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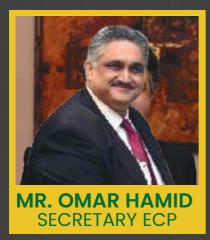
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# Message from Secretary



Dear Colleagues,

It is a pleasure to see this new edition of our newsletter come to fruition. Heartfelt appreciation goes to the Newsletter Committee for their exceptional efforts in corporatizing the newsletter and transforming it into a compelling compendium of events, personal writings, pictorials and experienced anecdotes. Your dedication has truly elevated this initiative.

The contributions from our officers have added remarkable depth and value to this publication, making it a reflection of the ECP's collective spirit. Well done to everyone involved in bringing this edition to life!

This newsletter is more than just updates—it's a celebration of our shared achievements and the individuals driving them. We encourage everyone to share your stories, ideas, and feedback

for future editions.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment, and let's continue to innovate and promote inclusivity in all our endeavors!

Warm regards,

## **Editor's Note**



Nazar Abbas Editor-in-Chief

I reflect on the Election Commission of Pakistan's (ECP) accomplishments in the last quarter of 2024, I am struck by ECP's unwavering commitment to strengthening the democratic process. We have made significant strides in fostering inclusive participation, and I am proud of the impactful initiatives we have launched. The Hon'ble Chief Election Commissioner Mr. Sikandar Sultan Raja represented Pakistan as an international observer in Uzbekistan's Legislative Chamber elections. Key takes from his visits were the advancements in electoral technology, including electronic voting trials and real-time video broadcasting from polling stations. ECP also sent a delegation to observe the U.S. Presidential Election, where it remained engaged in discussions on electoral systems, emerging technologies, and voter inclusion strategies. One of our most significant achievements has been the launch of the "Gender Mainstreaming and Social Inclusion Framework" (GMSIF) 2024–2029.

This regional milestone integrates gender perspectives into electoral processes, and I am thrilled that we have reduced the gender gap to 7.4% and registered one million women voters in the 2024 elections. Our voter education initiatives, including awareness sessions at universities and mock polls for students, demonstrate our dedication to empowering youth and marginalized communities. Celebrating National Voters' Day reinforced the importance of voter registration and active democratic participation. Through training programs, international workshops, and strategic collaborations, we are proud to be a beacon of electoral integrity, inclusivity, and innovation in the region. As we move forward, we will continue to uphold democratic values and empower citizens to shape Pakistan's future.

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## **Editorial Team**



## Message of the Hon. CEC on the National Working Women Day, 22 December 2024

n this important National Working Women's Day, I take immense pride in acknowledging the invaluable contributions of the women of Pakistan in strengthening democracy. Lasting peace and political stability, essential for national prosperity, are only achievable when women—who constitute nearly 50% of the population—participate equally in electoral process.

The Election Commission of Pakistan remains committed to its constitutional mandate to conduct elections honestly, justly, and fairly. In recent years, we have made significant progress in addressing the challenges women face as voters and candidates. Through focused efforts, the gender gap in electoral rolls has been reduced from over 11.7 percent in 2018 to 7.49 percent, a remarkable achievement within five years. Encouragingly, during this period, more women than men were added to the electoral rolls. Our goal is to eliminate this gap entirely in the coming elections.

To enhance women's representation as candidates, the legal reform requiring political parties to allocate 5% of their tickets to women was

an important step. However, we are cognizant of the fact that further reforms and stricter accountability measures are needed to ensure compliance and an increased ticket reservation by political for women candidates.

ECP is also committed to fostering inclusivity within its workforce by increasing the representation of women as staff and election officers and ensuring a discrimination- and harassment-free workplace. I am proud to share that the ECP is one of the pioneering institutions in Pakistan and the Asia region to adopt Pakistan's first-ever "Gender Mainstreaming and Social Inclusion Framework." This framework provides a strategic vision to empower women, girls, minorities, transgender persons, and persons with disabilities. Alongside this, the ECP has introduced Gender-Responsive Budget Planning to ensure fair and equitable resource distribution.

On this important day, I urge all women, particularly young girls, to actively participate in elections as voters and candidates, inspiring others to do the same. Your participation is vital for the peace, stability, and democracy of Pakistan.

#### Pakistan Zindabad!



# Elections To The Legislative Chamber of the Oliy Majlis of The Republic of Uzbekistan from 26 – 28 October, 2024

n an invitation from the Chairman of the Central Election Commission (CEC) of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the Hon'ble Chief Election Commissioner of Pakistan Sikandar Sultan participated as international observer to observe the elections to the Legislative Chamber of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan from 26 – 28 October, 2024 in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, along with one officer of ECP.

In the pre-poll briefing session the Chairman of the Central Election Commission of Uzbekistan shared the detailed information regarding electoral data, new technology implementation, voter facilitation strategies and registration procedures used in elections. On the poll day, delegates visited polling stations located at the University of Journalism and Mass Communication of Uzbekistan and the University of Economics, Tashkent.

Earlier the same day, Hon'ble Chief Election Commissioner met Mr. Zayniddin Nizamkhdjaev, Chairman of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan. Who warmly welcomed the Hon'ble CEC. During the meeting matters of mutual interest were discussed in detail.















# United States Election Program (USEP) to observe the Presidential Election of USA from 03-06 November, 2024

nternational Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES) invited delegates from Election Commission of Pakistan to the United States Election Program (USEP) in Washington DC from 03-06 November, 2024 to observe the Presidential Elections in USA. Four delegates including Hon'ble Member Election Commission Mr. Babar Hassan Bharwana, Hon'ble Member Election Commission Mr. Justice (R) Ikram Ullah and two officers participated in election observation program in USA.

USEP brought together election officials and thought leaders from around the world to observe and learn about the U.S. electoral system and to discuss elections and voting from comparative perspectives. The USEP event was a comprehensive program that included a two-day

conference covered various aspects of the US electoral system. This was followed by a visit to polling stations on poll day November 05, 2024, which provided a first hand experience of the voting process in USA. After the polls, a debriefing session was held the next day, allowing participants to reflect their experiences and observations.

Hon'ble Member and officers of ECP along with the Country Director of IFES in Pakistan met the President and CEO of IFES Mr. Anthony N. Banbury at IFES office in Washington DC, USA. In the meeting, both sides held comprehensive discussion on the US electoral system and IFES programs with ECP. IFES expressed its resolve in exploring future collaborative activities with the FCP.









Learning simulation – casting of vote by persons with disabilities

### Meeting with wings heads on internal managerial affairs 6-11-2024





# LAUNCH OF GENDER MAINSTREAMING AND SOCIAL INCLUSION FRAMEWORK (GMSIF)

CP has successfully prepared a five document vears' policy "Gender Mainstreaming and Social Inclusion Framework (GMSIF) 2024-2029" through a consultative process across Pakistan. All the important stakeholders were engaged in the process during the consultation stage. The draft of the GMSIF was approved by the Hon. CEC which was launched by the Secretary ECP, Omar Hamid Khan on 3rd December 2024 to commemorate the International Day of Persons with Different

Abilities. Thus, ECP became one of the first EMBs in the region with its Gender Mainstreaming and Social Inclusion policy Framework to integrate



gender concerns and perspective in all the stages of electoral process.

#### **SELP Ceremony**

The Secretary of the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP), Mr. Omar Hamid Khan, participated in the ceremony marking the eight-year partnership of the joint USAID and UNDP project "SELP". On this talking occasion, he informed that the ECP successfully reduced the gender gap to 7.4% in the 2024 general elections, a significant milestone. He further highlighted the notable increase in the number of women candidates contesting the 2024 elections.

The further stated that under the SELP project, ECP took significant steps to enhance the participation of minority groups in the electoral process.

Representatives from UNDP, USAID, and other attendees, including parliamentarians, appreciated the ECP's efforts. They acknowledged that these initiatives would help to ensure the inclusion of all segments of society in the electoral process.





# International IDEA AI Literacy for Electoral Actor Workshop in Malaysia from 18-20 November, 2024

nternational IDEAs, Asia and the Pacific Region organized AI Literacy for Electoral Actor Workshop in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 18-20 November, 2024 wherein Microsoft and OpenAI jointly gathered representatives from Electoral Management Bodies from the region in the workshop. From ECP Mr. Imran Ahmed Khan, Director (Management Information System/MIS) participated in the workshop.

Over the two and a half days workshop, the participants explored critical topics ranging from the ethical implications of AI in elections to strategies for enhancing electoral integrity and equality through AI adoption.

More than 20 participants including Australia, New Zealand, Indonesia, Malaysia, India, Korea, Sri Lanka, Philippine and Pakistan attended the workshop in Malaysia.



#### **Preparations for Local Government Bye-Elections in KP**

A meeting was held on 16th October, 2024 in the office of the Chief Secretary of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Mr. Nadeem Aslam Chaudhry, to review the arrangements of LG Bye-elections. Provincial Election Commissioner Saeed Gul, IG

Police Akhtar Hayat Khan, and other officials attended the meeting. The session reviewed the measures, preparations, and security arrangements for conducting transparent bye-elections.



### Meetings to Finalise arrangements for L.G Bye-Elections in Sindh

(A) The Provincial Election Commissioner Sindh, Mr. Sharifullah, chaired a meeting with the Regional Election Commissioners of Sindh, at his office on 11-11-2024 to discuss the arrangements for the Local Government bye-elections in various districts of the province.

(B) PEC Sindh held a Meeting with DROs where in key administrative and operational aspects of the election process were deliberated upon during the meeting. Emphasis was placed on upholding electoral integrity, ensuring effective coordination among different offices, and addressing logistical challenges in preparation for the elections.









Meeting with DRO's, DEC's & Security officers for finalizing the arrangements for local government bye-elections in various district of Sindh.

# Press Conference by PEC Sindh, Mr. Sharifullah along with JPEC (Elections) Mr. Ali Asghar Sial & JPEC (Admin)Mr. Nazar Abbas at the office of PEC, Sindh.

Provincial Election Commissioner Sindh, Mr. Sharifullah along with JPEC (Elections) Mr. Ali Asghar Sial and JPEC (Admin) Mr. Nazar Abbas held press conference at the office of PEC, Sindh regarding preparations for the conduct of Local Govt Elections.

Mr. Sharifullah briefed the media reporters regarding preparations for bye elections and over all arrangements, while Joint Provincial Election Commissioner (Admin) Mr. Nazar Abbas informed the media regarding Code of Conduct for media and other stakeholders.







# Follow up meeting on action plan devised by the GDEWG members after the culmination of BRIDGE workshop





Follow up meeting with GDEWG members on BRIDGE workshop "Disability rights & Elections"

A Follow up meeting with GDEWG members after the culmination of BRIDGE workshop was held on 15th November 2024, wherein feedback was obtained from all the members who

attended the Bridge Training on Disability Rights & Elections'. The meeting was also attended by IFES country head and was presided over by PEC (Sindh).

Mr. Muhammad Fareed
Afridi, PEC Balochistan,
taking oath from Syed
Samiullah, Additional
Commissioner in Quetta
appointed as the District
Returning Officer for NA -262





Mr. Muhammad Fareed
Afridi, PEC Balochistan
holds a meeting with RECs
of Balochistan regarding
preparation of
bye-election in NA-262 on
9 December 2024

## Monitoring of Bye-Elections at Central Control Room -EMCC at ECP Secretariat

or the Conduct of Provincial Assemblies constituencies PB-08 Sibi and PP-139 Sheikhupura-IV and Local Government Bye-Elections to various categories of seats in Neighborhood Councils Village Councils of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Union Councils of Sindh province. The Central Control Room in EMCC at ECP Secretariat, remained operational to oversee Election activities and receive and resolve complaints from public and candidates. Further,

for swift coordination, sub-ordinate control rooms under the supervision of EMCC Control Rooms were also established at Provincial, Regional, and District levels. The monitoring teams were appointed in pursuance of section 234 of Election Act 2017. For implementation of the code of conduct in letter and spirit and to ensure compliance to electoral laws by all stakeholders. Following is the summary of actions taken.

# Summary of Notices, Warnings issued and Fines Imposed by the District Monitoring Officers

Bye-Elections	Notices Issued	Warnings Issued	Fine Imposed	Unauthorized publicity material removed
Provincial Assembly Balochistan PB-08 Sibi	-	-	-	290
Provincial Assembly Punjab PP-139 Sheikhupura-IV	01	-	-	250
Local Government Bye-Elections in 37 Vacant seats of NCs/VCs in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	01	01	0	1125
Local Government Bye-Elections in 33 Vacant seats of UCs in Sindh	06	02	3	970









Bye-Elections in PP-139, Sheikhupura-IV 051-111327000 Complaints@ecp.gov.pk

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Removal of unauthorized publicity material by District Monitoring Teams of ECP from different areas during Bye-Elections in Multan & Sheikhupura,







rovincial Monitoring Control Room established in the office Provincial Election Commissioner Punjab, Lahore for monitoring the election activities of bye-elections the constituency PP-139 Sheikhupura, held on 5th December, 2024.



#### **LOCAL GOVERNMENT BYE-ELECTIONS**

The local government bye-elections in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK), Sindh, and Cantonment Boards have been concluded successfully. The Commission ensured a smooth and transparent electoral process across all constituencies of Local Government in the provinces.

In KPK, notable voter turnout reflected active participation, with key political parties and

independent candidates securing victories. Sindh province saw intense competition across urban and rural constituencies, showcasing the region's evolving political landscape. ECP also conducted bye-elections in Cantonment Boards with a mix of independent and party-backed candidates winning key positions. The statistical data of elected representatives is as below:

Province	Number of Districts Involved	Unopposed Returned Candidates	Contested Returned Candidates	Total No. of Returned Candidates	
Sindh	26	41	32	73	
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	36	187	54	241	
Cantonment Boards	5	3	5	8	

The peaceful conduct of these L.G elections, helped in strengthening local governance, addressed leadership gaps, and helped

empowering communities through effective representation. Local authorities and observers ensured fairness throughout the process.



People in queue for casting their votes of LG Bye-election of Sindh province.



Inspecting Polling Stations during the poll hours of LG Bye-election Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.







Review Security arrangements prior to the poll LG Bye-election in Nowshera Cantonment Board

### Workshops on Gender Responsive Budgeting (GRB)

or the first time at ECP, two days workshops on Gender Responsive Budgeting (GRB) were organized at ECP Secretariat and all Provincial Headquarters. The workshops were attended by DGs, ADGs, Directors, and Deputy Directors, concerned officers from budget wing, JPECs, RECs, and DECs from the field offices). The purpose of these workshops was to understand the concept

and principles of GRB and tools required for planning and implementing GRB in resources allocation based on the specific needs of women and other marginalized groups. These workshops marked a significant step in enhancing the capacity of ECP staff in GRB, an important skill for ensuring inclusive and equitable budget planning and allocation.





#### Leadership & Management Training at LUMS



#### LAHORE UNIVERSITY OF MANAGEMENT SCIENCES

Rausing Executive Development Centre

Leadership and Management Programme for ECP

November 30 - December 4, 2024



rom October to December 2024, the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) demonstrated its continuous commitment to efficient and transparent elections through extensive training programs. These initiatives are intended to enhance the skills and capacity of officers and election officials, emphasizing professional growth and operational excellence. Specialized sessions prepared for District Returning Officers, Returning Officers, and Polling Personnel appointed in bye-elections, to ensure effective election management. International BRIDGE workshops across major cities focused on critical themes such as Disability Rights and Elections, Strategic Planning for Electoral Management, and Election Administration, were conducted at different cities. A Leadership and Management Course at LUMS organized for the senior officers of ECP to equip them with advanced leadership and strategic decision-making skills. Additionally, technical training on uploading electoral forms and utilizing the Human Resource Management System (HRMS) streamlined administrative processes. These efforts underscore the ECP's dedication, for capacity building of its human resources foster inclusive electoral practices, upholding public trust, and maintaining its stature as a model Election Management Body.

#### **HRMS TRAINING**

RMS training was conducted Mr. Sajjad Hussain, by Database Specialist and Mrs. Zahida Abbas in PEC office Balochistan on 5th December 2024. On this occasion PEC Balochistan Muhammad Fareed Afridi, both JPECs, Deputy Director PEC Balochistan and officials were also present.



# Two training sessions for Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) officers on the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for uploading Forms 45, 46, 47, 48, and 49 on the ECP website

wo training sessions for Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) officers on the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for uploading Election Forms on official website. These sessions aimed enhancing the technical proficiency and procedural understanding of the officers in managing and uploading essential electoral documents.

The training was attended by Regional Election Commissioners (RECs) and District Election Commissioners (DECs) from across Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP). Participants were guided through a step-by-step process for the accurate and timely uploading of the forms, ensuring compliance with operational standards and promoting transparency in electoral procedures.

This initiative is a part of the ECP's ongoing commitment to leveraging technology for strengthening electoral administration and building the capacity of its officers to meet modern challenges in election management.



#### **BRIDGE workshops**

he Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP), in collaboration with international partners, organized multiple training workshops to enhance inclusivity and transparency in electoral processes. A three-day BRIDGE workshop on Disability Rights and Elections was held in Peshawar, Karachi, and Quetta, focusing on removing barriers for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) in the electoral process. Supported by the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES), These sessions addressed disability-inclusive practices, accessibility strategies, and ECP and NADRA initiatives for mainstreaming gender and disability. Participants,

including PWDs, disability advocates, and election officials, appreciated the interactive approach and called for digital PWD registration and inclusive electoral policies.

A two-day training on "Introduction to Electoral Administration" was conducted in partnership with the United Nations Development Fund (UNDP). The program aimed to enhance participants' understanding of electoral management, with interactive discussions and capacity-building exercises. Likewise, two trainings held in Karachi, Sindh to expand the capacity of the ECP Employees and to reinforce democratic principles across Pakistan.





## Karachi Highlights





## Highlights of the Second Training at Karachi





## **Quetta Highlights**





#### **Awareness Sessions**

#### Awareness Session at Fatimah Jinnah Medical University, Lahore

n November 13th, a civic and voter education session was held at Fatima Jinnah Medical University. The objective of the session was to

strengthen students' understanding of the electoral process, its significance, and their responsibilities as voters.



### Awareness Session at the Jinnah University for Women, Sindh



n October 28th, a civic and voter education session was held at Jinnah University for Women, Karachi. This session focused on educating female students about their fundamental right as a Voter. The session was aimed at inspiring students and faculty members to engage in the democratic process and play their due role in shaping the future of Pakistan with the power of their vote.

### Awareness Session at the Shaheed Benazir University, KPK

n November 13th, a civic and voter education session was held at Shaheed Benazir University, Peshawar. The session, which was attended by over 35 female students and faculty

members from various departments, provided valuable insights into the electoral process, the importance of voting, and the role of individuals in ensuring fair and inclusive elections in Pakistan.



#### Mr. Imtiaz Ali Kalhoro, REC, Karachi & Mirpurkhas attended the "International Day of Person with Disabilities" held on 2nd December, 2024 at Karachi

r. Imtiaz Ali Kalhoro, Regional Election Commissioner, Karachi & Mirpurkhas attended the "International Day of Person with Disabilities" celebrated on 02nd December, by Disable Welfare Association (DWA), at Beach Luxury Hotel, Karachi. Large number of NOGs, INGOs, Govt. departments and differently able people attended the program. The REC Karachi represented ECP as a panelist on the topic

"Building an Inclusive Future Government Actions Towards Empowering persons with Disabilities" along with representatives of Human Rights Commission of Pakistan & NADRA.

During the penal discussions REC Karachi briefed the participants about the special measures and steps taken by the ECP for persons with disabilities for their inclusion in the electoral process, and registration as voters.





# Ms. Farah Gul EO Karachi East attended the session of children's parliament, organized by Thar Education Alliance on 17th December, 2024 at Karachi Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet,

s. Farah Gul Election Officer Karachi East attended the session of children's parliament, organized by Thar Education Alliance (TEA) on 17th December, 2024 at Karachi for the purpose of enlightening children on electoral process. During the session role and

responsibilities of Election Commission of Pakistan were highlighted.

Moreover, a Mock Election exercise was also conducted in order to familiarize the children to the Polling process in Pakistan.







# The office of Provincial Election Commissioner, Sindh organized an educational visit to the Federal Urdu University of Arts, Science & Technology (FUUAST), Karachi

The office of Provincial Election Commissioner, Sindh organized an educational visit for the students of Department of Political Science from Federal Urdu University of Arts, Science & Technology (FUUAST), Karachi on 10th December 2024. The purpose of the visit was to make them aware of the administrative role of the organization. During the Visit a detailed presentation was given on the, structure, working and achievements of Election Commission of Pakistan.



#### Awareness session in Sardar Bahadur Khan Women University, Quetta

n awareness session on Civic and Voter Education was held on 1st November 2024 in Sardar Bahadur Khan Women University, Quetta The students of Pakistan Studies department attended the session. The session was opened with the recitation from the Holy Quran followed by National Anthem. The representatives of ECP

briefed the students regarding their roll and responsibilities, highlighted the importance of youth in political and electoral process. During the session, students were encouraged to further spread awareness and to encourage general public to enroll themselves as voters and also to cast their vote at the time of Elections.





#### **Mock Poll Exercise Promotes Voter Education at Kalat**

n an effort to raise awareness about the electoral process, Syed Ehsan Ullah Shah, District Election Commissioner (DEC), Kalat hosted a Mock Poll event for students from Excellence Grammar

School on December 5, 2024. This outreach activity aimed to educating young people about the election process, keeping in view that the young students are prospective future voters.









### Voter Awareness Session by District Election Commissioner, Surab

District Election Commissioner Surab, Mohammad Akbar Qureshi, conducted a voter awareness session on November 28, 2024, at Government High School Hajikha Surab. He emphasized the significance of voting and its role in enabling students to actively participate in the democratic process. Voting empowers individuals to have a say in the governance and future direction of their country, fostering a deeper understanding of civic responsibilities.





### A session organized by the Focal Person/Head Master of Government High School Hajikha Surab

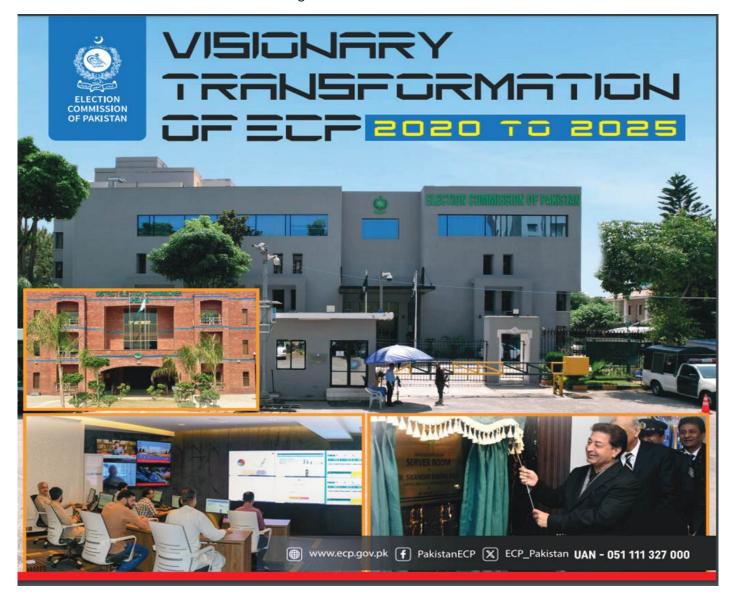
The Head Master of High School Hajikha Surab, Mohammad Rafique, organized an awareness session at the importance of voting in a democratic society. He underscored that voter awareness is a crucial element for the success of the democratic process in Pakistan.



### Visionary Transformation of ECP 2020 To 2025

nder the esteemed supervision of the worthy Secretary of the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP), Mr. Omar Hamid Khan, a comprehensive coffee table book has been prepared, showcasing the infrastructural advancements of the ECP from 2020 to 2025. The Secretary has commended the dedicated efforts of the team that contributed to this significant

endeavor, including Mr. Haroon Khan Shiwari, Additional Director General, Ms. Bibi Sughra, Deputy Director, Ms. Anum Zahra, PS Secretary, Mr. Naveed Anjum, and Mr. Farhan. Their commitment and hard work have been instrumental in preserving this important period of history in a visually captivating and meaningful manner.



### **Renovation of daycare facility**

The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) has given its daycare facility a fresh new look, making it a more welcoming and comfortable space for the children of its employees. With thoughtful upgrades like cozy furniture, fun learning materials, and a bright, cheerful

atmosphere, the facility is designed to feel like a home away from home. This renovation reflects the ECP's dedication to creating a supportive environment where employees can work with peace of mind, knowing their children are happy and well cared for.







#### **Voter Increase**

There is a clear increase in the total number of voters in previous months, showing more people are getting engaged in the electoral process. A net increase of 722,665 voters from

11.09.2024 to 12.11.2024, with 358,107 and 364,558 increase in male and female voters respectively has been as observed shown in table below:

Province	11/09/2024		12/11/2024			Increase	Increase in	
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	in Male voters	Female Voters
Punjab	40,534,648	35,511,318	76,045,966	40,729,391	35,725,833	76,455,224	194,743	214,515
Sindh	14,913,438	12,675,789	27,589,227	14,990,198	12,746,216	27,736,414	76,760	70,427
КРК	12,190,502	10,211,240	22,401,742	12,260,691	10,275,764	22,536,455	70,189	64,524
Balochistan	3,080,135	2,414,575	5,494,710	3,096,550	2,429,667	5,526,217	16,415	15,092
Total	70,718,723	60,812,922	131,531,645	71,076,830	61,177,480	132,254,310		364,558

#### **National Voters' Day In Pakistan**

ational Voters' Day, observed on December 7, commemorates Pakistan's first general elections in 1970. It serves to educate citizens about the importance of voter registration, political rights, and electoral participation. The day emphasizes the need for public involvement in democracy and encourages eligible individuals to

register as voters. The Chief Election Commissioner highlighted voting as a national responsibility, urging citizens, especially youth, to register and actively participate in shaping the country's future. Voting is a crucial, non-violent tool to safeguard rights and contribute to democratic development.



جس کا کردار مرکزی ھے تمام افسانوں میں عجب کہ وہ نہیں ملتا یہاں کتب خانوں میں

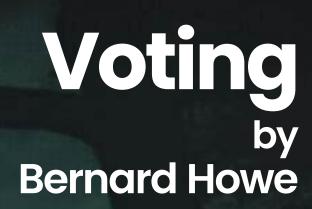
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Voting is our given right, which men have died to keep. Voting shows our peoples might, so our country won't get into deep.

But there are those who never vote, and constantly seem to complain.

Patriotism they don't promote, and their rights they choose to abstain.

Every vote does really count, to let our officials know.

For their actions they must account, or their ratings will never grow.

So come next election time, go cast your vote with pride.

Voting doesn't cost a dime, plus the out come you help decide.



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