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Quarter in Focus

IPS' activities held during the quarter provided a comprehensive analysis of pivotal issues concerning Pakistan both domestically and internationally.

The annual meeting of IPS-National Advisory Council (NAC) - previously known as National Academic Council - emphasized the need for a clear national direction for Pakistan's growth, addressing various socio-political challenges.

The deliberation on transformational developments in Bangladesh explored the evolving political landscape in the country amidst regional tensions. The discussion on India's Kashmir policy under the third BJP Government analyzed the implications of the current Indian administration's approach to Jammu and Kashmir, while a critical analysis questioned the electoral integrity and scrutinized governance issues in the occupied region. Another session highlighted the ongoing human rights violations post-revocation of Articles 370 and 35A in IoK. On the other hand, the discussion on the evolving trajectory of Pak-Afghan relations since August 2021 examined diplomatic hurdles and challenges following the Taliban's return to power.

Within the domestic context, the role of Independent Power Producers (IPPs) was scrutinized, approaching the issue from multifarious, yet critical angles; and the Supreme Court's judgement in Mubarak Sani case was contemplated over w.r.t its implications and legal precedents.

Furthermore, the seminars on ensuring family rights through legislative proposals, the curriculum and discourse surrounding Pakistan Studies, and the lecture series on the contrasting principles of Islamic economics versus capitalist models provided rich insights into the topics.

Various IPS' team members utilized the opportunities to represent the Institute on external platforms. IPS' Chairman spoke at the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE) and the Institute of Strategic Studies, Islamabad (ISSI) on the topics of Pak-China relations and recent Indian elections; VC-IPS shared his views on Pak-Afghan relations during sessions held at the Institute of Regional Studies (IRS) and Riphah International University (RIU); Senior IPS Associate Dr Shahzad Iqbal Sham participated in the discussions on Pakistan's future; Research Officer Wali Farooqi attended a workshop on renewable energy in Turkey; and Maryam Ihsan, a junior researcher at the Institute, represented IPS at a seminar on laws and policies for older people in Pakistan.

As part of its human development program, IPS LEAD organized a lecture series based on IPS Press publication series *Kamyab Zindagi*, for middle and high school students, apart from equipping university students with practical experience in research, policy analysis, and editorial practices through a six-week internship program.

The research work at the Institute brought out new editions of its flagship journal *Policy Perspectives* and *Nuqta-e-Nazar*, besides publishing two new book titles: *Bridging Horizons: Unraveling the Enigma of Connectivity Between Pakistan and Central Asia* and *Ikkeeswi Sadi ka Bharat aur Musalman: Siyasat aur Samaaj ke Aeenay Mai*.



Annual meeting of IPS-National Advisory Council (NAC)

Pakistan's future growth is dependent on establishing a clear national direction that integrates positive nation-building efforts into every policy decision. This direction is crucial for resolving the country's governance crisis, fostering ideological unity, and leveraging the nation's untapped potential in emerging sectors like tourism and technology. Additionally, Pakistan needs to adopt a unified, whole-of-nation approach in policy decisions and reforms to overcome the complex challenges accumulated over the past seven decades.

The country's development trajectory is directly

linked to the potential of its youth and the innovation within its education system. To fully harness this transformative power, education must be positioned at the heart of the national development strategy. This approach, focused on reforms and empowerment, will allow Pakistan to cultivate future leaders, tackle emerging challenges, and assert itself as a global player. By embedding education into both national and international strategies, Pakistan can pave the way for a more sustainable and progressive future.

This was observed by *Continued on Page 03*

'Transformation in Bangladesh: Emerging Domestic and Regional Scenario'

The evolving situation in Bangladesh is driven by multiple factors. It goes beyond dissatisfaction with unemployment and administrative problems, as there is also resistance to Indian influence. This unrest reflects a broader, ongoing process and it would be premature to consider it conclusive.

Following the resignation and departure of former prime minister Sheikh Hasina, Bangladesh's interim leader, Muhammad Yunus, with his international stature, faces a critical test in this environment. Whether he can develop a truly indigenous agenda to address these complex challenges, remains to be seen. Meanwhile, it is crucial to recognize that the

interests of Pakistan and Bangladesh are not mutually exclusive; both nations can benefit from cooperation. A prudent approach would be to stay cautious and closely monitor the unfolding events.

This was observed during a session titled 'Transformation in Bangladesh: Emerging Domestic and Regional Scenario', held on August 15, 2024. The

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Ambassador (r) Afrasiab Mehdi Hashmi

'Landscaping IPPs in Pakistan'



Naveed Siddiqui

The government aims to expand power generation capacity by adding 7,500 MW by 2034 and extending independent power producer (IPP) licenses, potentially worsening the circular debt crisis in the sector. In FY 2022-2023, capacity payments to 17 of the 100 IPPs with a

combined capacity of 12,847 MW reached Rs472.12 billion, while heavy interest payments to nine notable IPPs amounted to Rs133.5 billion. In some cases, interest payments

exceed both capacity and electricity purchase prices.

With the current installed capacity of 45,000 MW surpassing peak demand of around 30,000 MW, further expansion and license renewals risk increasing financial obligations. Therefore, the government should adopt a balanced energy strategy, focusing on fiscal sustainability and reassessing both capacity expansion and IPP license renewals.

These findings were part of a major research study conducted by IPS on IPPs, presented during a session titled 'Landscaping IPPs in Pakistan', held on September 11, 2024. The findings were presented by Muhammad Wali Farooqi, research officer IPS, while the session was addressed by Khalid Rahman, chairman

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



The Kashmir movement is likely to remain an ongoing process despite the slightly changed power dynamics following the general elections in India. Although the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) governs in coalition with other parties, both the BJP and the Indian National Congress share similar policies on foreign and domestic matters, including Kashmir.

While the Indian stance remains unchanged, various internal factors and shifts in the external environment will inevitably influence the situation over time and could act as catalysts for resolving the issue. Meanwhile, to effectively counter Indian policies, Pakistan must leverage its strengths, demonstrate long-term commitment, and adopt a strategic, multidimensional approach.

These views were expressed during the 23rd IPS' Working Group on Kashmir (IPS-WGK) meeting, titled 'Third BJP Government: India's Kashmir Policy and its Future Outlook', organized on July 23, 2024.

Moderated by Ambassador (r) Syed Abrar Hussain, vice-chairman IPS, the session was addressed by Khalid Rahman, chairman IPS, 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 Gillani, Ankara-based Kashmiri journalist, and Farzana Yaqoob, former minister of AJ&K and IPS associate.

For further details, visit: www.ips.org.pk/third-bjp-government-indias-kashmir-policy-and-its-future-outlook/

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



Prof Dr Nazir Hussain



Dr Amna Mahmood

The ongoing elections in Indian-occupied Jammu and Kashmir, marred by manipulations, cannot replace the long-promised plebiscite that Kashmiris rightfully deserve. While the need for local representation to address daily governance and security challenges is pressing, these elections serve only to entrench India's control over the region. For Pakistan to move forward, a more strategic and unified approach is essential – one rooted

in diplomatic engagement and a sustained commitment to the just cause of Kashmiri self-determination.

The views were expressed during a roundtable discussion titled 'Governance or Control: Analyzing the 2024 'Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir' Assembly Elections' organized on September 26, 2024. The session, moderated by Ambassador (r) Syed Abrar Hussain, vice-chairman IPS, was addressed by 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 AJ&K and IPS associate, and Dr Amna Mahmood, professor, Faculty of Social Sciences, Int'l Islamic University, Islamabad.

For further details, visit: www.ips.org.pk/governance-or-control-analyzing-the-2024-union-territory-of-jammu-and-kashmir-assembly-elections/

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



Amb Asif Durrani and Amb Mohammad Sadiq

Upholding the rule of law through a balanced approach by both sides is crucial for restructuring Pak-Afghan relations in the post-August 2021 context, given the internal complexities and external influences shaping their bilateral relationship.

This principle must be bilaterally applied at the policy level, in border management, and throughout all interactions, coupled with mutual recognition of each other's sovereignty and an understanding of diverse perspectives.

These views were reflected during a discussion followed by the keynote speech of Ambassador Asif Durrani, Pakistan's special representative on Afghanistan, in a session titled 'Trajectory of Pakistan-Afghanistan Relations: Post-August 2021', co-organized by IPS and the Institute of Regional Studies (IRS), Peshawar, on August 7, 2024.

The session, chaired by Ambassador (r) Mohammad Sadiq, Pakistan's former special representative on Afghanistan, was addressed by 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, Noorulain Naseem, policy advisor, GIZ Pakistan, and other panelists.

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



Dr Shazia Sobia Aslam

In today's narrative-driven era, Pakistan must leverage its advantage of truth and Kashmiri support to amplify its pro-Kashmir stance and employ proactive diplomacy at all levels. Engaging informed youth in advocacy efforts is crucial to keeping the issue prominent on the international stage.

This approach is vital for countering Indian narratives that portray the Kashmir issue as an internal matter and downplay human rights violations.

This was discussed by speakers during a session 'Kashmir's Struggle after the Revocation of Articles 370 and 35A' held in collaboration with the Youth Forum for Kashmir (YFK) on August 5, 2024. The event featured a short documentary on the Kashmiri struggle post-2019, titled 'Kashmir: A Paradise, Colonized', as well as the announcement of the winners of an essay competition organized by YFK to engage and raise awareness among youth about the Kashmir issue.

The event was chaired by Dr Shazia Sobia Aslam, member of the National Assembly, and addressed by Khalid Rahman, chairman IPS, Dr Shahzad Iqbal Sham, senior research fellow at 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 AJ&K and IPS research associate, Zaman Bajwa, executive director, YFK, and others.

For further details, visit: www.ips.org.pk/kashmirs-struggle-after-the-revocation-of-articles-370-and-35a/

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



Dr Ijaz Shafi Gilani

The curriculum and discourse surrounding Pakistan Studies must reflect an accurate and indigenous perspective on Pakistan's emergence and development, fostering unity. Currently, the curriculum fails to achieve this goal. To truly represent Pakistan's identity as a civilizational state, it is essential to develop narratives that align with this vision.

This was put forward by Dr Ijaz Shafi Gilani, a renowned social scientist and chairman of Gallup Pakistan and Gilani Research Foundation, during a session titled 'Renewal of the Narrative of the Emergence of Pakistan and Pakistan Studies', held on July 10, 2024. The forum was joined by Khalid Rahman, chairman IPS, Ambassador (r) Syed Abrar Hussain, vice chairman IPS, Nadeem Farhat, head of operations IPS, Shahzad Iqbal Sham, senior research fellow IPS, academics and students.

For further details, visit: www.ips.org.pk/renewal-of-the-narrative-of-the-emergence-of-pakistan-and-pakistan-studies/

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Annual meeting of IPS-NAC

a gathering of prominent academicians, educationists, senior former diplomats, and a group of leading practitioners and experts participating in the annual meeting of the National Advisory Council (NAC) of IPS, held on September 14, 2024. The yearly gathering aims to garner intellectual input from veteran practitioners for IPS' research activities and realistic ideas regarding national issues.

Chaired by Khalid Rahman, chairman IPS, and moderated by Ambassador (r) Syed Abrar Hussain, vice chairman IPS, the meeting was addressed by Ambassador (r) Sardar Masood Khan, former president of AJK, Ambassador (r) Masood Khalid, Prof Dr Mukhtar Ahmed, chairman, Higher Education Commission of Pakistan (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 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, 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 former IG Police, Punjab, Sindh, Islamabad, and Motorways, Vice Admiral (r) Iftikhar Ahmed Rao, 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.

For further details, visit:
www.ips.org.pk/pakistan-future-growth-hinges-on-a-clear-national-direction-ips-national-advisory-council/

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'Transformation in Bangladesh'

session chaired by Khalid Rahman, chairman IPS, was addressed by Ambassador Afrasiab (r) Mehdi Hashmi, as keynote speaker, and Ambassador (r) Rafiuzzaman Siddiqui, both of whom have served as Pakistan's high commissioners to Bangladesh.

For further details, visit:
www.ips.org.pk/transformation-in-bangladesh-emerging-domestic-and-regional-scenarios/

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'Landscaping IPPs in Pakistan'

IPS, Ameena Sohail, energy advocate and senior IPS research associate, Asad Mahmood, renewable energy and energy efficiency expert, and Mirza Hamid Hasan, former federal secretary, Water and Power.

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For further details, visit:
www.ips.org.pk/landscaping-ipp-in-pakistan/

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



Adv Imran Shafique

Laws must evolve with societal changes, but adopting foreign legal models without adapting them to Pakistan's unique social context risks creating poorly drafted legislation.

This increases ambiguity, unintended consequences, and the potential for more crimes. A societal mindset prone to manipulating these laws further compounds the problem.

To ensure justice and long-term societal welfare, legal reforms must be thoughtful, reflecting Pakistan's evolving realities without compromising its core Islamic and cultural values. For that, the law-making process must prioritize clarity, enforceability, and contextual relevance, while citizens must also respect and adhere to the law to create a functional legal system.

These views were shared by legal and academic experts during a roundtable 'Ensuring Rights in the Family: Review of Legislative Proposals', held on September 19.

The session focused on the recently proposed legislative bills in the Parliament concerning matrimonial assets and maintenance, initiated by Senator Syed Ali Zafar and Senator

Samina Mumtaz Zehri, respectively. The participants included 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.

The experts raised concerns about the legal definition issues within the proposed matrimonial asset bills. They highlighted multiple ambiguities in the language of the proposed bills and warned that vague terms could lead to future legal disputes.



For further details, visit:
www.ips.org.pk/ensuring-rights-in-the-family-review-of-legislative-proposals/

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



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, and Rafeeq Shinwari from Shifa Tameer-e-Millat University, Islamabad.

Given the multifaceted dimensions, blasphemy issues cannot be effectively addressed in isolation. The prevailing fragmented response has not only undermined internal discourse but has also exposed Pakistan to vulnerabilities on the international stage. As such, a unified, strategic approach is essential, one that transcends emotionally driven reactions.

This requires prioritizing sustainable legal and academic efforts, reinforcing the rule of law, and adopting a proactive, diplomatically astute stance globally. Only through a cohesive and rational strategy can Pakistan safeguard its interests and uphold the sanctity of its religious principles and Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).

This was discussed during a consultative meeting on 'The Judgment of Supreme Court of Pakistan in Mubarak Sani Case and the Way Forward', held on August 28, 2024.

The session, chaired by Allama Muhammad Raghیب Hussain, chairman, Council of Islamic Ideology, was addressed by Khalid Rahman, chairman IPS, Allama Zahidur Rashdi, a

The other participants included 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, Ameena 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.

For further details, visit:
www.ips.org.pk/the-judgment-of-supreme-court-of-pakistan-in-mubarak-sani-case-and-the-way-forward/

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

Pakistan would benefit by learning from Chinese governance, decision-making, consistency in policies: Chairman IPS

Chairman IPS Khalid Rahman was invited to participate in a discussion with a high-level Chinese expert delegation visiting Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE) to have interaction with the leading academia and think tank representatives of Pakistan, aiming to build knowledge networks, mobilise resources for research and development, and learning best practices through close cooperation. The event titled 'Pakistan Economy & Growth: Learning from Chinese Experience' was held on August 2, 2024.

Speaking on the occasion, Rahman said that while the bilateral relations between Pakistan and China have historically been sturdy, Pakistan has not availed many opportunities to

learn from the economic giant. This does not mean that Pakistan should try to replicate everything that China has done, still it can learn from the strategies and then try to adopt them as per its own situation and circumstances.



For further details, visit: www.ips.org.pk/pakistan-would-benefit-amply-by-learning-from-chinese-governance-decision-making-consistency-in-policies-chairman-ips/

VC-IPS highlights the importance of effective border management, P2P contacts between Pakistan, Afghanistan



IPS' Vice Chairman Ambassador (r) Syed Abrar Hussain represented the Institute at the roundtable titled 'Pak-Afghan Relations: Challenges and Opportunities', which was organized by the Institute of Regional

Studies (IRS) on July 23, 2024.

Speaking on the occasion, VC-IPS signified the

need of having strong diplomatic relations and people-to-people contact between Pakistan and Afghanistan, while ensuring efficient border management between the two countries.

He also called on regional countries to assist the Afghan interim government in addressing its capacity issues concerning terrorism emanating from Afghanistan.

For further details, visit: www.ips.org.pk/vc-ips-highlights-the-importance-of-effective-border-management-p2p-contacts-between-pakistan-afghanistan/

IPS and Iqbal Academy Pakistan ink MoU

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between IPS and Iqbal Academy Pakistan, on September 3, 2024, with a view to cooperate in research and educational endeavors.

As per the MoU, both parties will work together to promote Iqbal's thoughts and philosophy through joint research projects on the subjects of common interest.

For further details, visit: www.ips.org.pk/ips-and-iqbal-academy-pakistan-ink-mou/



IPS' representation in a seminar on laws and policies for older people in Pakistan

On behalf of IPS, its junior research officer Maryam Ihsan participated at in a session on 'Policy Analysis and Advocacy', organized by the Secretariat of the Older People Rights Network (OPRN), in collaboration with HelpAge International on July 25, 2024.

For further details, visit: www.ips.org.pk/ips-represented-in-a-seminar-on-laws-and-policies-for-older-people-in-pakistan/

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

IPS' Senior Research Associate Dr Shahzad Iqbal Sham delivered an address on the occasion of Pakistan's Defence Day while engaging with the journalists from newspapers, radio, and television, at the Shaan National Press Club, Islamabad on September 5, 2024.

For further details, visit: www.ips.org.pk/envision-a-brighter-future-a-discourse-on-the-potential-and-future-of-pakistan/

IPS represented in INETTT workshop on Energy in Turkiye

IPS' Research Officer Mohammad Wali Farooqi represented the Institute in a three-day training workshop on 'Energy System Analytics' held in Istanbul, Turkiye from July 2-4, 2024. The training was organized by 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.



For further details, visit: www.ips.org.pk/ips-represented-in-a-workshop-on-energy-system-analytics-held-in-istanbul/

No room for bitterness; Pakistan and Afghanistan should focus on commonalities: VC-IPS

Vice Chairman IPS Ambassador (r) Syed Abrar Hussain addressed a seminar titled 'Security Paradigm and Rising Tensions: Pak-Afghan Relations and Election Integrity', organized by Riphah International University (RIU) and ESAR Trust on July 25, 2024.

Amb Abrar said that commonalities between Pakistan and Afghanistan are far more important than differences, they need to be highlighted.

For further details, visit: www.ips.org.pk/no-room-for-bitterness-between-pakistan-and-afghanistan-focus-on-commonalities-desired-amb-abrar/

BJP likely to persist with old policies despite its compromised presence in Lok Sabha

On the invitation of the Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad (ISSI)'s India Study Centre (ISC), Chairman IPS Khalid Rahman attended a roundtable 'Modi 3.0: What to expect regarding Pakistan-India relations?' held on July 12, 2024.

Addressing the event, Rahman said that despite the decline in number of seats, BJP has received more or less similar number of votes as before. Also, the mindset of Congress is not dissimilar to BJP on foreign policy issues, particularly Pakistan, and their thinking is further fortified due to favorable circumstances on the external front.

For further details, visit: www.ips.org.pk/bjp-likely-to-persist-with-old-policies-despite-its-compromised-presence-in-lok-sabha/

Intricacies and nuances of legal translation highlighted on Int'l Translation Day

Senior IPS Research Associate Dr Shahzad Iqbal Sham was invited to participate in an event held by Allama Iqbal Open University (AIU) on September 30, 2024 to commemorate the International Translation Day.

In his speech, Dr Sham discussed the intricacies and nuances of the translation of *Black's Law* – the most frequently used legal dictionary in the United States, the final review of whose Urdu translation was done by the speaker himself.



Senior IPS Research Associate awarded for his literary work on the constitution and law

On July 20, 2024, a Karachi-based organization Quaid-e-Azam Writers Guild awarded the Justice Qazi Faez Isa Award to Senior IPS Research Associate Dr Shahzad Iqbal Sham in recognition of his book *Aa'een-i-Pakistan 1973 aur Islam: Martial Law, Adalia aur Parlamaan ka Kirdaar*, published by IPS Press, the publishing arm of Institute of Policy Studies (IPS), Islamabad.

Human Development

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

'Islamic Economics: The Polar Opposite of Capitalist Economics'



August 17, 2024, with more lectures held on August 24 and 31, September 7, 21 and 28, and October 5.

Based on a book authored by Dr Asad Zaman with a similar title, the lecture series also talked about the ethical principles of social and transactional justice, and Islamic solutions to

Aimed at highlighting the foundational principles of Islamic economics while accentuating its differences from the capitalist economics, IPS, in collaboration with a Malaysian based organization Institute of Regenerative Livelihoods, organized a lecture series titled 'Islamic Economics: The Polar Opposite of Capitalist Economics'.

The series comprising seven lectures on successive weekends was initially conceived by the Malaysian Institute in online mode, but the partnership with IPS enabled it to be held in the physical mode as well.

Conducted by Professor Dr Asad Zaman, a renowned economist and former vice chancellor, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE), the lecture series started from

transcend the current crisis brought about by capitalism through integrating socio-economic activities into the ambit of ethical, moral, societal and spiritual goals. Additionally, it also touched upon the systematic revival of socio-economic institutions, rediscovering the foundations of Islamic intellecto-moral principles, and the role of the government and conscientious individuals in this regard.

The series was attended by a diverse range of participants, including field practitioners, academics and students pursuing higher studies.

For further details, visit: www.ips.org.pk/islamic-economics-the-polar-opposite-of-capitalist-economics/

Success is not about personal milestones, but lifting others: Lecture Series on 'Kamyab Zindagi'



collaboration with Youth Association Pakistan (YAP), across various schools in Islamabad to engage students in thought-provoking discussions on achieving a successful and meaningful life.

The sessions held on August 8, 9, and 13, featured Khalid Rahman, Dr Ikram-ul-Haq, IPS research associate, and Abdul Qadir, founding chairman, Youth Association of Pakistan. The lectures took place at specific branches of Modern Languages

Success is not just about reaching personal milestones; it's about embracing the collective responsibility of lifting others. True achievement lies in contributing to the betterment of society, where individual goals are aligned with the well-being of the community. Serving others leads to collective achievement and creates a ripple effect of positive change throughout the community.

This was the crux of a lecture series on Kamyab Zindagi (Successful Life) – based on a series of books with similar title, authored by Khalid Rahman, chairman IPS, and published by IPS Press – the publishing and bookselling arm of IPS. The series was organized by IPS in

School, International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI) School, and Allied School respectively. The series, aimed at middle and high school students, focused on inspiring young minds to pursue a life of purpose, balance, and success, both in individual and collective capacities.

The 'Kamyab Zindagi' lecture series was designed to guide students toward leading purposeful lives that emphasize not just academic or professional success, but also personal growth, moral integrity, and social responsibility.

For further details, visit: www.ips.org.pk/islamic-economics-the-polar-opposite-of-capitalist-economics/

Six-week Summer Internship Program concludes

As part of IPS' broader vision to promote a knowledge-driven economy through human development and the pursuit of individual, organizational, and societal excellence, IPS successfully concluded its six-week Summer Internship Program, held under IPS LEAD, on September 6, 2024.



The internship brought together a diverse group of talented students from universities across Pakistan – such as National Defence University (NDU), Islamabad, Institute of Business Management (IoBM), Karachi, International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI), and Fatima Jinnah Women University (FJWU), Rawalpindi, offering them the opportunity to engage in research and editorial work on critical national and international issues.

For further details, visit: www.ips.org.pk/six-week-summer-internship-program-2024-concludes-at-ips/

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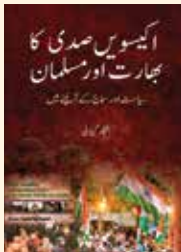
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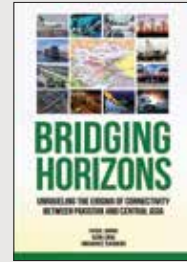


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