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August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
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Secretariat, Constitution Avenue, G-5/2, Islamabad.  
Celebration of Independence Day.

# ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

"خوشبو پھیل جانے تک"

تم نے چلتے رہنا ہے،  
کبھی نہ رگنا،  
اور نہ ہی کبھی تھک جانا،  
ایک ماہ کی مانند،  
متسل پھول اگاتا جا،  
اپنے قدموں کی دھول سے،  
مٹی کو اڑاتا جا،

اور،

منزلیں ابھارتا جا،

جاؤں نہ رو،

نہ پیچھے تم نے دیکھنا ہے،  
نہ رگنا ہے نہ تھمنا ہے،  
بس آگے بڑھتے رہنا ہے،  
خوشبو پھیل جانے تک،  
روشنی آجانے تک،

اپنے ووٹ کے رستے سے،

دھول کو اڑاتا جا،

حتیٰ کہ منزلیں ابھر آئیں،

اور سارے پھول کھل اٹھے،

یاد رکھو،

تمہارا وعدہ ہے،

بہاروں کے شہزادے سے،

کہ آبیاری کرتا رہوں گا،

میں پھولوں کی،

تادم سرگ تک،

تادم کہ گلشن کھل اٹھے،

تادم کہ خوشبو پھیل جائے،

تادم بہار کے آنے تک،

بہاروں کے شہزادے سے،

اپنا وعدہ نبھانا ہے۔۔۔!!!

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# Empowering the Destitute

Wherever in the world there are strong democracies, there are also strong local government systems. The local government system is considered a primary unit or nursery of democracy. Unfortunately, the past of the local government system in Pakistan has never been something to be proud of. But, contrary to the past the current Election Commission of Pakistan has changed this norm. Over the last three years, the painstaking efforts of ECP have ensured the constitute of local governments countrywide. In this prolonged pathway, numerous obstacles were encountered with perseverance and determination to attain this goal. Besides harsh conditions and vulnerable security measures, LG elections were conducted successfully with sheer determination.

All the phases of local government elections have been completed successfully in the provinces of Sindh, KP and Balochistan, and similarly, for Punjab local government elections, the most difficult task of delimitation has also been completed, and now the process of registration of electoral groups in underway. In the same way, all the stages of delimitation for the conduct of local government elections in the Federal Capital Islamabad have also been completed and the election schedule will be announced at the appropriate time.

The Commission has also initiated the ECP Youth Engagement Policy since November 2021 to engage and educate youth about the significance of their vote. The said program focuses on new voters' education and registration, having conducted 1640+ sessions in educational institutions countrywide.

I am grateful to all my team members who supported me in collecting data, proofreading, and designing, and special thanks to the Worthy Secretary ECP Mr. Omar Hamid Khan under whose dynamic leadership we are continuously publishing the 6th edition of the ECP newsletter since 2022.

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7th September 2023

# Inauguration of Election Monitoring Control Center (EMCC)

The EMCC is equipped with the following features and facilities:

- Digital Wall for viewing real-time monitoring field reports
- 12 LED Screens to monitor mainstream media coverage of election activities
- Latest Computers to run the M&E Management Information System
- Universal Access Number (UAN) to receive complaints from the public through telephone
- Help Desk and workstation for 16 facilitators for 24/7 instant response during all election activities



Hon'ble CEC Sikandar Sultan Raja inaugurating newly established Election Monitoring Control Center (EMCC)

# Briefing on the Election Management System

The Election Commission was briefed on the Election Management System on 7 September, 2023. A practical demonstration was presented on how the system works. In the briefing, honorable members of the Election Commission, Federal Minister IT, Secretary IT, Executive Director National IT Board (NITB) and a team of senior officers of NADRA was present in the briefing on the request of the Commission. Secretary Election

Commission, Advisor, Special Secretary, Head of Project Management Unit and other officers participated in the briefing.

**Helpline Number:**  
Election Monitoring Control Center (EMCC) : **051-8848888**



High-level Briefing: Election Commission and Federal IT Officials Witness Demonstration of Election Management System



# Consultative Session with the Political Parties on the upcoming General Elections

## Consultative session with Tehreek-e-Insaf & JUI



Consultative Meeting of Election Commission with PTI on August, 24th 2023.

The first meeting of the Election Commission was held on 24th August, 2023 to consult with the political parties regarding the election's roadmap. The meeting was chaired by the Honorable Chief Election Commissioner, Sikandar Sultan Raja, and was attended by esteemed members of the Election Commission, the Secretary Election Commission, and other senior officers.

The delegation from Tehreek-e-Insaf emphasized the need

to adhere to the constitution's mandate for holding elections within 90 days. They also expressed that currently, there is no requirement for the delimitation of constituencies. They also called for the immediate release of various party leaders and workers who had been arrested. They stressed on the party's right to organize political rallies and demanded equal opportunities in the political arena, on par with other political parties.



Consultative Meeting of Election Commission with JUI on August, 24th 2023.

The delegation of Jamiat Ulama Islam (F) took a stand that there is no doubt that the holding of elections is a requirement of the constitution, but now that the results of the census have been officially published. Therefore, the Election Commission should first complete the process of delimitation of constituen-

cies so that all political parties, candidates and voters can be facilitated in the upcoming elections. The delegation further said that according to the new census, the correct registration of the voters in the electoral rolls needs to be ensured by the Election Commission before the election.



## Consultative session with PML (N)



Consultative Meeting of Election Commission with PMLN on August, 25th 2023.

The Election Commission invited the Pakistan Muslim League (N) on 25th August, 2023 for the consultation process with the political parties. This advisory meeting was presided over by Mr. Sikandar Sultan Raja, Chief Election Commissioner. In addition to the honorable members of the Election Commis-

sion, senior officers of the Election Commission participated in the meeting, from Pakistan Muslim League (N) Mr. Ahsan Iqbal, Ranasanaullah Sahib, Zahid Hamid Sahib, Azam Nazir Tarar Sahib, Attaullah Tarar Sahib and Asad Junejo attended the meeting.

## Consultative session with MQM Pakistan and JI



Consultative Meeting of Election Commission with MQM on August, 28th 2023.

Third consultative meeting of the Election Commission was held with the delegation of MQM Pakistan at 11 AM and with the delegation of Jamaat-e-Islami at 12 noon on 28th August, 2023. The meeting was presided over by Mr. Sikandar Sul-

tan Raja, Chief Election Commissioner. Honorable members of Election Commission, Secretary and other senior officers attended.



Consultative Meeting of Election Commission with Jamat-e-Islami on August, 28th 2023.

The Jamaat-e-Islami delegation said that the Election Commission should have started this consultation process earlier. According to the constitution, after the dissolution of the assemblies, the process of elections should be completed within 90 days. In order to remove the ambiguity, Election Commis-

sion should have announced the Election Schedule as well along with initiation of process of Delimitation. The Election Commission is empowered with authority thus it should fulfill its responsibilities according to the constitution and law.

## Consultative session with PPPP



Consultative Meeting of Election Commission with PPPP on August, 29th 2023.

Election Commission of Pakistan held another consultative meeting with Pakistan Peoples Party (Parliamentarian) delegation on 29-08-2023. Hon'ble Chief Election Commissioner Mr. Sikandar Sultan Rana chaired the meeting. The Members Election Commission, Secretary ECP and other senior officers

also attended the meeting. On the other hand, Mr. Nayyar Bukhari, Ms. Sherry Rehman, Mr. Murad Ali Shah, Mr. Naveed Qamar, Mr. Taj Haider and Mr. Faisal Karim Kundi attended the meeting from Pakistan Peoples Party side.

## Consultative session with ANP, BAP, and BNP



Consultative Meeting of Election Commission with ANP on August, 30th 2023.

The Election Commission of Pakistan held three consultative meetings on 30th August, 2023 with various political parties. The first meeting involved a delegation from the Awami National Party (ANP), followed by the Balochistan Awami Party (BAP), and finally the Balochistan National Party (BNP) at the ECP Secretariat in Islamabad.

These sessions were scheduled at 11 AM, 2 PM, and 3 PM respectively. The meetings were chaired by the Hon'ble Chief Election Commissioner, Mr. Sikandar Sultan Raja. Members of the Election Commission, Secretary ECP and other senior officers also attended the meetings.



Consultative Meeting of Election Commission with BAP on August, 30th 2023.

Representatives from the Awami National Party, Mr. Mian if-tikhar Hussain, Mr. Zahid Khan, Mr. Khushdil Khan, and Mr. Abdul Rahim Wazir attended the meeting. The Balochistan Awami Party was represented by Mr. Nasibullah, Mr. Manzoor

Kakar, Mr. Noor Muhammad Dummer, and Sardar Abdul Rahman Khetran. Balochistan National Party's representation included Mr. Abdul Kareem Noshewani, Ms. Sana Jamali, and Mr. Danish Kumar.



Consultative Meeting of Election Commission with BNP on August, 30th 2023.

The delegation from the Balochistan Awami Party endorsed the Election Commission's new delimitation decisions. BAP members stated that since the census results have been published, there is no need to carry out new delimitation, as it could lead to discrepancies with political parties, candidates, and the public. They recommended that a fair and transparent delimitation and unbiased elections be ensured. Furthermore, they emphasized that before announcing the

election schedule following delimitation, the seasonal effects in different parts of the country should be considered, so that candidates and voters do not face difficulties during the elections. They praised the Chief Election Commissioner and the Election Commission's performance, expressing their complete trust in their abilities. The Balochistan Awami Party expressed complete confidence in the Election Commission, based on past decisions as well.

## Consultative session with TLP and PML (Q)



Consultative Meeting of Election Commission with TLP on August, 31st 2023.

The Election Commission held 6th consultative meetings on 31st August, 2023 with two major political parties. The first meeting was with Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan and the second meeting with Pakistan Muslim League (Q) delegation, at 11:30 AM and 2:00 PM respectively. The meetings were chaired by Hon'ble Chief Election Commissioner Mr. Sikandar Sultan Raja, Members of the Election Commission, Secretary ECP

and other senior officers also attended the meeting. From Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan, Chaudhry Rizwan, Muhammad Qasim, Zia ur Rahman, and Chaudhry Azhar attended the meeting. Meanwhile, from Pakistan Muslim League (Q), Muhammad Tariq Hussain, Ms. Farukh Khan, Ghulam Mustafa, Rizwan Sadiq, and Hafiz Aqeel Jalil were present.



Consultative Meeting of Election Commission with PMLQ on August, 31st 2023.

The Pakistan Muslim League (Q) delegation endorsed the Election Commission's decision on the new constituency delimitation. They emphasized that a new delimitation was necessary based on the released census results to ensure fairness.

Both parties expressed confidence in the Election Commission's capabilities and commitment to transparent elections. The Hon'ble Chief Election Commissioner assured that the ongoing schedule for delimitation are supposed to be completed within 120 days by December 14, 2023 however ECP

is trying to squeeze the duration of process and after that would immediately announce election schedule. The Hon'ble Chief Election Commissioner also reiterated the Commis-

sion's dedication to transparent and lawful constituency delimitations and elections.

## Consultative session with GDA



Consultative Meeting of Election Commission with GDA on September 1st 2023.

The Election Commission held a consultative meeting with a delegation of Grand Democratic Alliance (GDA) on 1st September, 2023. The meeting was chaired by Hon'ble Chief Election Commissioner Sikandar Sultan Raja. Members Election Commission, Secretary ECP and other senior officers also attended the meeting.

From the Grand Democratic Alliance (GDA), Ms. Fehmida Marza, Dr. Safdar Ali Abbasi, Mr. Kashif Nazamani, and Mr. Ibn Muhammad participated, while Mr. Sardar Abdul Rahim

and Mr. Irfanullah Khan Marwat attended the meeting via video link.

The Hon'ble Chief Election Commissioner informed the delegation that the Election Commission has called an important meeting today with other political parties, taking consultations and their feedback into account, the Election Commission will announce the election schedule after further reducing the duration of the delimitation process.

# ECP Observes Maldives Presidential Elections





Maldives Election Commission invited Election Commission of Pakistan to observe and monitor the Presidential Elections 2023 in Maldives on 09th September, 2023. Observers from ECP attended the pre-poll election briefing session and observed the elections process on poll-day in Maldives.

# Election Observation in Zimbabwe by ECP



# Mr. Shah Muhammad Jatoi, Hon'ble Member of the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) and Mr. Asif Ali Yasin, Director ECP visit to Zimbabwe for the observation of General Elections

Mr. Frederick M. Shava, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade of the Republic of Zimbabwe extended an invitation to the Government of Pakistan for sending a team of observers to witness the Harmonized General Elections in Zimbabwe from the pre-election stage right through elections to the post- election stage. Accordingly, Government of

Pakistan through its Ministry of Foreign Affairs nominated Mr. Shah Muhammad Jatoi, Hon'ble Member of the Election Commission of Pakistan and Mr. Asif Ali Yasin, Director in Election Commission of Pakistan to observe the general Elections of Zimbabwe on 23rd August, 2023



Group photo of Pakistani and Zimbabwean Election Officials on General Elections on August 23, 2023

# A special meeting of the Election Commission

On July 10, 2023, at 11:30 AM, A special meeting of the Election Commission was held under the chairmanship of Chief Election Commissioner Sikandar Sultan Raja. In the meeting,

arrangements for the Local Government Elections were reviewed to ensure the immediate holding of the elections in ICT and Punjab.



Honorable Chief Election Commissioner Leads Meeting to Expedite Local Government Elections in ICT and Punjab, July 10, 2023

# Meetings regarding preparations for the upcoming General Elections

**with the Chief Secretary, IG and Provincial Election Commissioner Sindh and Balochistan.**

Two important meetings were held on 29th August, 2023 at the Election Commission Secretariat, Islamabad, regarding preparations for the upcoming General Elections. The first meeting took place at 12:00 pm with the Chief Secretary and IG Sindh. The second meeting was held at 1:00 pm with the Chief Secretary and IG Balochistan.

The meetings were chaired by Hon'ble Chief Election Commissioner Mr. Sikandar Sultan Raja. The members of the Election Commission, Secretary ECP, Chief Secretary Sindh, IG Sindh, Chief Secretary Balochistan, IG Balochistan, Provincial Election Commissioner Sindh and Balochistan, and other senior officers of ECP attended the meeting.



Hon'ble Chief Election Commissioner Chairs High-Level Meeting for Upcoming General Elections, August 29, 2023

## Preparatory meeting for upcoming General Elections

An important meeting regarding the preparations for the upcoming General Elections held in the Election Commission on August 21, 2023 under the chairmanship of Secretary Election Commission Mr. Umar Hameed Khan. Special Secretary, DG Law, Provincial Election Commissioners and other senior officers participated in the meeting.

In the meeting, the Special Secretary and the Provincial Election Commissioners briefed the Secretary Election Commis-

sion on the arrangements made so far regarding the conduct of the election.

Expressing satisfaction with the arrangements until today, the Secretary Election Commission ordered that the in-charges of all the wings of the Election Commission and the Provincial Election Commissioners should immediately complete all the arrangements related to the conduct of the election, contact the relevant institutions and make available the necessary

election materials. Ensure that no lapse in this regard will be tolerated. Further, the Election Commission also reviewed the work of Constituencies. In this regard, it has been directed that the Election Commission have to ensure necessary assistance

and material/data required from the provincial governments and the Statistics Department to start the process of Delimitation of Constituencies timely. An oversight committee has also been constituted for the execution of the activities.



Secretary Election Commission Chairs Meeting regarding preparations for upcoming General Elections on August 21st, 2023

# Media briefing on achievements of Political Finance Wing



Secretary ECP Chairs Media Briefing, Showcasing Achievements of Political Finance Wing



# EMCC Unveiled: Election Commission Briefs Media

## on Election Monitoring Control Center

On September 18, 2023, the Media Coordination and Outreach Wing issued a press release regarding a briefing session held at the Election Commission Secretariat in Islamabad about the newly implemented Election Monitoring Control Center (EMCC). The session was chaired by the Secretary of the Election Commission, with representatives from print and electronic media in attendance. The briefing covered the detailed information about various integrated systems and features of the EMCC aimed at ensuring ethical conduct during elections

and enforcing electoral laws effectively. The session also highlighted the importance of the EMCC in timely addressing complaints and electoral violations during the upcoming general elections, emphasizing its modern, efficient, and globally standardized approach. The media session was attended by senior officers, including Special Secretary Dr. Syed Asif Hussain and Special Secretary Zafar Iqbal Hussain, and provided insights into the monitoring efforts during the forthcoming elections.



Secretary ECP briefing at the inaugural ceremony of Election Monitoring Control Center (EMCC)



Special Secretary Dr. Syed Asif Hussain and Special Secretary Zafar Iqbal Hussain during EMCC briefing



Spokesperson, ECP briefing Media about EMCC's Role in Elections

## Training Session for the Inquiry Committees on **Protection against Harassment of Women at Workplace Act 2010**



Secretary ECP Chairs Training Session on Workplace Harassment Protection, September 1, 2023



Training Session on Workplace Harassment Protection, September 1, 2023

# KP LG Bye-Elections

Poll for the 72 seats of different categories of Village and Neighborhood Councils in 21 Districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.



Secretary Election Commission of Pakistan Mr. Omar Hamid Khan visits Central Control Room established in ECP Secretariat, Islamabad, monitoring the polling activities of the KP Local Government bye-elections. He found all arrangements satisfactory.



Glimse of Central Election Monitoring Control Room established for monitoring of Khyber Pakhtun Khuwa Local Government Bye - Elections at ECP Secretariat Islamabad.27-08-2023

# ECP's Revamped Media Entry Passes

On September 6, 2023, new official entry passes were distributed to reporters responsible for covering news related to the ECP

# Cadet College Hassan Abdal's Tour to ECP

A delegation of students of Cadet College Hassan Abdal, led by the faculty members visited the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP), Secretariat on 07th July, 2023 for the purpose of briefing on ECPs initiatives and mechanisms. The interac-

tive session was chaired by Secretary ECP Mr. Omar Hamid Khan, in which he briefed participants that they are the agents of change in society and also replied to the queries of young students.



Secretary ECP Mr. Omar Hamid Khan presenting shield to faculty members of Hassan Abdal Cadet College at ECP Secretariat on 7th July, 2023

# A-WEB Korea Delegation's Visit to ECP



Delegation of A-WEB were briefed by ECP senior officers on 2nd August, 2023

# Inviting Applications for Election Symbol Allotment

for contesting forthcoming General Elections

The political parties which have complied with the relevant provisions of the Election Act, 2017 and the Election Rules, 2017, invited to submit applications for allocation of one of the symbols prescribed under Rule 162 of the Election Rules, 2017.

The applications duly signed by the respective Party Heads, receiving are being entertained by the Election Commission of Pakistan

# Submission Deadline: Consolidated Statements of Accounts

Political parties were required to submit their consolidated statements of accounts for the financial year 2022-2023 on or before 29th August, 2023.

The Election Commission of Pakistan had reminded all the heads of Political Parties, in terms of section 210 of the Elections Act, 2017 read with section 204 of the Act ibid and rule 159 & 160 of the Election Rules, 2017, that they were required

to file their Consolidated Statement of Accounts for the financial year 2022-23, which ended on 30th June, 2023, on or before 29th August, 2023, with the Election Commission.

# LG Elections & Oath-taking ceremony



The Conduct of Local Government Elections and Oath-taking ceremony of the members of the District Councils of 35 districts of Balochistan



The election of the members of the District Councils of 35 districts of Balochistan (except Quetta) was held on July 6, 2023. A control room was established to monitor the election at the Election Commission of Pakistan Secretariat, Islamabad. The

control room remained open from 8 am to 12 pm. Senior officers of the Election Commission supervised the election. The Elected members of district councils taken oath and Returning Officers administered oath on July 6, 2023

# SINDHI SARAIKI PUNJABI BALOCHI PASHTO ENGLISH HINDKO URDU CHITRALI

## ECP Advocates for Voter Engagement in Diverse Languages

### Public service message in Regional, English and Urdu languages

The Commission issues public service messages highlighting the importance of registration, transfer and correction of votes in different Regional, Urdu and English languages. The message in English was launched by Secretary ECP Omar Hamid Khan sensitizing the public about the last date of registration/ transfer/deletion & correction of the vote, stating that the Election Commission of Pakistan stands ready to fulfill its constitutional role to conduct, free, fair, impartial and Inclusive elections, he urged the public to play their role towards bright future, development and prosperity of our country. He further educated public to check vote by sending SMS on NIC and visit relevant DEC office in case of any query and guidance. Ms. Qurat ul Ain, Spokesperson ECP gave the message in Urdu language, Mr. Haroon Shinwari, ADG MCO in Pashto, Mr. Zulfikar Director Elections PEC KPK in Hindko, Mr. Tauqeer Iqbal Director Elections ECP Secretariat in Punjabi, Mr. Atif Rahim DD admin in Siraiki, Mr. Nabeel AD MCO in Sindhi, Mr. Abdul Wahid Baloch DD Admin PEC Balochistan in Balochi, Mr. Syed Ehsan Ullah Shah DD Local Government PEC Balochistan, Mr. Abdul Qadir DD SIMS ECP Secretariat in Chitrali Language. The purpose was to ensure maximum outreach and facilitation to the public across the country.



### Appearance on TV Shows for Public Awareness

To apprise the public on General Elections preparation and keep them informed about electoral processes and procedural details, Officers of Election Commission of Pakistan appeared on several talk shows and answered the queries posed by media. Special Secretary ECP, Zafar Iqbal Hussain and DG IT Mr. Khizer Aziz appeared on talk show "Pakistan Today" at PNN by Mansoor Qazi. In another talk show on "Lahore Rang" and

News Night with Najam, Anchor Najam Wali Khan inquired PEC Punjab, Mr Saeed Gul and PD PMU, Col Saad about preparation on General elections in Punjab and use of technology in future elections. Special Secretary Mr. Zafar Iqbal Hussain also appeared in a regional TV "Waseeb" and answered queries of Anchor Kashif Raafique in Siraiki Language.

# The Red Circle Campaign

## Register, Transfer, Verify: A Campaign for a Stronger Democracy

The Election Commission of Pakistan successfully orchestrated the "Red Circle Campaign," owing 20th July, 2023 was the last date to register, deletion, correction and transfer of vote. a.

The campaign's primary focus lay on informing citizens about the final dates for voter registration, deletion, and correction of their registration details.



Glimpses of extensive and wide publicity of digital and outdoor media campaign of voter registration, as 20th July, 2023 was the last date to delete, correct and transfer of vote.



Preview of dissemination of Campaign at grassroots level via SMS messages.

## Facilitation to the Public

For the convenience of the public, the Election Commission of Pakistan extended the date for registration, transfer and correctness of vote, from 13th to 20th July, 2023. Ehsan Ullah Shah DD Local Government PEC Balochistan, Mr. Abdul Qadir DD SIMS ECP Secretariat in Chitrali Language. The purpose was to ensure maximum outreach and facilitation to the public across the country.



The ECP's campaign promoting voter registration, including the transfer, correction, and updating of voter registration information before July 20, 2023, was also launched on the Pakvoter social media account with the support of IFES. The campaign

## reached over 2 Millions

user accounts on Facebook, ensuring that the public has essential information to actively participate in the electoral process.

# Virtual Meeting with the Carter Center



Election Commission of Pakistan Engages in Virtual Exchange with Carter Center for Enhanced Electoral Integrity and Democratic Values

The virtual meeting between the Election Commission of Pakistan and representatives from the Carter Center which is recognized as a pioneer and leader in the field of election observation. Through this innovative approach, the Election Commission of Pakistan aims to leverage technological advancements to ensure fair and unbiased electoral processes.

This virtual collaboration allows for real-time exchange of insights, data, and experiences, enabling the Carter Center to provide valuable guidance and expertise in election observation. The meeting shows the commitment of both entities to fostering democratic values and strengthening the integrity of elections.

## Training & Workshops

### One-day media workshop on “Responsible Reporting for Peaceful and Inclusive Elections”



Provincial Election Commissioner gave shields to the guest speakers While certificates were distributed among the participants

The Election Commission of Pakistan organized a one-day media workshop under the theme “Responsible Reporting for Peaceful and Inclusive Elections” at a local hotel in Peshawar. The guest speakers were senior journalist Shamim Shahid and Ismail Khan while Provincial Election Commissioner Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Shamshad Khan presided over the session. The objective of the workshop was to discuss that:

i. Dissemination of misleading news and hate speech

through mainstream media and social media,

ii. The role of media in improving the inclusion of marginalized segments, women, transgender, elderly, persons with disabilities and minorities in elections,

iii. Code of Conduct and the responsibility of the Professional Media discussed regarding the prevention of violations of Code of Conduct. Representatives of different print and electronic media participated in the said workshop.



## 3-day Training of Lead Trainers



Training of Lead Trainers on 18.07.2023 for the Training of Master Trainers for upcoming General Elections at ECP Secretariat

Today, the 3-days Training of Lead Trainers (ToLT) for the Training of Master Trainers (Polling Personnel) has been started. The training is being conducted at Pakistan's Electoral Academy for Democratic Practices, Research and Management (PADRM) in ECP Secretariat Islamabad for upcoming

General Elections. 20 ECP officers will be trained as lead trainers during this training session. These officers will further impart trainings to 2423 Master Trainers from all the four provinces to train the Polling Staff.

## Training on Election Management System (EMS)

Election Commission of Pakistan organized a two-day specialized training program to raise awareness and enhance understanding on the newly developed Election Management System (EMS). The training held on July 13th -14th, 2023, under the supervision of targeted IT officers, the Project Management Unit, and the Election Wing of the ECP. The purpose of

the training was to equip officials with comprehensive knowledge of the newly developed system 'EMS', for their feedback so the effective utilization of the system for efficient and secure elections results across the country could be ensured. ECP strengthens its commitment to conduct free, fair, transparent, inclusive and technology based future elections.

## Training Sessions



### Inauguration of Training Session, Sindh

PEC Sindh Mr. Aijaz Anwar Chohan inaugurated one-day orientation and training workshop for officers of Election Commission of Pakistan from Sindh on 24-08-2023 regarding use of Election Management System(EMS).



### Training in Balochistan

Glimpses of one-day briefing session to the officers of Balochistan regarding Election Management system for General Elections 2023 Chaired by Mr Sharifullah, PEC Balochistan, held in the Office of the PEC Balochistan Quetta on 24/07/2023



### Inaugural session for training in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

PEC KP Shamshad Khan inaugurated one day orientation and training workshop for officers of Election Commission of Pakistan from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa regarding use of Election Management System (EMS).

## ECP arranged In-Service Training of newly appointed Officers at Civil Services Academy

To train the 27 newly appointed officers, the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) arranged In-Service Training Program from August 1st to 11th , 2023 at the Civil Services Academy,

Walton Campus, Lahore. The training aims to empower newly appointed officers with advanced skills and knowledge required for the efficient execution of their official duties.



Newly Appointed Officers Engage in In-Service Training at the Civil Services Academy

During the program, officers will receive comprehensive training on various aspects of administrative, election management, electoral laws, voter registration procedures, and different electoral technology. The training also emphasizes teamwork, communication, and leadership skills to enhance their effectiveness in official assignments, practical life and during

elections. The Civil Services Academy's having renowned expertise and state-of-the-art facilities is an ideal partner for the said initiatives. The ECP remains committed to continuously improving its officers' capabilities and fostering public trust in the electoral system, strengthening the pillars of democracy in Pakistan.

## Inclusive Media Workshop



Fostering Responsible Reporting: Election Commission of Pakistan Conducts Media Training Workshop

A workshop under the title of Responsible Reporting for Peaceful Elections was held by the Election Commission of Pakistan at Swat. The chief speaker was Dr. Jamaluddin, Head of Journalism, and Mass Communication, University of Swat, while Mr. Fazal Hakeem presided over the workshop. The purpose of the media training workshop was to report on all election events according to election laws and to avoid spread of false

news, misinformation, misleading news, and hate speech by the mainstream media. The role of the media in improving the inclusion of transgenders, the elderly, Persons With Abilities, and minorities in electoral process. The Code of Conduct and the responsibility of the professional media regarding the prevention of violations were discussed. Representatives of print and electronic media participated in this training workshop.

## Capacity Development Training



ADG Mr. Haroon Shinwari during Capacity Development Training

## Concluding Ceremony at Civil Services Academy

The Civil Services Academy, Walton Campus, Lahore, marked the successful conclusion of an intensive in-service training program for 27 newly inducted officers of the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP). The training encompassed essential subjects including Rules of Business, Efficiency & Discipline Rules, Public Finance Management Act, as well as written and spoken communication skills.

Director Common Training, Ms. Fiza Pervaiz Malik, extended her heartfelt congratulations to the newly trained officers by the ECP for their dedication and successful completion of the program. During the ceremony, Additional Director General Training/Gender ECP, Ms. Nighat Siddique, highlighted the pivotal role of the ECP and shared insights into the keen interest of Hon'ble Chief Election Commissioner Mr. Sikandar Sultan Raja in imparting trainings to enhance the capacity of ECP Officers.



## ECP Officers Successfully Complete In-Service Training at PADRAM

The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) concluded an intensive 11-days in-service training for 29 newly inducted officers of ECP at Pakistan Electoral Academy for Research and Management, ECP Secretariat, Islamabad. The training focused on various essential aspects of electoral processes. Officers were trained by experienced ECP officials, enhancing their understanding of the electoral framework.

At the closing ceremony, Additional Director General Training/Gender Ms. Nighat Siddique congratulated the participants and urged them to apply their newly acquired knowledge in their roles. The training initiative complements a previous session at the Civil Services Academy in Lahore, underlining ECP's dedication to continuous improvement and learning.



## Three days EMS Training for Data Entry Operators of Punjab



Joint Provincial Election Commissioner Elections Punjab, Mr. Sain Bakhsh Channar inaugurated three days EMS Training for Data Entry Operators of Punjab on 31st August, 2023

## Two Days Training of Boundary Delimitation



Mr. Nazar Abbas , REC Karachi during Boundary Delimitation training

The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) conducted two-days training for 26 members of the Boundary Delimitation Committees at Pakistan Electoral Academy for Democratic Practices, Research, and Management (PADRM) ECP, Secretariat, Islamabad. The training was scheduled from 1st to 2nd

September, 2023.

During the training the Participants learnt the Legal framework for Delimitation of the constituencies along with the International standards of Delimitation and Principles of Delimitation

## Training of 3600 Data Entry Operators for Upcoming General Elections

The Commission of Pakistan has decided to provide the services of 3600 Data Entry Operators to the Returning Officers during the upcoming general election so that they get all kinds of support during the election. a comprehensive training program has been organized to increase the efficiency of these employees. This training conducted from September 4 to Sep-

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# DG Khan Election Management System Training In progress

To train the 27 newly appointed officers, the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) arranged In-Service Training Program from August 1st to 11th, 2023 at the Civil Services Academy,

Walton Campus, Lahore. The training aims to empower newly appointed officers with advanced skills and knowledge required for the efficient execution of their official duties.



## Election Management System Training (11-9-2023)



Faisalabad (Mr. Sajid Rathor, DEC-II)



Rawalpindi



Bahawalpur



Multan and Sahiwal



Gujranwala



Lahore DEC-II

## Media workshop on “Responsible Reporting for Peaceful and Inclusive Elections” at Quetta Balochistan



# Voter Education & Awareness Activities



Syeda Humaira Bint-e-Maaz, District Election Commissioner, Keamari, conducting a meeting of District Voter Education Committee

## Awareness Session-Gujranwala



ECP organized voter registration and awareness session at Gujranwala Institute of Future Technologies. District Election Commissioner-1 Gujranwala Sarfraz Habib and Election Of-

ficer Muhammad Arslan Nawaz sensitized the youth towards the electoral processes and enlighten the importance of vote and their participation in the forthcoming General Election.

## Awareness Session-District Hyderabad



The awareness session regarding voters' registration was held for the awareness of voters organized by the District Voter Ed-

ucation Committee Hyderabad at the office of the Regional Election Commissioner, Hyderabad.

## Khairpur-Voter Education & Awareness Activity



Voter education and awareness activity conducted by the office of the District Election Commissioner, Khairpur in collaboration with Goth Seengar Foundation.

district Voter Education Committee Khairpur Sanam Fakeer arranged a voter education and awareness activity regarding voter registration on 18-07-2023

Transgender Representative/Focal Person and member Dis-



## Awareness Session with PWDs at Hands Independent Living Centre Hyderabad for Voters



## Participation of DEC Hyderabad in Electoral Dialogues arranged by Jazba NGO Hyderabad



## A training workshop in connection with the Voter Awareness Campaign



A training workshop was organized on 24th August, 2023 in Government Post Graduate College, Abbottabad, in connection with the voter awareness campaign for male and female students under the Chirag se Chirag program organized. Regional Election Commissioner Abbottabad Mr. Zulfiqar Ahmed formally inaugurated the workshop.



Deputy Director Media Coordination and Outreach Sohail Ahmed and Assistant Director Social Inclusion Syed Aun Ahmed Naqvi informed the students about electoral issues, the participation of youth in the electoral process by the Election Commission of Pakistan and the turnout of voters, especially women, in the upcoming general elections.

## Voters Education and Awareness Workshop at Mandir with Hindu Community



ECP Students Voters Education and Awareness Workshop at Mandir with Hindu Community on 24th August, 2023, Jacobabad, Sindh



## Chirag-se-Chirag Awareness & Training Session



The Election Commission of Pakistan organized an awareness and training session for the students of various departments at

the Central Library University of Swat on Wednesday August 30, 2023 under the Chirag Se Chirag Project.

## Meeting of DVEC\* - Upper Dir



Meeting of District Voters Education Committee was held in the office of District Election Commissioner Upper Dir ON 7-9-

2023 to chalk out plan for creating awareness among the People, so as to increase turnout in the upcoming General Election

\*DVEC- District Voters Education Committee

# Addl. IGP Khadim Hussain Rind holds meeting at PEC Sindh Office



Newly posted Karachi Police Chief/ Addl. IGP Mr. Khadim Hussain Rind visited PEC Sindh office and met Provincial Election Commissioner (PEC- Sindh) on 11 September, 2023. During the meeting Police deployment plan and other related matters for conduct of upcoming General Elections were dis-

cussed. The PEC focused on implementation of ECP directions and Code of Conduct. CCPO Karachi assured support of provincial police to ensure conduct of elections in a free, fair and transparent manner.

# Empowering Communities: Unveiling the DVEEC CARD

ECP has unveiled the District Voters Education Committee (DVEEC) CARD, marking a significant stride in reenergizing and reigniting grassroots civic involvement.

## Delimitation of Constituencies

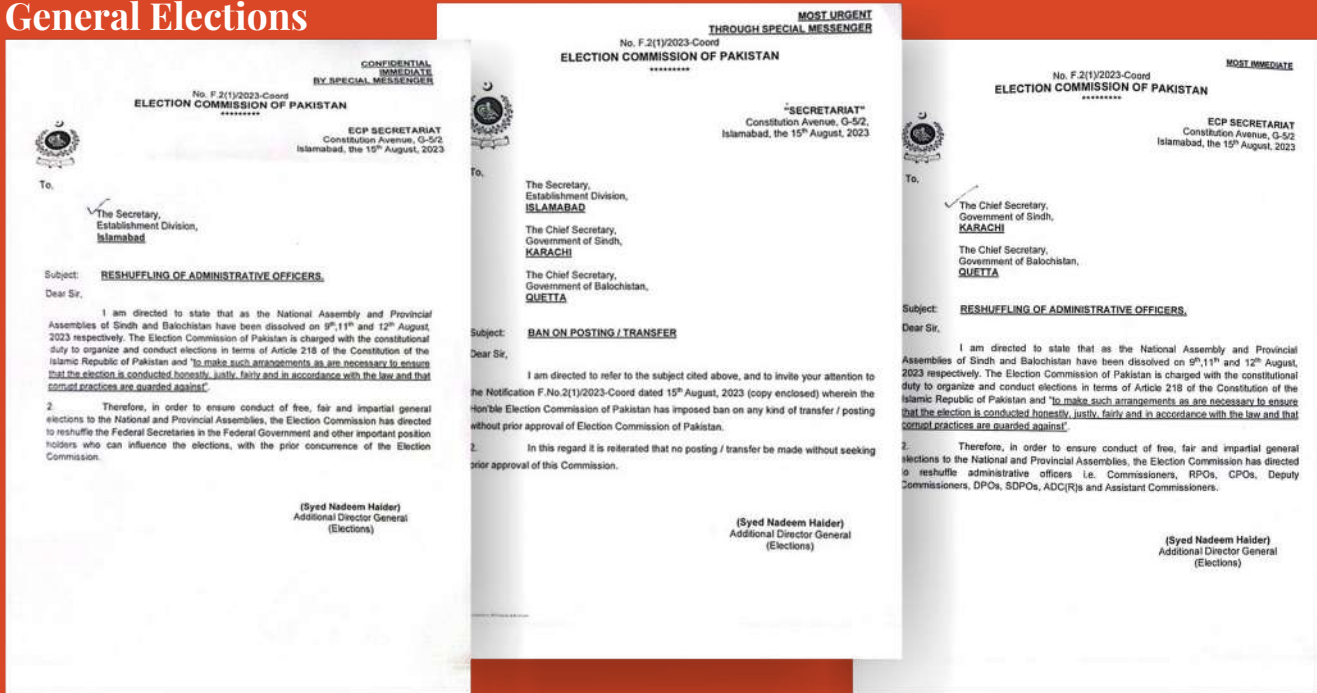
The Election Commission of Pakistan has decided to carry out Delimitation of constituencies according to the official published results of the recent Digital Census 2023 by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS). Further support has been sought from the Provincial Governments and Statistical Institutes. The commission has also appointed Delimitation Committees and Over Sight Committees to ensure timely and smooth completion of delimitation process in the entire country. In this regard a comprehensive schedule of different activities of delimitation is as under:

S/No	Actions	Dates
1	Freezing of boundaries of administrative Units across the Country	17-08-2023
2	Formation of Delimitation Committees for each Province including Islamabad	21-08-2023
3	Administrative Arrangements Determination of work on provincial scale along with other necessary tasks and deputation of District Officers, District Officers, District Census Officers (DCOs), District Census Officers (DCOs), District Census Officers (DCOs) and District Census Officers (DCOs) along with other necessary tasks and deputation from PBS	22-08-2023 To 31-08-2023
4	Training of Delimitation Committees	01-09-2023 To 05-09-2023
5	Determination and Shaping of District Quotas for National, Provincial and District Quotas for Provincial Assemblies along with Delimitation Committees	05-09-2023 To 07-09-2023
6	Provisional Delimitation of Constituencies by the Delimitation Committees	07-09-2023 To 09-09-2023
7	Publication of Provisional Delimitation of Constituencies along with report	10-09-2023 To 10-09-2023
8	Setting of representation on provisional Delimitation of Constituencies before the House of Representatives	09-10-2023 To 14-10-2023
9	Final Publication of Delimitation of Constituencies	
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# ECP's Commitment:

Fostering a Level Playing Field and Ensuring Transparency in Upcoming General Elections



## Meeting regarding registration of Transgender Persons

Da Hawwa Lur a civil society organization working towards Women economic, social and political empowerment met with the Provincial Election Commissioner Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on 17th August 2023. NADRA Focal Person Shahid Ali was also present in the meeting. Regarding the identity cards of Trans-

gender Persons and their voter registration, a discussion on the topic was held in connection with the recent awareness campaign by ECP. The Election Commission strives to ensure the participation of all sections of the society in the electoral process.



# Special initiatives in Development & Infrastructure

ECP acquired 29 plots from Provincial Government for construction of field offices of ECP, which include 18 plots in Punjab and 11 plots in Balochistan. In order to secure the above plots from encroachments, the construction of Boundary Walls in 13 districts has been completed during the year 2022 and 2023.



Secretariat Building Renovation: A Modern Outlook for ECP



Formation of State-of-the-Art Record Room



2 New floors Construction completed at Newly constructed block ECP Secretariat



Revamped & Renovated Library: Access to more than 7500 books



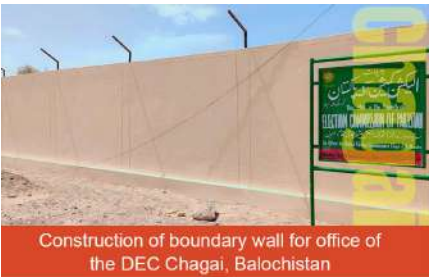
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## INITIATIVES / ACHIEVEMENTS (Development):

The Commission has taken special measures in this direction for acquisition of government-owned land for the construction of its own offices in the field. Concerted efforts were made for identifying suitable land for purchase by ECP after fulfillment of all codal formalities.



Groundbreaking Ceremony of Construction of REC/DEC Offices, Sargodha



Construction of boundary wall for office of the DEC Chagai, Balochistan



Construction of boundary wall completed for the office of DEC Barkhan, Balochistan



Construction work in progress on Regional Election Commission office Sargodha.



Construction work in progress on District Election Commissioner office, Attock



Construction of office building for the District Election Commissioner, Okara



Construction of office building for the District Election Commissioner, Layyah

# ECP's Nationwide Inclusive Civic Education

## How the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) is shaping the future of nation through Education and Engagement?

Since November 2021, the ECP has been at the forefront of the Student Voter Education and Awareness program. Over

# 1640+

# SESSIONS

have ignited the passion for civic participation among students in leading Pakistani universities and colleges.

## Promoting Electoral Integrity

In line with the Elections Act-2017 (Section 12), the ECP is dedicated to promoting electoral laws and best practices. Our media campaigns and public awareness programs aim to inform the public, nurturing democracy and ensuring fairness for all. We extend these initiatives to embrace all communities, including transgender individuals and persons with disabilities. commitment to conduct Free, Fair, Transparent, and Inclusive elections. Join us in shaping a brighter democratic future for our nation.

## Towards a Vibrant Democracy

The Election Commission of Pakistan remains unwavering in its commitment to conduct Free, Fair, Transparent, and Inclusive elections. Join us in shaping a brighter democratic future for our nation.

## ECP's outreach spans across All Pakistan

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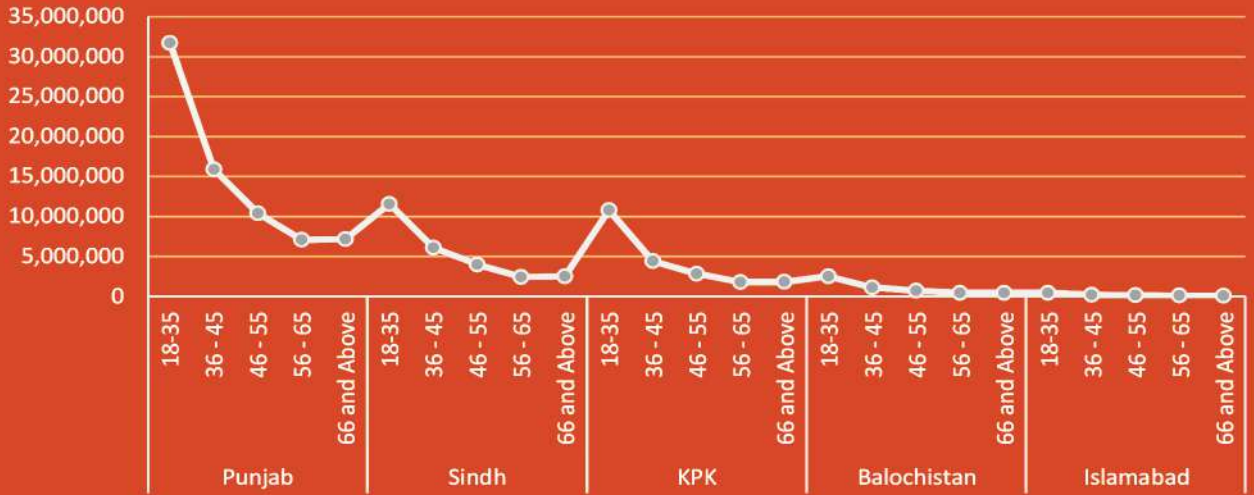
sessions in Islamabad

# Age-wise Voter statistics as of July 25, 2023 are as follows:

## AGE WISE VOTER STATISTICS AS ON 25-7-2023

Provinces/Age Groups	18-35	36-45	46-55	56-65	66 and Above	Total
Punjab	31,738,941	15,900,032	10,415,347	7,083,914	7,172,348	72,310,582
Sindh	11,577,924	6,120,619	4,004,741	2,433,811	2,514,066	26,651,161
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	10,791,779	4,420,754	2,847,155	1,810,333	1,822,360	21,692,381
Balochistan	2,527,668	1,131,454	708,334	453,645	463,493	5,284,594
Islamabad	458,885	221,849	148,451	107,556	104,813	1,041,554
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>57,095,197</b>	<b>27,794,708</b>	<b>18,124,028</b>	<b>11,889,259</b>	<b>12,077,080</b>	<b>126,980,272</b>

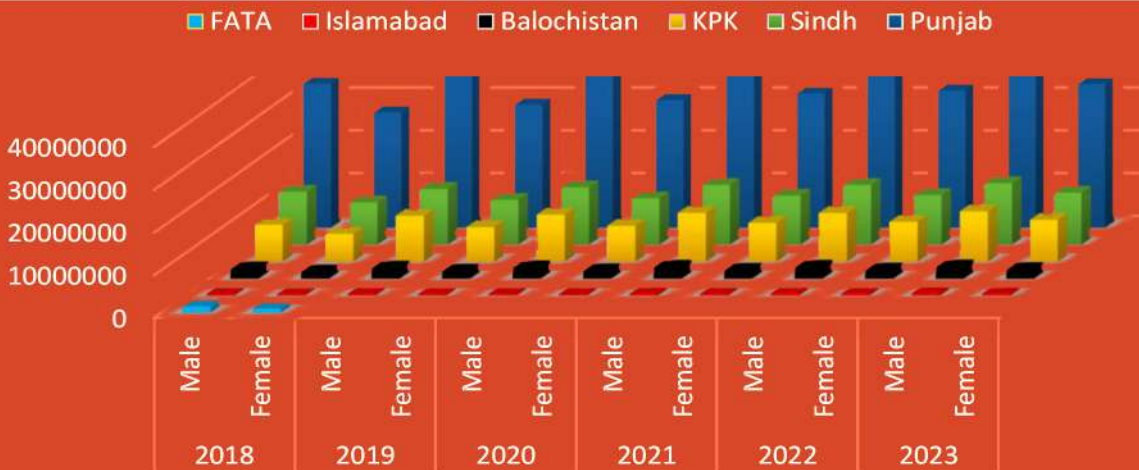
## AGE WISE VOTER COMPARISON AS ON 25-7-2023



## MALE & FEMALE VOTERS STATISTICS FROM 2018 TO 2023(25-7-2023)

Year	Gender	Balochistan	KPK	Punjab	Sindh	FATA	Islamabad	Total
2018	Male	2,486,253	8,704,628	33,680,397	12,436,924	1,509,141	407,496	59,224,839
	Female	1,813,241	6,609,541	26,992,374	9,954,320	1,003,143	357,951	46,730,570
2019	Male	2,667,791	10,817,960	35,544,380	13,104,843		422,646	62,557,620
	Female	1,967,755	8,132,940	28,808,573	10,543,158		380,892	49,833,318
2020	Male	2,754,027	11,076,763	36,373,212	13,444,414		432,738	64,081,154
	Female	2,047,104	8,457,201	29,862,932	10,907,267		393,095	51,667,599
2021	Male	2,875,906	11,486,688	37,620,384	14,039,800		481,827	66,504,605
	Female	2,171,520	9,124,560	31,424,010	11,542,824		427,543	54,690,457
2022	Male	2,878,032	11,436,241	37,565,437	14,008,265		518,193	66,406,168
	Female	2,212,825	9,385,060	32,070,111	11,655,674		466,284	55,789,954
2023	Male	2,967,790	11,830,683	38,720,067	14,442,722		546,996	68,508,258
	Female	2,316,804	9,861,698	33,590,515	12,208,439		494,558	58,472,014

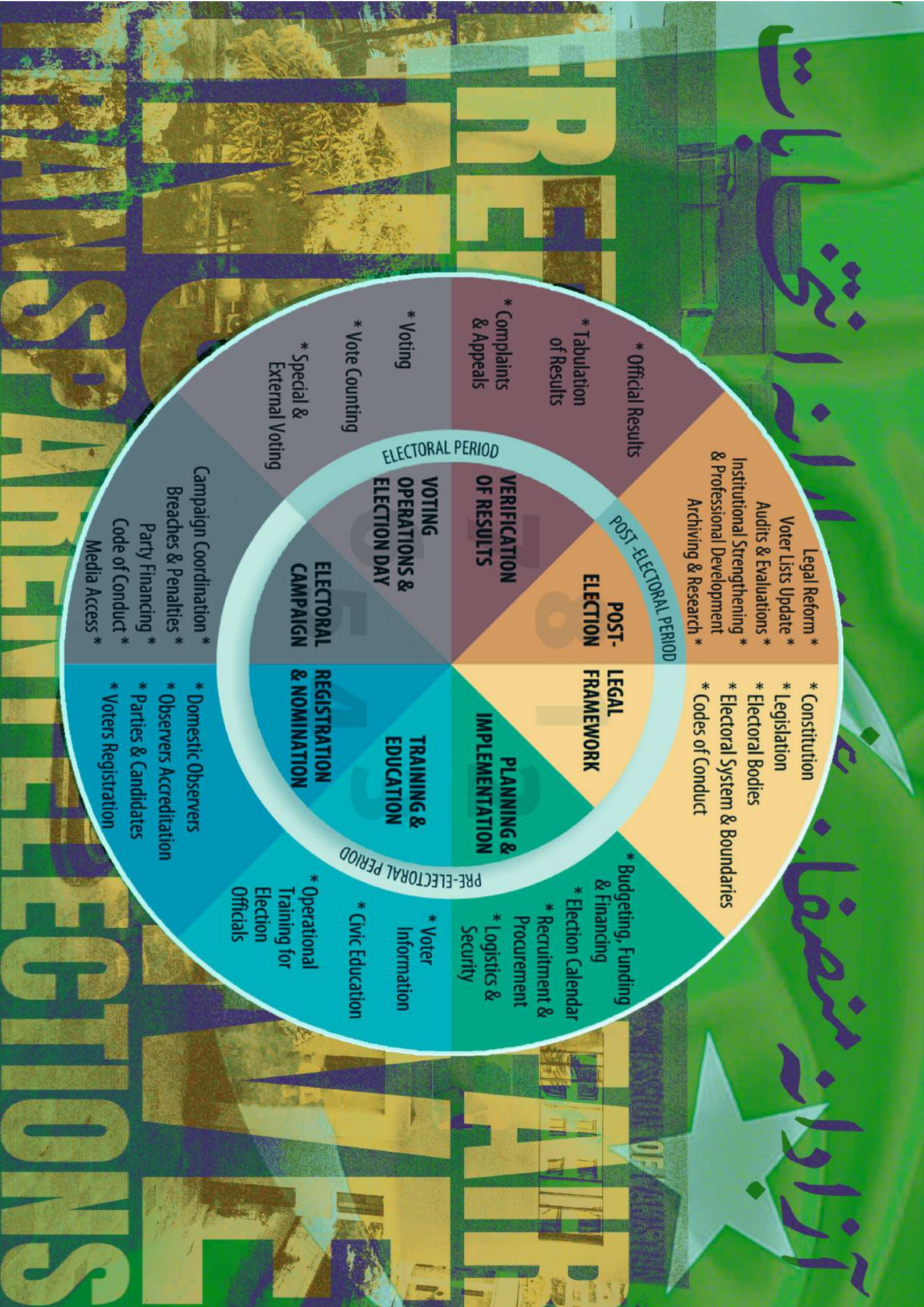
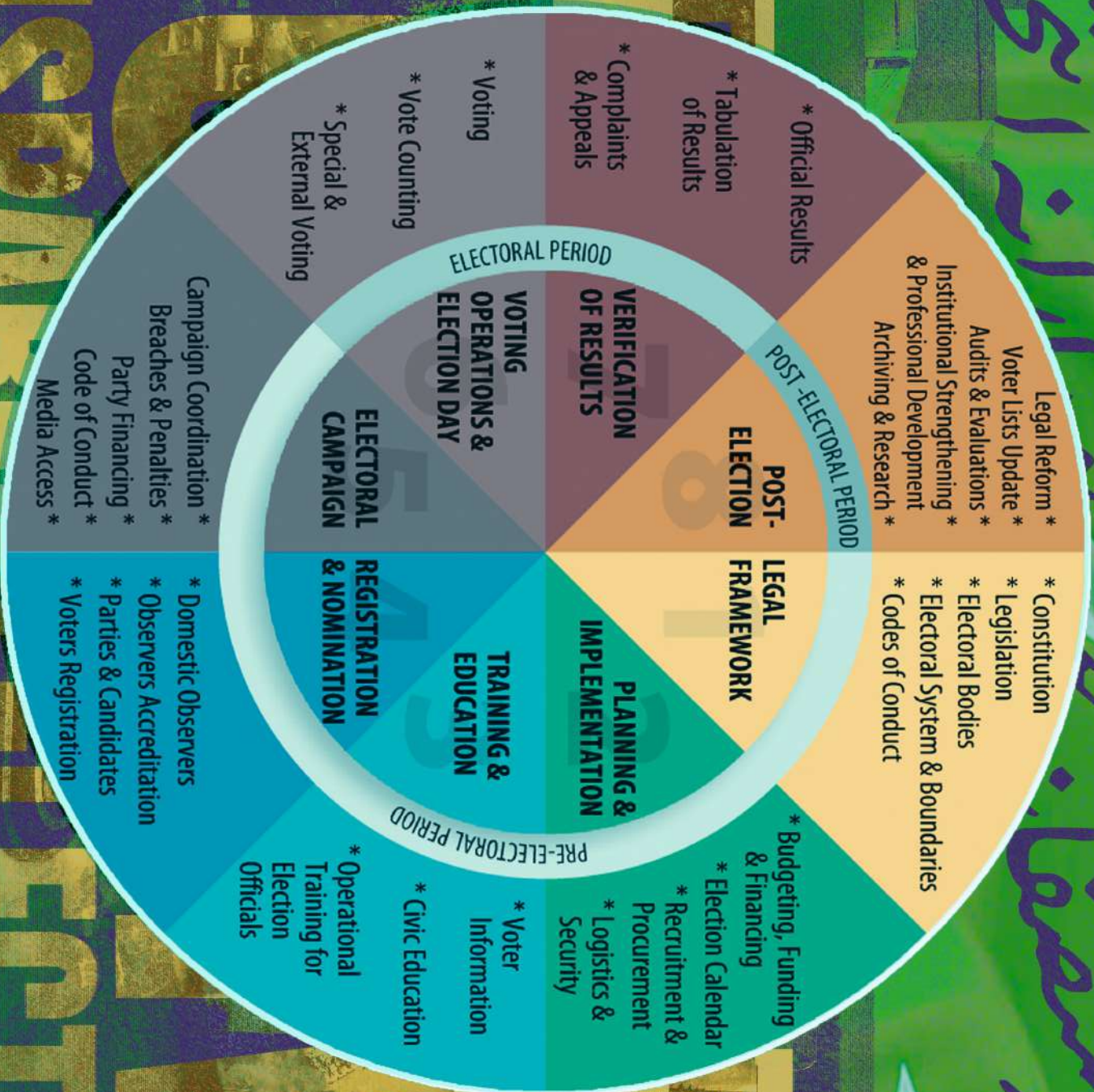
## MALE AN FEMALE VOTER COMPARISON



# Gender-wise voter stats from 2018 to 2023

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