

Experts Center for Market and Policy Research (ECMPR), Pakistan

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Brief Intro of Experts Center for Market and Policy Research (ECMPR), Pakistan

After the enactment of the 18th Amendment in the Constitution of Pakistan, the provincial governments in Pakistan have been given more autonomy, mandate, powers and resources. However, there hardly exists any systematic mechanism at provincial level to support the provincial governments with independent analysis of their policies so that the quality of their policies be objectively assessed and improvement/changes could be suggested for a free, open and prosperous Pakistan.

Realizing the critical nature of the existing gap, Experts in Management and Social Sciences, a group of experts working with all stakeholders to address their social and economic well-being through a variety of interventions, like research interventions, trainings, seminars, workshops, and conferences, has decided to set up Experts Centre for Market and Policy Research (ECMPR). The Centre is tasked to act as an independent policy think tank in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan. The research and advocacy work of the think tank is targeting improvement in the quality of public policy at provincial as well as federal level through exploring creative solutions and developing innovative ideas.


The ECMPR is a nonprofit public policy organization based in Peshawar with a coordination office in Islamabad. In future, the ECMPR will consider setting up regional offices in Lahore, Karachi, Quetta, Muzafarabad, and Gilgit.

Vision

The ECMPR envisions public policy making process in the country based on evidence for a free, open and prosperous Pakistan.

Mission

The ECMPR is committed to work for the ideals of liberty, governments with limited interventions, rule of law, free markets, and property rights by fostering high quality policy-relevant research, and disseminating the findings widely to decision-makers in the public and private sectors in Pakistan in general and in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province in particular.



Popularizing the Idea of Individual Freedom Among Secondary School Students in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Project Concluded with Feedback from the School Management and Students

Educating the youth for a better tomorrow is beyond any controversy. Notwithstanding, this does not happen without concerted efforts. Keeping this need in mind, ECMPR with collaboration of Atlas Network started a small project of educating schools' children regarding some prime values that human dignity stands upon. Among many values, individual freedom occupies a pivotal position as until and unless one knows what individual freedom is, how s/he be able to understand and transfer this idea to others. It was a six month project and concluded with the feedback form the students and the respective schools' managements. From the feedback it could easily be conjectured that the efforts have been fruitful and the set targets have been achieved. This has also set an example for repeating the same trends in other schools with wider reach and broader understanding of these prime values of human dignity.

Glimpses of the Feedback Sessions in the Targeted Schools in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa



Engagement and Advocacy Week with Policymakers/Parliamentarians of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

In our latest quarterly update, we're thrilled to share highlights from ECMPR Pakistan's recent Policy Advocacy Week! Our team had the privilege of engaging with esteemed leaders, including MNA Shandana Gulzar, MPA and Minister of Irrigation Aqib Ullah Khan, Mayor of Mardan City, Mr. Himayatullah Mayar, and former Chief Minister of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Amir Haider Khan Hoti.

These fruitful meetings underscored our commitment to fostering constructive dialogue and driving impactful policy change. We're grateful for the opportunity to collaborate with these influential figures as we work towards a brighter, more prosperous future for Pakistan.



Collaborating Meeting of ECMPR with Additional Director Pakistan Scientific & Technological Information Centre (PASTIC), Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

The ECMPR Pakistan team had an insightful meeting with Dr. Ghazala Malik, Additional Director/In-charge PSF-Caravan Units KP at Pakistan Scientific & Technological Information Centre (PASTIC) / Pakistan Science Foundation (PSF). In the meeting the Director was informed about the mission of the ECMPR to work for the ideals of liberty, governments with limited interventions, rule of law, free markets and property rights by fostering high quality policy-relevant research, and disseminating the findings widely to decision-makers in the public and private sectors in Pakistan in general and in provinces in particular. Both the parties agreed to work together in the areas of common interest.



Preliminary Meeting of ECMPR Team to Identify Potential Poets for the Atlas Sponsored Project “Poetic Fusion: Pashto Mushaira as a Catalyst for Community Impact on Peace, Economic Liberty, Freedom and Prosperity

The ECMPR Pakistan team had the privilege of meeting with Pashto poetry legends Noor Ul Amin Yousafzai, Dr. Abaseen Yousafzai, and Shah Sawar Khan! The team discussed the identification and engagement of Pashto poets who possess a profound understanding of individual freedom, peace, economic freedom, and prosperity.

The project aims to bring together the rich cultural heritage of Pashto poetry with themes that resonate deeply with today's world.



Empowering Transgender Entrepreneurs: Insights from Blue Veins in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan!

The ECMPR team has the privilege of visiting Blue Veins, an award-winning organization based in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, Pakistan. Blue Veins is dedicated to building, strengthening, and galvanizing the collective power of women & transgender persons for a just and sustainable world – for all.

During our visit, the team had a fruitful discussion with Program Manager Qamar Naseem about digital entrepreneurship opportunities for transgender individuals in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. It was inspiring to explore avenues for empowerment and economic independence within the digital landscape.



The team is always in search of initiatives like these that promote inclusivity, equality, and empowerment of the marginalized communities. The Blue Veins extended its support and cooperation to ECMPR in its efforts of instilling the sense of entrepreneurship among the transgenders.

Get-to-Gather with Principals of Public and Private Colleges of Peshawar, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

The ECMPR Pakistan team had the privilege of meeting with the principals and coordinators of Government and Private colleges in District Peshawar, hosted by University Management Technology Lahore and Muslim College Peshawar. This gathering was a testament to our collective commitment to fostering a brighter future for our youth.

In the ensuing meeting the participants delved into crucial issues surrounding individual freedom, rights, and responsibilities among students in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. It was heartening to see educators from diverse backgrounds come together to address these pressing matters and explore avenues for positive change.



ECMPR'S Board of Directors Meeting

A night of collaboration and gratitude! The ECMPR Pakistan Board of Directors gathered at Shiraz Restaurant Peshawar's meeting room for a dinner meeting. Dr. Atiq, MD Experts in Management and Social Sciences (EMS) and Dr. Fayaz Ali Shah, CEO ECMPR, extended heartfelt thanks to all for their dedication. Discussions revolved

around past achievements and the exciting prospects of the "Charting a Greener Future" Conference, TGs Digital Entrepreneurship and the Eco Solarization campaign.



ECMPR and Women's Day

ECMPR observed International Women's Day by celebrating the incredible achievements of women around the world. This year's theme, BreakTheBias, reminds us of the importance of challenging stereotypes and creating a more inclusive society.

ECMPR expresses its commitment of promoting gender equality and empowering women in all aspects of life. From advocating for women's rights to conducting research on gender issues, we strive to create a world where every woman has the opportunity to thrive.



Breaking Barriers: Empowering Transgender Entrepreneurs in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

“Opening Doors for Transgender individuals on Digital Entrepreneurship in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa” is a pioneering project by ECMPR that aims to empower transgender individuals by providing them with the necessary skills and resources to thrive as digital entrepreneurs. As part of this project, training sessions have been conducted in various locations across Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, equipping transgender individuals with the knowledge and tools needed to succeed in the digital economy. Through this project, ECMPR is breaking down barriers and creating new opportunities for transgender individuals to achieve economic independence and social inclusion. The project is in progress and moving smoothly to achieve its stated objectives.





Join our hands to empower the youth for a psychologically, economically and socially vibrant and progressing society.

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