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NEWSLETTER OF ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

Celebrations of National Voters' Day 7th December, 2022



Hon'ble Chief Election Commissioner Mr. Sikandar Sultan Raja addressing the participants on National Voters' Day 7 December, 2022 at ECP Secretariat, Islamabad.

ational Voters' Day is celebrated every year on 7th December to commemorate the first elected Parliament of Pakistan in 1970 on the basis of One Person-One Vote.

On the occasion of National Voters' Day main event was celebrated on 7th December, 2022 at ECP-Secretariat in Islamabad where Hon'ble Chief Election Commissioner, Mr. Sikandar Sultan Raja graced the occasion. Hon'ble Members and Secretary ECP were also present at the event. Hon'ble Chief Election Commissioner, Mr. Sikandar Sultan Raja in his address on Voters' Day appealed to the public; especially Pakistani men and women above the age of 18 to get their National Identity Cards and register their votes. All segments of society including international community, development partners, civil society, vulnerable groups and media were invited to reassure one nation, one vote. Special programmes were organized including debates, social activities, media talks, conferences and seminars at the national, provincial, regional and district level to create mass awareness about importance of vote and democracy.



Hon'ble Chief Election Commissioner Mr. Sikandar Sultan Raja, Hon'ble Member (Sindh) Mr. Nisar Ahmed Durrani, Hon'ble Member (Balochistan) Mr. Shah Muhammad Jatoi, Hon'ble Member (Punjab) Mr. Babar Hassan Bharwana, Hon'ble Member (KP) Mr. Justice (Retd.) Ikramullah Khan and Secretary Election Commission Mr. Omar Hamid Khan standing for National Anthem on National Voters' Day celebrated on 7th December, 2022 at ECP Secretariat, Islamabad.







Highlights of National Voters' Day 7th December, 2022









Hon'ble Members, Election Commission of Pakistan on National Voters Day at ECP Secretariat, Islamabad





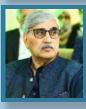
























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Hon'ble Chief Election Commissioner Mr. Sikandar Sultan Raja interacting with media persons on National Voters' Day 7th December, 2022 at ECP Secretariat, Islamabad.



The launch of High-Speed Fiber Optics, connecting all Regional Offices of ECP on National Voters' Day 7th December, 2022 at ECP Secretariat, Islamabad.





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Group Photo of the Commission with representatives of international community and NGOs on National Voters' Day 7th December, 2022 at ECP Secretariat, Islamabad.

Group Photo of the Commission with officers of ECP on National Voters' Day 7th December, 2022 at ECP Secretariat, Islamabad.





Group Photo of the Commission with winners of "National Youth Painting Competition" and media on National Voters' Day 7th December, 2022 at ECP Secretariat, Islamabad.

Group Photo of the Commission with officers of ECP on National Voters' Day 7th December, 2022 at ECP Secretariat, Islamabad.





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Celebrations at Provincial Headquarters



Punjab

Sindh





Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

Balochistan





National Youth Painting Competition "Your Vote: To a Promising Future"

Election Commission of Pakistan organized National Youth Painting Competition on theme "Your Vote: To a Promising Future" to sensitize the youth about electoral process and to encourage them to cast their vote in upcoming General Elections 2023. The enrolled students of universities and colleges participated in this competition from all over the Pakistan. ECP received 280 paintings for National Youth Paining Competition. The prize amount for the first winner was Rs. 1,00,000, second winner Rs. 50,000 and third winner RS. 25,000 along Certificates of Appreciation.



Two days exhibition was organized on 26th - 27th October, 2022 at Pakistan National Council of Arts (PNCA), Islamabad. Secretary, Election Commission of Pakistan inaugurated the exhibition. A panel of four judges including Mr. Omar Hamid Khan, Secretary Election Commission of Pakistan, Ms. Nageen Hayat, Founder of Nomad Gallery, Mr. Ahmed Bilal Mehboob, President, Pakistan Institute of Legislative Development and Transparency (PILDAT) and Ms. Maryam Ahmed, Director Visual Arts PNCA visited the exhibition and selected top three winners.



Secretary Election Commission of Pakistan Mr. Omer Hamid Khan inaugurating National Youth Painting Exhibition on theme "Your Vote; To a Promising Future" on 26th-27th Oct, 2022 at PNCA, Islamabad.





















Top Three Paintings





The painting of Ms. Fatima **Shakir from Hamza Academy** for Deaf Lahore won the First **Prize in National Youth Painting Competition on theme** "Your Vote: To a Promising Future".



The painting of Ms. Zaineb Naeem from Punjab Group of Colleges, Sheikhupura won the second prize in National Youth Painting Competition on theme "Your Vote: To a Promising Future".



The painting of Ms. Zala Gul from Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University Peshawar won the third prize in National Youth Painting Competition on theme "Your Vote: To a Promising Future".



Three Winners of Paintings



Hon'ble Chief Election Commissioner Mr. Sikandar Sultan Raja awarding Ms. Fatima Shakir, first winner of National Youth Painting Competition cash prize of Rs. 100,000 and Certificate of Appreciation on 7th National Voters' Day.



Hon'ble Chief Election Commissioner Mr. Sikandar Sultan Raja awarding Ms. Zaineb Rauf, second winner of National Youth Painting Competition cash prize of Rs. 50,000 and Certificate of Appreciation on 7th National Voters' Day.

In addition to cash prizes to winners of painting competition, all participants of National Youth Painting Competition were also awarded certificates of participation. The painting



Hon'ble Chief Election Commissioner Mr. Sikandar Sultan Raja awarding Ms. Zala Gull, third winner of National Youth Painting Competition cash prize of Rs. 25,000 and Certificate of Appreciation on 7th National Voters' Day.

competition played an important role in creating the voter awareness and engaging youth of Pakistan in electoral process in an innovative way.











Inauguration of New Building of Regional Office of ECP at District Sargodha

Hon'ble Chief Election Commissioner Mr. Sikandar Sultan Raja inaugurated the new building of regional office of ECP

at District Sargodha. Previously regional office was established in a building on rent.





Important meetings at ECP Secretariat, Islamabad



Hon'ble Chief Election Commissioner Mr. Sikandar Sultan Raja and Hon'ble Members conducting weekly meeting at ECP Secretariat, Islamabad



Important Meetings at ECP Secretariat, Islamabad



Secretary Election Commission of Pakistan Mr. Omar Hamid Khan chairing a meeting at ECP Secretariat, Islamabad.



Additional Secretary (Admin) Mr. Manzoor Akhtar Malik chairing a meeting on Information Security Management System (ISMS) at ECP Secretariat, Islamabad.



Interaction with International Stakeholders

Visit of Ministerial Level Somalian Delegation to ECP Secretariat **Islamabad**

A Somalian delegation led by H.E. Ahmed Moalim Fiqi Ahmed, Minister of the Ministry of Interior, Federal Affairs & Reconciliation of the Federal Republic of Somalia visited ECP on 26th December, 2022 along with 12 Somalian Ministers, Deputy Ministers, renowned economist Mr. Qaiser Bengali, representatives of UNDP Somalia, UNDP Pakistan, representative of Somalia Embassy in Islamabad, other lead economists and consultants. Special Secretary ECP

Mr. Zafar Iqbal Hussain welcomed the ministerial delegation and chaired the briefing session. Additional Secretary ECP Mr. Manzoor Akhtar Malik briefed the ministerial delegation about the constitutional obligations, role and responsibilities of Election Commission of Pakistan, different local governance systems and structures in Pakistan. Participants showed high interest in interactive session and discussed in detail the process of elections in Pakistan.























Group photo of Somalian Ministerial Delegation with Special Secretary Mr. Zafar Iqbal Hussain alongwith ECP Officers during their visit to ECP Secretariat on 26th December, 2022



Interaction with International Stakeholders

Participation at International Electoral Forums

National Election Commission (NEC) of the Republic of Korea invited Election Commission of Pakistan to participate in (online) 7th Anniversary of Seoul International Forum on Election, where the theme was "Democracy, Responding to the Changing Environment" on 10th November, 2022. Over 150



The NEC of the Republic of Korea holds 2022 Seoul International Forum on Elections (SIFE) on 10th November, 2022 (Online)

officials from world election bodies and international organizations participated in the forum via Zoom, YouTube and Twitter. Four officers of ECP actively participated in the online forum.

Election Observation Activities

Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Observer Mission invited Election Commission of Pakistan to observe the Presidential Election Observation program in Republic of Kazakhstan as International Observer on 20th November. 2022. Embassy of Pakistan in Kazakhstan participated in SCO Observer Mission on behalf of ECP in Kazakhstan.

Steps taken for Gender and Social Inclusion in Electoral Process

Donors and Development Partners Coordination Meeting

A meeting with donors and development partners was held on 9th December, 2022 at ECP Secretariat to discuss the areas where technical and logistic support is required from development partners by ECP for upcoming General Elections in Pakistan.









Meeting with Donors and Development Partners









Steps taken for Gender and Social Inclusion in Electoral Process

Appraisal and Review Board Meeting of UNDP

Strengthening Electoral Legislative Processes Project Appraisal and Review Board Meeting of UNDP chaired by the Secretary ECP held on 6th December, 2022 at ECP Secretariat, Islamabad. MOU was signed between Secretary ECP and Mr. Knut Ostby, Resident Representative, UNDP. The Project intends to serve as a coordination mechanism by bringing together development partners, direct beneficiaries and the UN. This approach will enhance efficiency, effectiveness and will contribute in enabling environment for elections, with the long-term outlook of strengthening institutions and fostering ownership.









Formation of Provincial Project Coordination Committee (PPCC) in provinces

New Harassment Committee Constituted at PEC Office Sindh

ECP is committed to make efforts for creating a safe working environment for all staff members. A Harassment Committee is constituted in Secretariat and Provincial Headquarters and manuals are prepared on Training of Inquiry Committee on Harassment Act.

Retrieval of NICs for Displaced Female Population

Due to flood situation, displaced population has either damaged or lost their NICs. Loss of NIC means disenfranchisement of the population from exercising their right to vote. For this purpose, a meeting with NADRA,

NDMA and NFRCC held in the month of December 2022, to verify the number of NICs of the displaced population, damaged or lost due to flood situation and to devise a mechanism for the retrieval.



Conduct of Bye-Elections

In terms of Article (224) of the Constitution, an election to fill the seat in Assemblies shall be held within sixty days from the occurrence of the vacancy, Bye-Elections in (13)

Sr#	Name of Constituencies
01	NA-22 Mardan-III
02	NA-24 Charsadda-II
03	NA-31 Peshawar-V
04	NA-45 Kurram-I
05	NA-108 Faisalabad-VIII
06	NA-118 Nankana Sahib-II
07	NA-237 Malir-II

constituencies have been conducted so far since September to December 2022. Province wise details of the Bye-Elections held are as follow:-

Sr#	Name of Constituencies
08	NA-239 Korangi Karachi-I
09	NA-245 Karachi East-IV
10	NA-157 Multan-IV
11	PP-139 Sheikhupura-IV
12	PP-241 Bahawalnagar-V
13	PP-209 Khanewal-VII



ECP showing live results to candidates, agents and media at NA 45 Kurram Bye-Election through Result Management System (RMS)







Conduct of Local Government Elections in Balochistan

ECP successfully conducted Local Government Elections in Balochistan Province on 29-05-2022. The next task before the ECP was to conduct election on Reserved Seats i.e. Women, Peasant, Worker and Non-Muslim in Local Councils i.e. Union/Urban Local Councils. These Elections were conducted in all Districts of Balochistan except in District Quetta, Lasbela, Hub and MC Huramzai of District Pishin of Balochistan on 14-12-2022.

Local Government Elections in District Lasbela, Hub, MC Huram Zai and Pashin have been conducted smoothly on 11-12-2022









Publication of Final Electoral Rolls for Next General Elections 2023

Steps taken by ECP to facilitate public in the process of final publication of Electoral Rolls

- Established complaint centers in field offices and at provincial level that are working 24/7.
- An automated Complaint Management System deployed to give response within 24-48 hours.
- Launched mass awareness media campaigns on print, electronic and digital media.
- ECP officers appeared on satellite channels, radios etc. urged the general public to check their voting particulars and get them corrected, if required.
- Monitoring of Display Centers was carried out by ECP offices to ensure provision of optimum level of assistance to the public, visiting the Display Centers.
- Letters sent to the Parliamentarians to educate and guide the public in their constituencies for availing the facility of inclusion, transfer or exclusion of vote and correction of voting particulars under Section 37 of the Election Act 2017.
- One Window Centers established in each office of the DECs across the country wherein general public submit forms for correction in Electoral Rolls, offices of DECs process these forms on priority basis.
- Form Submission Centers established in the offices of 2080 AROs present at town/tehsil/charge level so that general public may be able to submit forms for correction in Electoral Rolls with ease without having to travel to district headquarters for submission of forms in DEC offices.
- Final Electoral Rolls was published on 07-10-2022 under Section 35 of the Elections Act 2017



Number of voters on final electoral rolls					
Province	Male	Female	Total		
Balochistan	2,878,032	2,212,825	5,090,857		
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	11,436,241	9,385,060	20,821,301		
Punjab	37,565,737	32,070,111	69,635,548		
Sindh	14,008,265	11,655,674	25,663,939		
Islamabad	518,193	466,284	984,477		
Grand Total	66,406,168	55,789,954	122,196,122		



Condolence

Election Commission of Pakistan expresses deep sorrow and condolence over the deaths of District Election

Commissioner Awaran and Khanewal. They both were honest and dedicated officer.

The details of officers passed away during 2022

Name of Officer	Mr. Akbar Ali
Date of Birth	22-03-1963
Service Years	12-08-1993 to 09-09-2022
Death Date	09-09-2022
Last Posting Station with Basic Pay Scale	District Election Commissioner, Khanewal (BS-18)



Name of Officer	Mr. Rasool Bakhsh
Date of Birth	5-12-1970
Service Years	4-9-1990 to 02-12-2022
Death Date	02-12-2022
Last Posting Station with Basic Pay Scale	District Election Commissioner, Awaran (BS-18), Balochistan, Quetta



ECP is cognizant of the hazards of the un-authentic information about elections and electoral processes, on the social media and making ways to mainstream media as well, which seriously affects ECP's public perception. Prevailing polarized public opinions also have the potential to get fueled by the incorrect and malicious information creating hurdles in the way of conduct of peaceful elections. As a preventive and corrective measure, ECP's social media team is working hard to counter the onslaught of misinformation, disinformation and fake news by means of providing accurate and up-to-date information about elections that originates from the constitution of Pakistan, elections Act 2017 and Election Rules.







Monitoring Activities of ECP

ECP remained fully active from October to December 2022 to monitor and take actions against the violations in elections. DMOs and Monitoring Teams were deputed and they carried out their duties as per Section 234. They strictly monitored all contesting candidates in subject Elections. Pre-Poll, Poll Day and Post Poll electoral activities were monitored accordingly. Fines imposed, Warnings were served to all violators across the board, who tried to violate Code of Conduct.



ECP officers monitoring the election process in Monitoring Room at ECP Secretariat.

Monitoring of Bye-Elections in following National / Provincial constituencies held in the month of October-2022:

NA-157 Multan-IV	NA-22 Mardan-III	NA-108 Faisalbad-VIII	NA-239 Korangi Karachi-l
PP-139 Sheikhupura-V	NA-24 Charsadda-II	NA-118 Nankana Sahab-II	PP-209 Khanewal-VII
NA-241 Bahawalnagar-V	NA-31 Peshawar-V	NA-237 Malir-II	NA-45 Kurram-I

- II. Monitoring of L.G Elections held in Balochistan in November-2022.
- III. Monitoring of L.G Elections-ICT which were scheduled to be held on 31st December, 2022 were also fully monitored but postponed on 27th December, 2022.

Appointment of District Monitoring Officers & Monitoring Teams

Election	District Monitoring Officers	Monitoring Officers	
Bye-Elections in 12 constituencies (NAs/PAs)	12	30	
Local Government Elections Balochistan	03	20	
Local Government Elections ICT	01	14	

Summary of Violations Committed during Bye-Elections / Local Government Elections

Election	No. of Violations	Notices issued	Warnings issued	Fines imposed	No. of publicity material removed
Bye-Elections in 12 constituencies	142	32	06	20	9,712
Local Government Elections ICT	03	03	01	01	1,436





Monitoring Teams of ECP removing panaflex and banners of candidates in violation of Code of Conduct











Technological Advancement and Digitalization of ECP

ECP has taken many initiatives toward digitalization and introduction of emerging technologies in every electoral process.

Newly developed Result Management System (RMS) was deployed and operationalized during Bye-Elections successfully followed by imparting trainings at field levels. Live results were shown to Media and Candidates



- 5-days' workshop was successfully conducted for preparation of training material of newly developed RMS.
- The training of Lead Trainers was successfully conducted during 3. 12th to 13th December, 2022.
- The nationwide trainings of Master Trainers started from 19th 4. December, 2022 and will be completed by 20th January, 2023.
- The upgradation of Network Infrastructure of Data Communication over secure High Speed Fiber Optics as a Last mile stone has been accomplished at all Regional Offices across the country.
- The process of upgrading to Fiber Optics Network has begun up to District Election Commissioners offices nationwide.
- 7. Official Mobile App has been launched.









ECP's Tele Helpline 24/7

Helpline number is 051-8848888

ECP online Complaint Management System



Successful conduct of various trainings

Total 465 trainings have been conducted and trained 16,459 personals including officers, Master Trainers, Lead Trainers, ROs, AROs. APOs etc.



Mr. Omar Hamid Khan, Secretary ECP



Mr. Zafar Iqbal Hussain, Special Secretary ECP



Mr. Ali Al-Bayati, Senior Technical & Parliamentary Support Advisor, SELP, UNDP Pakistan



Mr. Shabir Ahmed, Country Director IFES





Secretary ECP Mr. Omar Hamid Khan, officials and trainers addressing the participants at 'Service Training' of Grade 18 & 19 officers at PEADRM in ECP Secretariat, Islamabad.



Two days training of Lead Trainers on Result Management System (RMS) at PEADRM in ECP Secretariat-Islamabad.







Public Outreach Program for Vulnerable Groups

ECP is fully committed to make electoral process inclusive and take special measures for vulnerable groups to apprise them about importance of their right to vote. In this regard, ECP has organized public awareness programmes for Transgender community, Minorities, Differently Abled Persons and Women under its "Civic and Voter Education Programme".

Islamabad & Rawalpindi

Voter awareness sessions were organized for transgender community at Bari Imam with the support of Forum for Dignity Initiatives (FDI), Dareecha and a transgender activist Reem Sharif. The aim of the sessions was to create awareness among Trans Community that they have equal constitutional rights to cast their votes and contest the elections.







ECP officers visited "Our Lady of Fatima Church" in F-8 to create awareness about importance of vote among Christian community and distributed awareness material.











Public Outreach Program for Vulnerable Groups

Lahore

Voter awareness programmes were arranged at MooratTV led by a transgender Sonia Naz on YouTube channel at Provincial Election Commission office at Lahore, Punjab to highlight the initiatives taken by ECP for transgender community. ECP officers also celebrated New Year in Lahore with Transgender Community.



ECP officers participated in Moorat TV YouTube Channel led by a transgender Sonia Naz in Lahore.

ECP officers celebrating New Year with transgender community in Lahore.



The officers of Provincial Election Commission Punjab conducted an awareness Session at "Spiritual Fire Ministry Church" at Gulshan e Ravi, Lahore to encourage the Christian community to cast their vote in next General Elections.



Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) is committed to conducting inclusive elections with making avenues for marginalized groups specially focusing on women, minorities, persons with disabilities and transgender persons. Special awareness programs using social media and in-person sessions are arranged with male and female youth in academic institutions throughout the country, enabling them to act as the agents of education and change in their relevant communities. ECP has also been having targeted awareness sessions with members of minority groups, transgenders and persons with disabilities.



Student Voter Awareness Sessions

ECP has been actively conducting student Voter Awareness Sessions across the country in educational institutions to apprise the youth about their role in electoral process and motivate them to cast their vote in next General Elections.





ECP Officers conducting Students Voter Awareness Session at Abasyn University in Islamabad







ECP Officers conducting Students Voter Awareness Session at Fatima Jinnah Women University Rawalpindi





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Student Voter Awareness Sessions in Provinces



Student Voter Awareness Session in District Orakzai



Student Voter Awareness Session in District Charsada



Student Voter Awareness Session in Gujranwala



Student Voter Awareness Session in Shaikhupura





Student Voter Awareness Session in Quetta



Student Voter Awareness Session in Rahim Yar Khan



Student Voter Awareness Session in Karachi











Study Tour of NUML University at ECP

As part of ECPs interaction with national stakeholders, voter awareness and civic educational drive, 14th briefing session/ study tour was arranged at ECP Secretariat on 14th December, 2022 for 79 students and faculty of Department

of Governance & Public Policy (G&PP) of National University of Modern Languages (NUML), Islamabad. The objective of the briefing session was to apprise the participants about the role and functions of the ECP.









Study Tour of NUML University at ECP













Study visit of students and faculty of NUML-Islamabad at ECP Secretariat on 14th December, 2022.

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