, and other experts.

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Seminar

'Navigating the Solar Surge: Ensuring Equitable Energy Access in Pakistan's Power Sector'



Speaker(s):

Ameena Sohail, senior IPS associate and energy advocate, Abubakar Ismail, head of energy & sustainability, Amreli Steels, Muhammad Musaddiq, CEO of Siddique Renewable Energy, Asad Mahmood, renewable energy expert, Khalid Rahman, chairman IPS, Mirza Hamid Hassan, former federal secretary for Water & Power, and Wali Farooqi, research officer IPS

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Consultative
Meeting

'National Unity and Ethnic Pluralism'



Speaker(s):

Khalid Rahman, chairman IPS, Professor Dr. Qibla Ayaz, ad-hoc member of the Shariat Appellate Bench of the Supreme Court, Farhatullah Babar, PPP leader and former senator, Prof. Dr. Fakhr-ul-Islam, former director, Pakistan Study Centre, University of Peshawar, Ambassador (r) Ayaz Wazir, Dr. Lutfur Rehman, an

expert on FATA affairs, Dr. Khurram Iqbal, associate professor, National Defense University (NDU), Islamabad, Dr. Ashraf Ali, former director FATA Research Center, Salman Javed, director, Pak-Afghan Youth Forum, and other distinguished academics, former officials, and policy experts.

**27
Oct
2024**

Book
Launch

Ikkeeswi Sadi ka Bharat aur Musalman: Siyasat aur Samaaj ke Aeenay Mai

Speaker(s):

Ambassador Sohail Mahmood, former foreign secretary and high commissioner to India, and director general, Institute of Strategic Studies, Islamabad (ISSI), Khalid Rahman, chairman IPS, Ambassador (r) Syed Abrar Hussain, vice chairman IPS, Prof Khurshid Ahmad, eminent scholar and patron-in-chief IPS, Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq, former senator and secretary-general Motamar Al-Alam Al-Islami, and Pakistan's former high commissioner to India Ambassador (r) Abdul Basit.

**29
Oct
2024**

Roundtable

Food Security and Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) in Pakistan'



Speaker(s):

Khalid Rahman, chairman IPS, Dr. Anwar ul Hassan Gilani, former vice-chancellor, The University of Haripur, Dr. Shaukat Ali, director National Institute of Genomics and Advanced Biotechnology (NIGAB), and Dr. Zahid Akram, professor, PMAS Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi. The session was also attended by academia, experts, government officials, researchers, and representatives of farmers.

**27
Nov
2024**

Roundtable

'The 26th Amendment of the Constitution of Pakistan: Significance and Impact'**Speaker(s):**

Ahmer Bilal Soofi, advocate Supreme Court of Pakistan, Khalid Rahman, chairman IPS, Jam Muhammad Aslam, Ministry of Law and Justice, Syed Ahmad Hassan Shah, advocate Supreme Court of Pakistan, Hafiz Ahmed Waqas, Shariah Academy, International Islamic University, Islamabad, and Dr. Shahzad Iqbal Sham, research fellow, IPS.

**30
Oct
2024**

Lecture

'Pakistan is a Natural Geopolitical State'**Co-organizer:**

National Institute of Pakistan Studies (NIPS), Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad

Speaker(s):

Owais Ahmed Ghani, former governor KP and member of the Institute of Policy Studies (IPS)'s National Advisory Council.

**19
Nov
2024**

Seminar

'Reshaping Cultural Connections in a Globalized World'**Speaker(s):**

Dr. Debbie Bargallie, associate professor and principal research fellow at Griffith Centre for Social and Cultural Research and Griffith Institute for Educational Research, Griffith University, Australia, Dr. Khalid Masud, member, Shariat Appellate Bench, Supreme Court of Pakistan, and Khalid Rahman, chairman IPS.

**03
Dec
2024**

Seminar

'Energy Priorities in Crisis: Navigating Gas Supply Cuts to Captive Power Plants in Pakistan'**Speaker(s):**

Ameena Sohail, Senior IPS Associate, Bilal A. Shaikh, Director of Energy Business at an EU-based energy technology solutions provider, Abubakar Ismail, Head of Energy at Amreli Steels, Asad Mahmood, a renewable energy expert, Asim Riaz, an energy expert, Rehan Jawed, a seasoned industrialist, and Muhammad Wali Farooqi, Research Officer, IPS

04
Dec
2024

Int'l
Seminar

'The Role of Religions in Fostering Peace, Harmony, and Justice'



Co-organizer:

Allama Iqbal Open University (AIU), National University of Modern Languages (NUML), Islamabad, University of Management & Technology (UMT), Lahore, Gift University, Gujranwala, The Islamic Foundation (IF), UK, and Markfield Institute of Higher Education, UK.

Speaker(s):

Ahsan Iqbal, federal minister for Planning, Development, and Special Initiatives, Dr Tamara Sonn, professor emerita, Georgetown University, Washington D.C. Chairman IPS Khalid Rahman, Justice Dr Qibla Ayaz, member, Shariat Appellate Bench, Supreme Court of Pakistan (SCP), Rev Fr Prof Sarfraz Simon, diocesan director of Catholic Church, Dr. Neelima Shukla-Bhatt of Wellesley College, USA, Dr. Kalyan Singh Kalyan of GC University, Lahore, Dr. Samantha Ilangakoon of University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, Dr Ophira Gamliel of University of Glasgow, Dr. Hafiz Waqas Khan of Riphah International University (RIU), Islamabad, Dr. Khalid Masud, member judge, Shariat Appellate

Bench, SCP, and Dr. Zahid Parvez, rector, Markfield Institute of Higher Education, UK, Dr. Mary Hunter, post-doctoral researcher, St. Leonard's associate of the University of St Andrews, Scotland, Dr. Taimia Sabiha, assistant professor, International Islamic University, Islamabad, Dr. Seema Farzad, social activist, Manzoor Masih, member National Commission for Human Rights, Justice Dr. Syed Muhammed Anwer, judge, Federal Shariat Court, alongside Chairman IPS Khalid Rahman, IPS' Vice Chairman Ambassador (r) Syed Abrar Hussain, Prof. Dr. Mohyuddin Hashmi, dean, Faculty of Arabic and Islamic Studies, Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad, Prof. Khurshid Ahmad, founding chairman of IPS, and Khurshid Ahmad Nadeem, chairman National Rahmatul-Lil-Aalameen Wa Khatamun Nabiyyin Authority.

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Dec
2024

Book
Launch

'Bridging Horizons: Unraveling the Enigma of Connectivity between Pakistan and Central Asia'

Co-organizer:

Federal Urdu University of Arts, Science and Technology (FUUAST), Islamabad

Speaker(s):

Ambassador (r) Riaz Hussain Bukhari, Pakistan's former envoy to Uzbekistan, Prof. Dr. Ijaz Shafi Gilani, chairman Gallup Pakistan,

Co-organizer:

*Federal Urdu University of Arts,
Science and Technology
(FUUAST), Islamabad*

Speaker(s):

Ambassador (r) Riaz Hussain

**10
Jan
2025**

Presentation

'Insights into Gen Z Minds'

Speaker(s):

Kashif Hafeez Siddiqui, CEO,
Pulse Consultant.

**17
Jan
2025**

Seminar

**'Israel-Hamas Ceasefire and
Related Developments'**

Speaker(s):

Chairman IPS Khalid Rahman,
Muhammad Waleed, Junior
Research Officer, IPS

**24
Jan
2025**

Seminar

**'Path to Peace: Unpacking the
Palestine Question'**



Speaker(s):

Prof. Dr. Sami Al-Arian, director,
Center for Islam and Global Affairs
(CIGA), Istanbul Sabahattin Zaim
University, Chairman IPS Khalid
Rahman, Vice Chairman IPS
Ambassador (r) Syed Abrar
Hussain

**31
Jan
2025**

Roundtable

**'Geopolitical Imperatives:
Redefining Pakistan-
Afghanistan Relations in the
Post-Taliban Era'**

Speaker(s):

Ambassador (r) Asif Durrani,
Pakistan's former special
representative on Afghanistan,
Chairman IPS Khalid Rahman,
Brigadier (r) Said Nazir, defense
analyst, Noor-ul-Ain Naseem,
policy advisor, GIZ, Dr. Farhat Taj,
associate professor, University of
Tromsø, Norway, Ambassador
(r) Syed Abrar Hussain,
Ambassador (r) Ayaz Wazir, Dr.
Lutfur Rehman, an expert on
FATA affairs

**03
Feb
2025**

Seminar

**'Navigating Pakistan's Blue
Economy: Strategic Insights
and Future Roadmap'**

Speaker(s):

Vice Admiral (r) Iftikhar Ahmed
Rao, former SAPM maritime
affairs, Cdre (r) Muhammad
Jawad Akhtar, former advisor
maritime affairs, Planning
Commission, Khalid Rahman,
chairman IPS, Dr. Usman
Chohan, advisor, Center for
Aerospace and Strategic Studies
(CASS), Prof. Dr. Azhar Ahmad,
senior analyst, Muhammad
Wasim Khan, former DG, Marine
Fisheries Department, and Cdre.
(r) Muhammad Obaidullah,
maritime and defense analyst.

04

Feb
2025

Seminar

'Kashmir Solidarity and Voices of Youth'

Co-organizer:

Youth Forum for Kashmir (YFK), Youth Association of Pakistan (YAP), and Youth Diplomacy Forum (YDF)

Speaker(s):

Khalid Rahman, chairman, IPS, Ambassador (r) Syed Abrar Hussain, vice chairman, IPS, Abdul Qadir, chairman, YAP, and a panel of youth speakers including Alina Zafar, research officer, YFK, Musawar Tanoli, YDF, Basim Raza, research assistant, The Millennium Universal College (TMUC), Shaheer Ahmad, research assistant, Centre for Aerospace And Security Studies (CASS), Abdul Basit, research officer, Center for International Strategic Studies (CISS) AJK, Tayyaba Khurshid, research officer, CISS AJK, and Hafsa Masoodi, PhD scholar, Centre for International Peace & Stability (CIPS), National University of Science and Technology (NUST).

director Pakistan Study Centre, University of Peshawar, Khalid Rahman, chairman IPS, Ambassador (r) Syed Abrar Hussain, vice chairman, IPS, Prof. Dr. Adam Saud, dean Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Bahria University, Islamabad, Brig (r) Tughral Yamin, former associate dean, Centre of International Peace and Stability, NUST, Dr. Saira Nawaz Abbasi, senior assistant professor, Bahria University, Islamabad, and Taimur Fahad Khan, research associate, Institute of Strategic Studies, Islamabad.

24

Feb
2025

Seminar

'Historiography and the Formulation of Collective Identity'

Speaker(s):

Prof. Dr. Bülent Şenay, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, Bursa Uludağ University, Türkiye, and Dr. Monjed Abu Bakr, assistant professor, Istanbul 29 Mayıs University.

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Feb
2025

Seminar

'The Evolving Pakistan-Russia Relationship in a Changing Global Order'

Co-organizer:

Institute of International Relations, Kazan Federal University, Russia, and the Department of International Relations, Federal Urdu University of Arts, Science and Technology (FUUAST), Karachi.

Speaker(s):

Prof. Dr. Fakhr-ul-Islam, former

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Mar
2025

Seminar

'Pakistan-Afghanistan Economic and Trade Ties'



Speaker(s):

Khalid Rahman, chairman, IPS, Ambassador (r) Syed Abrar Hussain, vice chairman IPS and Pakistan's former ambassador to

Afghanistan, Ambassador (r) Ayaz Wazir, Pak-Afghan affairs expert, Brigadier (r) Said Nazir, senior analyst, Junaid Ismail Makda, president, Pakistan Afghanistan Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Syed Jawad Hussain Kazmi, patron-in-chief, Khyber Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Fazal Moqeeem Khan, president, Sarhad Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Sheharyar Khan, executive director, National Dialogue Forum, and Tahir Khan, senior journalist and Afghan affairs analyst.

25
Mar
2025

Seminar

'Reforming IPP Contracts: Reducing Tariffs and Circular Debt'

Speaker(s):

Mirza Hamid Hassan, former federal secretary, Ministry of Water and Power, Khalid Rahman, chairman IPS, Imtiaz Hussain Baloch, DG Licensing, NEPRA, Ahad Nazir, research fellow, SDPI, AbuBakar Ismail, member FPCCI, SDG Committee, Asad Mahmood, sustainability expert, and Dr. Athar Mansoor, public policy expert.

24
Apr
2025

Seminar

'The Pahalgam Attack: Dissecting the Motives and Strategic Fallout'



Speaker(s):

Dr. Asma Shakir Khawaja, executive director Center for International Strategic Studies, AJK, Dr. Waleed Rasool, director Institute of Multi-Track Dialogue Development & Diplomatic Studies, Dr. Nauman Sattar, visiting faculty, Department of Defense and Strategic Studies, Quaid-i-Azam University, Said Nazir, defense and strategy expert, veteran journalist Iftikhar Gilani, Khalid Rahman, chairman IPS, and Ambassador (r) Syed Abrar Hussain, vice chairman IPS.

17
Apr
2025

Condolence

In the memory of Professor Khurshid Ahmad



27
Apr
2025

Seminar

'Towards a Shariah-Based Islamic Finance Ecosystem in Pakistan'



Speaker(s):

Justice Dr. Syed Muhammad Anwer, aalim judge of the Federal Shariat Court, Tariq Naseem, head of Islamic Finance Department at SECP, Tauseef ur Rahman, managing executive, SECP, Dr. Muhammad Ayub, former director, Research and Training, Riphah Center of Islamic Business, and Dr. Atiquzzafar Khan, board member, IPS.

30
Apr
2025

Seminar

'Buddhists, Rohingyas, and Genocide: Major Fault Lines and Possible Silver Linings'



Speaker(s):

Myanmar-born scholar and rights activist Dr. Zarni as the keynote speaker, Ahmer Bilal Soofi, senior advocate and founding president of the Research Society of International Law, Syed Abu Ahmad Akif, former federal secretary, and Khalid Rahman, chairman IPS.

24
Apr
2024, &
29 May,
26 Jun
2025

Lecture
Series

- 'The World Today and the Future of Humanity'
- 'What Ails Human Civilization Today?'
- 'Revisiting the Concept of Knowledge'



Co-organizer:

Markfield Institute of Higher Education (MIHE), UK, International Institute of Muslim Unity, Malaysia, and Islamic Studies Department at Bahauddin Zakaria University (BZU), Multan

Speaker(s):

Prof. Dr. Anis Ahmad, renowned scholar and founding vice chancellor of Riphah International University, Prof. Dr. Mustafeez Alvi, senior IPS associate and former dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, NUML, Islamabad, Prof. Dr. Hazizan Md Noon, International Islamic University, Malaysia (IIUM), Dr. Haroon Bashir, Head of Research at Markfield Institute of Higher Education (MIHE), UK, and Dr. Abdul Quddoos Sohaib from BZU.

29
Apr
2025

Memorial
Session

Beyad-e- Professor Khurshid Ahmad (Late)

Speaker(s):

Dr. Iftikhar Burney, senior vice president DIAP, Ahmad Hatib Siddique, central president DIAP, Muhammad Zaigham Mughira, patron DIAP, Syed Abrar Hussain,

vice chairman IPS, literary critic and scholar Dr. Zafar Hussain Zafar, scholar and academic Dr. Habib-ur-Rehman Asim, author Muhammad Hameed Shahid, and religious scholar Khalil-ur-Rehman Chishti. The session was chaired by Dr. Anis Ahmad, vice chancellor of Riphah International University and brother of Prof. Khurshid, and moderated by Mazhar Danish.

02
May
2025

Seminar

'Indus Waters Treaty 'in Abeyance': Implications and Strategic Pathways for Pakistan'



Speaker(s):

Dr. Hassan Abbas, a noted water expert, Mirza Hamid Hassan, former federal secretary, Water and Power, Khalid Rahman, chairman IPS, Cmdr (r) Azhar Ahmad, IPS associate; and public policy lawyer Ameena Sohail.

09
May
2025

Seminar

'Pakistan in a New Age of Geopolitics'



Speaker(s):

Ambassador (r) Sardar Masood Khan, former president AJK, Ambassador (r) Naghmana Hashmi, Dr. Nazir Hussain, former dean social sciences, University of Wah, Dr. Khurram Iqbal, associate professor, National Defence University, Dr. Adam Saud, dean humanities and social sciences, Bahria University, Brig. (r) Said Nazir, defense analyst, Brig. (r) Dr. Tughrul Yamin, IPS associate, Khalid Rahman, chairman IPS, Ambassador (r) Syed Abrar Hussain, vice chairman IPS, and Aneela Shahzad.

16
May
2025

Seminar

'Rejuvenated Case of Kashmir: Perspectives and Future Prospects'

Speaker(s):

Muhammad Ghalib, president Tehreek-e-Kashmir Europe, Dr. Muzzammil Ayyub Thakur, president World Kashmir Freedom Movement, and Zaffar Nazir Quraishi, chairman Kashmir Campaign Global, Ambassador (r) Sardar Masood Khan, former president AJK, as the chief guest, Khalid Rahman, chairman, IPS.

20
May
2025

Seminar

'Role of independent research institutions (IPS' 46th Anniversary)'

Speaker(s):

Khalid Rahman, chairman IPS, Amb (r) Syed Abrar Hussain, vice chairman IPS, Dr. Waqar Masood Khan, former federal secretary, finance, Prof. Dr. Anis Ahmad, vice

chancellor Riphah International University, Prof. Dr. Ijaz Shafi Gilani, founder Gallup Pakistan, Bashir Jan Mohammad, chairman Westbury Group of Companies, and Ameena Sohail, energy lawyer.

22
May
2025

Seminar

'Federal Budget 2025-26: Strategic Priorities under Uraan Pakistan and the Shadow of Pakistan-India Tensions'



Speaker(s):

Dr. Waqar Masood Khan, former federal secretary, Ministry of Finance, Sakib Sherani, former principal economic advisor to the Government of Pakistan, Zafar ul Hassan Almas, former joint chief economist, Ministry of Planning, Development & Special Initiatives, and Khalid Rahman, chairman, IPS.

Muhammad Asim Ejaz, chief engineer IESCO, Zubair Chaudhary, general manager finance, CPPA-G, Afia Malik, senior energy economist, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics, and Khalid Rahman, chairman IPS. The session was chaired by Mirza Hamid Hassan, former federal secretary, Water and Power.

03
Jun
2025

Seminar

'Navigating IMO Regulations: Opportunities and Strategies for Pakistan's Shipping Industry'

Speaker(s):

Cdre (r) Jawad Akhtar, maritime policy advisor, Ministry of Maritime Affairs, Cdre (r) Irfan Taj, maritime strategist and consultant, Ali Tauqeer Sheikh, member, National Climate Change Council, Shahzad Atta, director (legal), Ministry of Maritime Affairs, Khalid Rahman, chairman, IPS, and Ambassador (r) Syed Abrar Hussain, vice chairman, IPS.

02
Jun
2025

Seminar

'Addressing Electricity Underutilization and Affordability: A Demand Side Approach to DISCOs Reforms'



Speaker(s):

Amer Zia, chairman board of directors, LESCO and MEPCO,

16
Jun
2025

Talk

'Israeli Aggression on Iran and the Dynamics of the Middle East'

Speaker(s):

Khalid Rahman, chairman, IPS, Ambassador (r) Syed Abrar Hussain, vice chairman, IPS, Ambassador (r) Nasrullah Khan, Ambassador (r) Riffat Masood, Ambassador (r) Naila Chohan, and Brig. (r) Tughrul Yamin.

19
Jun
2025

Roundtable

'ICT Child Marriage Restraint Act 2025 – Legal, Social, and Religious Perspectives'



Speaker(s):

Khalid Rahman, chairman, IPS, Hammad Saeed Dar, advocate, High Court, Dr. Umm-e-Kulsoom, physician and Islamic scholar, and Dr. Ghazala Ghalib, senior lecturer, International Islamic University, Islamabad, among other scholars and practitioners.

24-25
Apr
2025

Workshop

'Humanitarian Journalism During Armed Conflicts and Emergencies'



Co-organizer:

International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)

Speaker(s):

Syed Nadeem Farhat, IPS research fellow, Dr. Ziaullah Rahmani, ICRC regional adviser, Dr. Yasir Riaz, a humanitarian officer at the UN, Muhammad Waqar Bhatti, senior health journalist, Dr. Saqib Jawad, legal expert, Christoph Sutter, ICRC and IPS Chairman Khalid Rahman.

28
Jun
2025

Seminar

'Pakistan's Constitutional Framework and International Law'



Speaker(s):

Chairman IPS Khalid Rahman, Dr. Khalid Masood, member Shariat Appellate Bench at the Supreme Court of Pakistan and former chair of the Council of Islamic Ideology, Ahmer Bilal Soofi, senior advocate Supreme Court and former law minister, Dr. Aziz ur Rehman, director, School of Law at Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, Imran Shafiq, advocate of the Supreme Court, Dr. Shamrahayu Abdul Aziz, from the International Islamic University Malaysia, and Dr. Mumtahina Nazbin, from the Bangladesh Institute of Islamic Thought.

Sharing Insights

Interactions with different organizations, scholars and stakeholders
to share studies and exchange views



Chairman IPS Khalid Rahman at the 'Grand National Dialogue' held by Islamabad Policy Research Institute (3 December 2024)

**2-4
Jul
2024**

Workshop

'Energy System Analytics'

Location:

INETTT (International Network of Energy Transition Think Tanks) Secretariat in collaboration with the Energy Data and Modelling Team from Agora Energiewende, and hosted by the SHURA Energy Transition Center in Istanbul, Turkey

Speaker(s):

Mohammad Wali Farooqi, Research Officer, IPS

**12
Jul
2024**

Roundtable

'Modi 3.0: What to expect regarding Pakistan-India relations?'

Location:

Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad (ISSI)'s India Study Centre (ISC)

Speaker(s):

Chairman IPS Khalid Rahman

23
Jul
2024

Roundtable

**'Pak-Afghan Relations:
Challenges and Opportunities'**



Location:
Institute of Regional Studies

Speaker(s):
Ambassador (r) Syed Abrar
Hussain, Vice Chairman, IPS

02
Aug
2024

Roundtable

**'Pakistan Economy & Growth:
Learning from Chinese
Experience'**



Location:
*Pakistan Institute of
Development Economics
(PIDE)*

Speaker(s):
Chairman IPS Khalid Rahman

25
Jul
2024

Seminar

**'Security Paradigm and
Rising Tensions: Pak-Afghan
Relations and Election
Integrity'**

Location:
*Riphah International University
(RIU) and ESAR Trust*

Speaker(s):
Ambassador (r) Syed Abrar
Hussain, Vice Chairman, IPS

05
Sep
2024

Seminar

**'Envision a brighter future' –
A discourse on the potential
and future of Pakistan**

Location:
*Shaan National Press Club,
Islamabad*

Speaker(s):
Dr. Shahzad Iqbal Sham, Senior
Research Associate, IPS

25
Jul
2024

Seminar

**'Policy Analysis and
Advocacy'**

Location:
*Secretariat of the Older
People Rights Network (OPRN),
in collaboration with HelpAge
International*

Speaker(s):
Maryam Ihsan, Junior Research
Officer, IPS

30
Sep
2024

Talk

**'Intricacies and nuances of
legal translation'**



Location:
Allama Iqbal Open University

Speaker(s):
Dr. Shahzad Iqbal Sham, Senior
Research Associate, IPS

03
Dec
2024

Seminar

'Grand National Dialogue'

Location:

Islamabad Policy Research
Institute (IPRI)

Speaker(s):

Chairman IPS Khalid Rahman

21
Dec
2024

Conference

2024 Sanya Forum | 'Development and International Security'

Location:

China Golden Eagle Peace
Development Foundation in
Sanya, Hainan, China

Speaker(s):

Chairman IPS Khalid Rahman

16
Dec
2024

Seminar

'Leveraging Pakistan's Cultural Diversity to Foster Peace Within and Without'

Location:

Institute of Regional Studies
(IRS)

Speaker(s):

Ambassador (r) Syed Abrar
Hussain, Vice Chairman, IPS

09
Jan
2025

Seminar

'Quantifying Electoral Politics of Congress and BJP'



Location:

India Study Centre (ISC),
Institute of Strategic Studies
Islamabad (ISSI)

Speaker(s):

Chairman IPS Khalid Rahman

17
Dec
2024

Conference

2nd International Islamic Economics conference on 'Islamic Social Finance'



Location:

Quaid-i-Azam University (QAU),
Islamabad

Speaker(s):

Dr. Syed Muhammed Anwer, judge,
Federal Shariat Court (FSC) and
member IPS' National Advisory
Council (NAC), Dr. Humayun Dar,
Cambridge Institute of Islamic
Finance, former senator Hafiz
Hamdullah, Dr. Muhammad Tariq
Majeed, director of the School of
Economics, and Dr. M Idrees,
former Dean, QAU.

15
Jan
2025

Seminar

'Current Status of IPPs in Pakistan'



Location:

School of Economics, Quaid-i-
Azam University (QAU)

Speaker(s):

Muhammad Wali Farooqi,
Research Officer, IPS

30
Jan
2025

Seminar

'Pakistan's Role in Counter Terrorism: Promoting Peace and Stability'

Location:

Institute for Strategic Studies, Research and Analysis (ISSRA), National Defence University (NDU) Islamabad

Speaker(s):

Ambassador (r) Syed Abrar Hussain, Vice Chairman, IPS

25
Mar
2025

Webinar

'The Afghanistan Conundrum'

Location:

Pak-Afghan Youth Forum (PAYF)

Speaker(s):

Ambassador (r) Syed Abrar Hussain, Vice Chairman, IPS

16
Feb
2025

Seminar

'Ideological Determinants of Pakistan's Foreign Policy'



Location:

Qurtuba University of Science and Technology, Peshawar

Speaker(s):

Ambassador (r) Syed Abrar Hussain, Vice Chairman, IPS

12
Apr
2025

Conference

Education and Civilization: Challenges and Opportunities'

Location:

Tanzeem-e-Asatiza Pakistan

Speaker(s):

Chairman IPS Khalid Rahman

19
Apr
2025

Convention

19th Biennial Provincial Convention

Location:

Pakistan Islamic Medical Association (PIMA)

Speaker(s):

Chairman IPS Khalid Rahman

19
Mar
2025

Seminar

'Tajdeed-e-Ehd-e-Pakistan Conference'

Location:

National University of Modern Languages (NUML), Islamabad

Speaker(s):

Chairman IPS Khalid Rahman

22
Apr
2025

Roundtable

'Foreign Policy and National Security'

Location:

Riphah International University (RIU) and Esar Trust

Speaker(s):

Ambassador (r) Syed Abrar Hussain, Vice Chairman, IPS

29
Apr
2025

Conference

**National Conference on
Policy Development for
National Curriculum on
Disaster Management
Trainings**

Location:

*National Disaster
Management Authority
(NDMA)*

Speaker(s):

*Ikram Ul Haque Syed, Senior IPS
Associate*

06
May
2025

Conference

**'Indian Violations of the
International Law in Indian-
occupied Jammu and
Kashmir'**



Location:

University of Haripur

Speaker(s):

Chairman IPS Khalid Rahman

17
Jun
2025

Meeting

**Establishment of KACIEF
(Khurshid Ahmad Center for
Islamic Economics and
Finance) to honor Professor
Khurshid's lifelong work on
Islamic Economics**



Location:

*University of Management
and Technology (UMT),
Lahore*

Speaker(s):

Chairman IPS Khalid Rahman

IPS LEAD

Interactions with different organizations, scholars and stakeholders
to share studies and exchange views



Workshop on 'Creative Writing Skills' (29 October 2024)

Capacity Building Programs

**30 Jul
2024,
22 Apr &
30 Apr
2025**

Lectures

- 'Emotional Intelligence'
- 'Good Governance for Social Economic Development'
- 'Ethical Mindset for Professionalism'

Location:

Akhtar Hameed Khan – National Centre for Rural Development (AKH-NCRD)

Speaker:

Chairman IPS Khalid Rahman

**08, 09 &
13 Aug,
30 Nov,
7 Dec,
2024 &
1 Feb,
2025**

Lectures

Lecture Series on 'Kamyab Zindagi' (Successful Life)

Location:

Different Branches of:

- Modern Languages School
- International Islamic University Islamabad School
- Allied School

Speaker(s):

Chairman IPS Khalid Rahman, Syed Ikram-ul-Haq, IPS Associate, and Abdul Qadir, chairman, Youth Association of Pakistan.

10
Sep
2024

Talk

Six-week Summer Internship Program 2024



Speaker:
Chairman IPS Khalid Rahman

01
Nov
2024

Talk

'Strength from Within'

Speaker:
Sa'diyya Nesar, a poet, author, disability rights advocate and a TEDx speaker

29
Jan
2025

Workshop

'Best Utilization of Human and Financial Resources'



Speaker:
Ikram-ul-Haque Syed, IPS Associate

03
Oct
2024

Talk

'Professionalism and Constructive Organizational Culture'

Speaker:
Sardar Khalid Mehmood, Sr IPS Associate

07
Mar
2025

Workshop

'Navigating Workplace Challenges with Faith: The Power of Al-Mu'izz & Al-Muzil'

Speaker:
Syed Nadeem Farhat Gilani, senior research fellow at IPS

27
Oct
2024

Convention

Youth Leadership Convention | 'Significance of Ideology in Modern Times'

Speaker:
Chairman IPS Khalid Rahman

29
Oct
2024

Workshop

Creative Writing Workshop | 'Youth Voices: Shaping Tomorrow Through Words'

Speaker(s):
Syed Abu Ahmed Akif, Former Federal Secretary, Faizan Rasool, CEO Indigo Video Games, and Zoha Khokhar, language trainer & editor

14
Mar
2025

Workshop

'Ethics at Workplace: An Islamic Perspective'

Speaker:
Tayyeb Siddiqui, deputy director, Jamia Tafheem ul Quran, and secretary general, Al Khidmat Foundation Islamabad

21
Mar
2025

Workshop

'Navigating Workplace Challenges with Faith: The Power of Al-Razzaq and Al-Hadi'

Speaker:

Dr Naveed Butt, neonatologist and associate physician, Federal Government Services Hospital, Islamabad

28
Mar
2025

Workshop

'Where do you want to go?'

Speaker:

Tayyeb Siddiqui, deputy director, Jamia Tafheem ul Quran, and secretary general, Al Khidmat Foundation Islamabad

Exposure Visits

31
Oct
2024

Jamiatu Al Kauthar



Speaker:

Chairman IPS Khalid Rahman, Dr Muntazir Mehdi, head of the Department of English, Jamiatu Al Kauthar

05
Jun
2025

Raabta' program of the Research Academy for Higher Education and Technology (Darul Ilm-wal-Tehqeeq), Karachi

Speaker(s):

Chairman IPS Khalid Rahman, Munazza Siddiqui, director, Volunteer Management Department, Alkhidmat Foundation, and Muhammad Farooq, vice president, Alkhidmat Foundation.

The Living Scripts

An oral history project to record the life and times of veteran public officials

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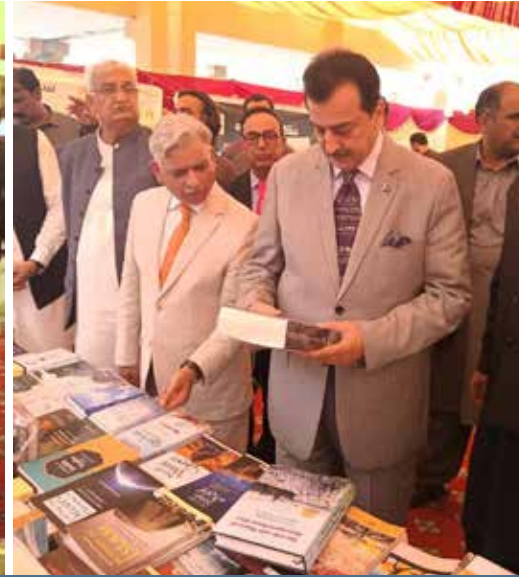


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Syed Iftikhar Gilani

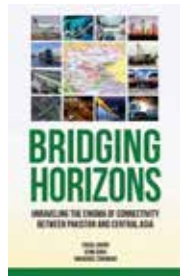
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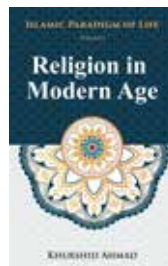
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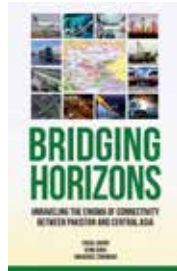


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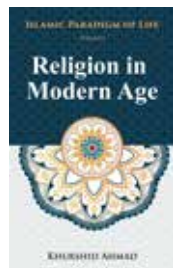
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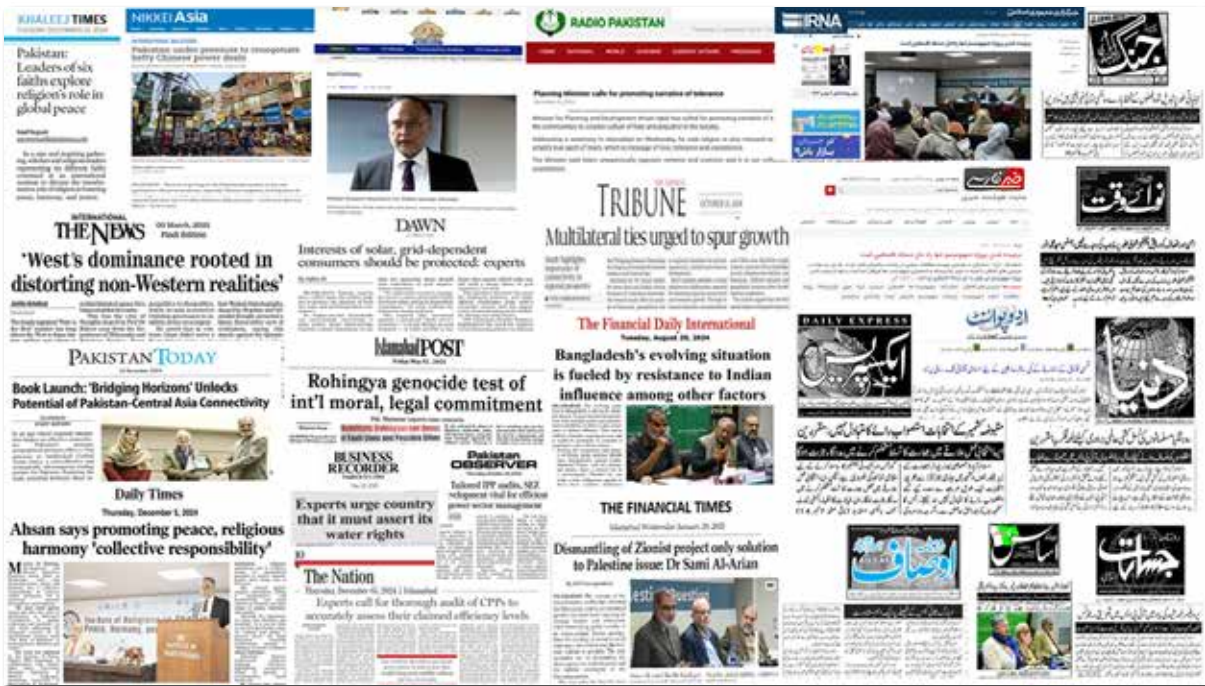


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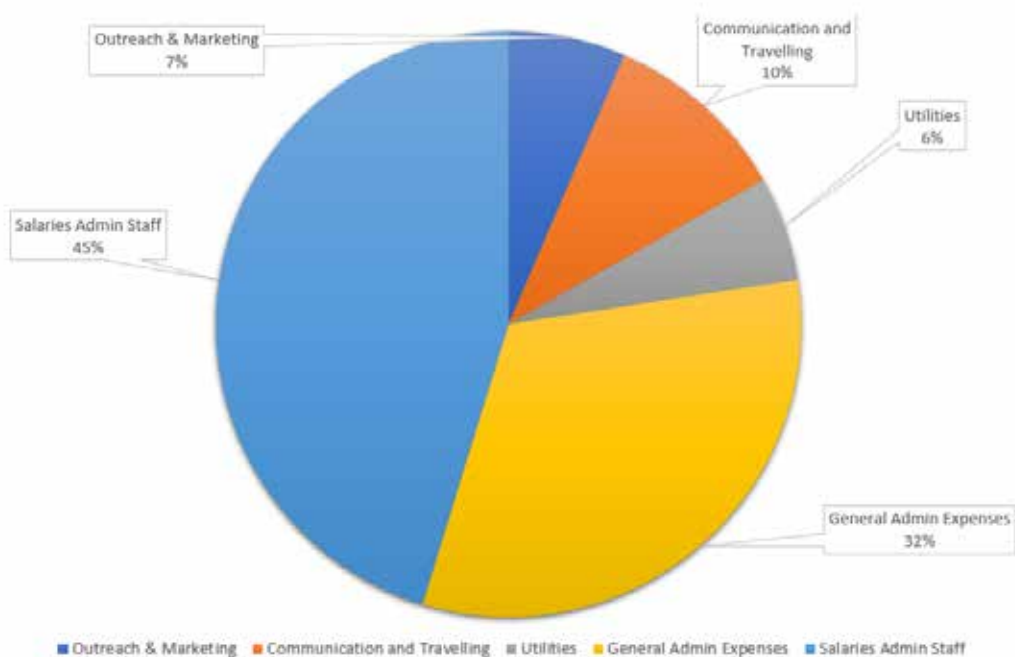


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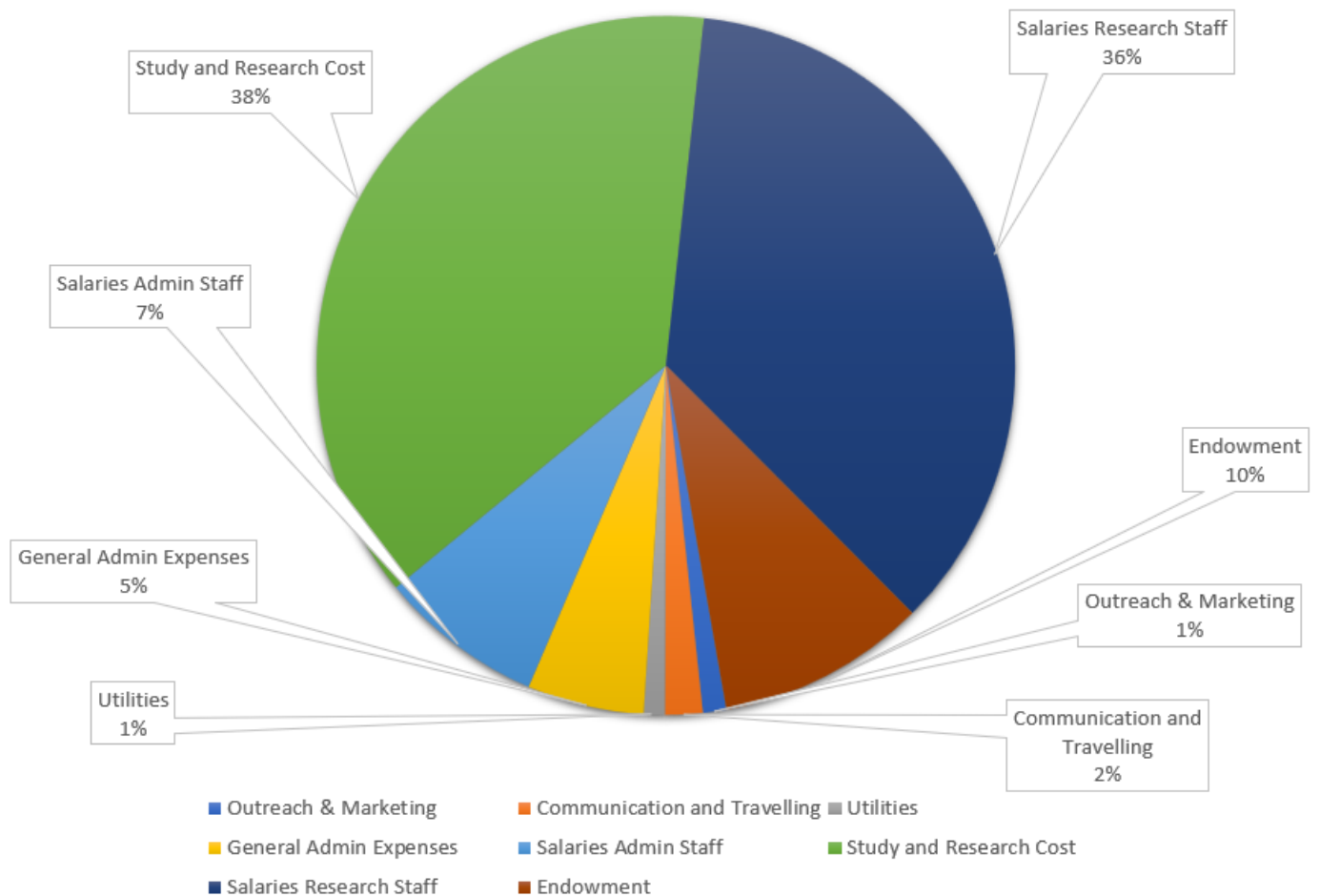
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Financial Resources: Inflow (2024-25)



Financial Resources: Outflow (2024-25)



Statement of Financial Position (As On June 30, 2025)

	Note	2025 (Rupees)	2024 (Rupees)
ASSETS			
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property & Equipment	4	366,375,125	365,663,281
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock in trade	5	20,110,112	15,264,622
Stores, spares & loose tools	6	12,420	1,216
Trade receivables		6,445,995	6,023,320
Advances, deposits, prepayments and other receivables	7	26,140,597	43,520,304
Bank profit receivable		1,030,332	324,134
Short term investments	8	130,329,951	125,253,355
Cash at bank	9	11,243,678	6,350,882
		195,313,085	196,737,833
TOTAL ASSETS		561,688,210	562,401,114
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accrued and other liabilities	10	19,799,654	16,149,309
Security deposits	11	2,023,623	1,596,992
		21,823,277	17,746,301
CONTINGENCIES AND COMMITMENTS	12	-	-
NET ASSETS		539,864,933	544,654,813
REPRESENTED BY:			
FUNDS			
General fund	13	539,864,933	544,654,813
		539,864,933	544,654,813

The annexed notes 1 to 25 form an integral part of these financial statements.



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Statement of Comprehensive Income (For The Year Ending on June 30, 2025)

	Note	2025 (Rupees)	2024 (Rupees)
INCOME	14	56,903,657	44,876,488
EXPENDITURE			
Direct expenditure			
Study and research cost	15	52,706,271	56,933,947
Publication cost	16	4,899,015	8,007,079
Maintenance of rental premises	17	7,297,340	7,606,652
		<u>64,902,626</u>	<u>72,547,678</u>
Deficit of income over expenditure from operational activities		<u>(7,998,969)</u>	<u>(27,671,190)</u>
Non-Operational expenditure			
Administrative and general expenses	18	10,391,617	10,842,491
Deficit of income over expenditure before income from investments		<u>(18,390,586)</u>	<u>(38,513,681)</u>
Income from investments	19	13,600,706	27,368,543
Deficit of income over expenditure for the year		<u>(4,789,880)</u>	<u>(11,145,138)</u>
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive deficit for the year		<u><u>(4,789,880)</u></u>	<u><u>(11,145,138)</u></u>

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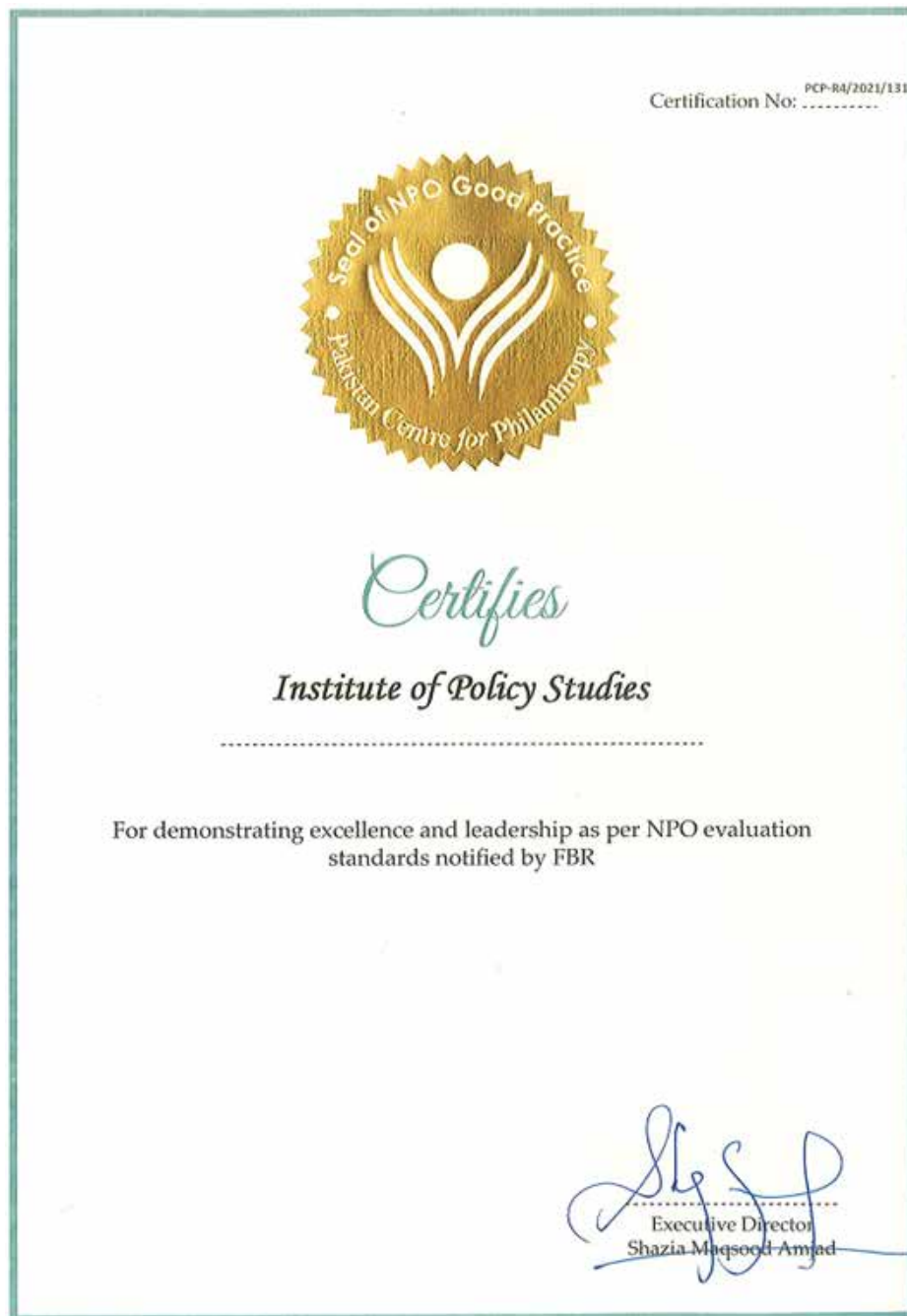


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