



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER - HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR COMMUNITY

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

DEAR READERS,

**WELCOME TO THIS MONTH'S NEWSLETTER! WE'RE EXCITED TO
SHARE THE LATEST HAPPENINGS, UPDATES, AND ENGAGING
CONTENT FROM OUR COMMUNITY OVER THE PAST MONTH.**

1. Enriching day at the Samriddhi Foundation office during my in-person mentorship meeting with Mr. Robin under the Atlas Network Executive Mentorship Program.

3rd August 2026

Today was an incredibly productive and enriching day at the Samriddhi Foundation office during my in-person mentorship meeting with Mr. Robin under the Atlas Network Executive Mentorship Program.

We had an insightful and thought-provoking discussion on key aspects of think tank management, including organizational structuring, governance, leadership development, sustainable growth, and institutional best practices. Robin's knowledge, practical experience, and strategic guidance have provided valuable insights that will greatly contribute to the future growth and institutional development of ECMPR.

A very special thanks to Robin for his warm hospitality, generous support, and continuous mentorship throughout this journey. I am also pleased that our ECMPR Board Member, Mr. Atif Shehzad, accompanied me during this visit, making the discussions even more meaningful as we explored ideas for strengthening our organization together.

My sincere appreciation also goes to the wonderful team at Samriddhi Foundation for their warm welcome and generous hospitality, especially for hosting us for a delightful lunch.

Finally, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to Atlas Network for providing this outstanding mentorship opportunity. This program is truly a life-changing learning experience, offering invaluable exposure, practical guidance, and international collaboration that will help shape the future of ECMPR.

Looking forward to translating these lessons into meaningful institutional growth and greater impact.



2. Together for Liberty. Together for a freer and more prosperous world.

9th August 2026

It was a great honour and privilege to attend the Liberty International World Conference at the beautiful Himalaya Hotel in Kathmandu, Nepal.

The conference was a wonderful gathering of liberty champions, thinkers, academics, entrepreneurs, and activists from different parts of the world who are committed to advancing the ideas of individual freedom, free markets, limited government, rule of law, and human dignity.

One of the most valuable aspects of the conference was the opportunity to meet and reconnect with many old friends and to build relationships with new champions of liberty. I was particularly pleased to meet Mr. Ken Scholland, Mr. José Cordeiro, Mr. Gurcharan Das, and Mr. Robin Stula, along with many other inspiring people from the global liberty movement. Each conversation offered new perspectives, ideas, and opportunities for learning and collaboration.



I would like to sincerely congratulate the entire Liberty International team for successfully bringing together such a diverse and inspiring community of liberty champions under one roof. Creating spaces where people from different countries and backgrounds can connect, exchange ideas, and strengthen the global network is extremely important for the future of the liberty movement.

For me, this conference was also an important opportunity to represent and connect the work of the Experts Center for Market and Policy Research (ECMPR), Pakistan with the broader international liberty community. ECMPR is committed to promoting free markets, individual liberty, entrepreneurship, property rights, rule of law, and evidence-based public policy, particularly through research, education, and outreach.

I strongly believe that our common mission becomes stronger when liberty organizations, think tanks, academics, entrepreneurs, and activists work together, share knowledge, and support one another across borders. I look forward to exploring meaningful opportunities for Experts Center for Market and Policy Research Pakistan (ECMPR) to work with Liberty International and other like-minded organizations for our common mission of advancing freedom, prosperity, and human dignity.

A memorable conference, inspiring conversations, new friendships, renewed connections, and many possibilities for future collaboration.



3. ECMPR Team Meets KP Adviser for Social Welfare to Discuss Inclusive Entrepreneurship.

15th August 2026

A team from Experts Centre for Market & Policy Research (ECMPR Pakistan) had a productive meeting with Malak Liaqat Ali Khan, Adviser to the Chief Minister of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa for Zakat & Ushr, Social Welfare, Special Education and Women Empowerment.

The meeting focused on exploring practical opportunities to promote inclusive entrepreneurship and economic empowerment among women, religious minorities, persons with disabilities, and other marginalized communities.

The discussion highlighted the importance of creating greater access to skills development, digital entrepreneurship, self-employment, market opportunities, and policy support for communities that often face barriers to economic participation.

Both sides expressed their willingness to work together on joint initiatives, including training, awareness, research, entrepreneurship development, and policy advocacy aimed at creating sustainable economic opportunities for marginalized groups.

ECMPR looks forward to developing this collaboration into practical, evidence-based initiatives that promote dignity, opportunity, inclusion, and economic independence.



4. Strengthening Local Collaboration for Prosperity in Charsadda.

15th August 2026

ECMPR Pakistan held a productive community and stakeholder engagement meeting at Baghicha, Charsadda, bringing together Mr. Imtiaz Takar (Washington, D.C., USA), Mr. Zafar Khan (Chairman, Charsadda), journalists, opinion leaders, and members of the local community.

The discussion focused on identifying opportunities for collaboration and locally driven initiatives in Charsadda, with particular attention to entrepreneurship, economic opportunity, individual liberty, community participation, and sustainable prosperity.

ECMPR shared its vision of developing evidence-based, market-oriented initiatives that can empower local communities and create opportunities through entrepreneurship, skills, innovation, and constructive policy dialogue.

The engagement also reflects ECMPR's broader commitment to advancing the principles of individual freedom, limited government intervention, rule of law, free markets, and property rights—principles that guide our work as part of the wider Atlas Network community.



The participants agreed on the importance of building stronger partnerships among civil society, academia, media, entrepreneurs, community leaders, and policymakers to develop practical initiatives for Charsadda.

From ideas to action. From local collaboration to sustainable prosperity.

5. ECMPR Hosts KP Assembly Secretariat Officials for Collaboration Discussion.

22nd August 2026

ECMPR welcomed Mr. Sikandar Hayat, Assistant Director (Editing & Publication), Provincial Assembly of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, and his colleague to its office for a detailed discussion on potential areas of collaboration.

The meeting explored opportunities for knowledge exchange, research, publications, civic and parliamentary education, policy dialogue, and initiatives promoting informed public participation and institutional capacity-building.

The meeting concluded with ECMPR presenting copies of its publication Poetic Fusion to Mr. Sikandar Hayat and his colleague as a gesture of appreciation and a shared commitment to knowledge, culture, dialogue, and ideas.

ECMPR — Advancing Knowledge, Liberty & Prosperity through Ideas and Action



6. From Volunteer to Associate: Grow, Learn & Lead.

22nd August 2026

At ECMPR Pakistan, volunteering is more than giving your time—it is an opportunity to learn, contribute, build skills, and grow professionally.

We are proud of our volunteers who are now progressing into Research Associate and Training Associate roles, reflecting their dedication and commitment to our work.

If you are a student or young professional looking to gain research, training, communication, and leadership experience, we invite you to join ECMPR as a volunteer and begin your journey with us.

Your potential deserves an opportunity. Your journey can start here.



7. Unlocking Student Potential Through Liberty & Personal Choice.

23rd August 2026

At ECMPR Pakistan, we believe in giving young people the freedom to learn, contribute, and shape their own future.

We are proud of our volunteers who gave their time, energy, and commitment to our mission. A special congratulations to Amin Hassan, who has now joined KNN as a Finance Officer.

His journey from volunteering to professional opportunity is a great example of how effort, initiative, and personal choice can unlock potential.

We are proud of you, Amin!



8. Strengthening Research. Advancing Knowledge.

24th August 2026

Dr. Shahid Jan Kakakhel, Executive Director & Co-Founder, ECMPR Pakistan, attended a workshop on Research Ethics and Publication at the HEC Regional Centre, Hayatabad, Peshawar.

For ECMPR, ethical and credible research is the foundation of meaningful policy change. We believe in intellectual freedom, responsible inquiry, evidence-based ideas, and knowledge that empowers individuals and advances human flourishing.

Integrity in research today. Better ideas and a freer, more prosperous society tomorrow.



9. Ideas, People & Purpose — Together for a Freer Future

24th August 2026

A memorable moment with ECMPR Pakistan's leadership, partners, and fellow participants at the National Conference in Baragali.

At ECMPR, we believe lasting prosperity begins with free minds, empowered individuals, voluntary cooperation, entrepreneurship, and respect for human dignity.

Our mission is to build a stronger ecosystem where ideas can flourish, individuals can choose, and communities can prosper—advancing liberty and opportunity through research, dialogue, and action.

Together, we turn ideas into impact.



10. Recognizing Ideas, Inspiring Impact

24th August 2026

Dr. Shahid Jan Kakakhel, Executive Director & Co-Founder, ECMPR Pakistan, was honored with a shield and certificate of appreciation for his contribution to the National Conference organized by the University of Swabi at Baragali.

At ECMPR, we believe that knowledge, individual initiative, innovation, and freedom of choice are powerful drivers of human flourishing and sustainable prosperity.

We are proud to contribute ideas that inspire, empower, and create positive change.



11. Building Bridges for Entrepreneurship & Human Flourishing

24th August 2026

Dr. Fayaz Ali Shah, CEO along with Shahid Jan Kakakhel, Executive Director, ECMPR Pakistan met with MPA Hamid ur Rahman at the MPA Hostel, Peshawar.

The meeting explored religious entrepreneurship, research, innovation, and potential avenues for collaboration to empower individuals—particularly through knowledge, enterprise, and opportunity.

MPA Hamid ur Rahman, a member of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Provincial Assembly, has been engaged in public service and legislative affairs, making dialogue between policymakers, researchers, and civil society particularly valuable.

At ECMPR, we believe that prosperity grows when individuals are free to think, create, cooperate, and pursue opportunities. Connecting research with entrepreneurship and public policy can help transform ideas into practical solutions and expand the space for individual initiative, dignity, and human flourishing.

From dialogue to collaboration. From ideas to impact.



12. Empowering Small Businesses Through Evidence-Based Advocacy

26th August 2026

The ECMPR team, under the guidance of Dr. Amjad Ali, conducted a field survey to understand the key challenges and barriers faced by small businesses. The initiative aims to listen directly to entrepreneurs, collect evidence-based data, identify policy and regulatory obstacles, and use these findings to advocate for a more enabling environment for small businesses.

This initiative is closely aligned with ECMPR's mission of promoting entrepreneurship, free markets, economic opportunity, and sound public policy. By taking the voices of entrepreneurs into policy discussions, ECMPR seeks to promote a business environment where individuals can innovate, invest, create jobs, and prosper.

From listening to entrepreneurs → collecting evidence → advocating for reform → creating opportunities.

ECMPR: Empowering People. Promoting Markets. Advancing Liberty.



13. ECMPR in the Field: Researching Private Transport & Consumer Choice

26th August 2026

ECMPR Pakistan is collecting field data on private transportation services to better understand the experiences of passengers and transport operators, including affordability, accessibility, service quality, competition, and the challenges faced by private-sector providers.

Our objective is simple: bring evidence into the policy conversation.

At ECMPR, we believe that informed policy should begin with understanding how regulations and market conditions affect people's everyday choices, mobility, livelihoods, and opportunities.

This work reflects our broader commitment to individual choice, entrepreneurship, competitive markets, and evidence-based policy reform—principles closely aligned with the vision of a free, prosperous, and peaceful society.

From field data to policy ideas.

From research to reform.

From better choices to greater prosperity.



14. Building a Stronger Platform for Prosperity

26th August 2026

ECMPR Pakistan held a productive meeting with the senior managers of the ECMPR Islamabad Chapter to advance preparations for the upcoming Prosperity Conference.

The meeting focused on strengthening collaboration, refining the conference vision, and bringing together researchers, entrepreneurs, professionals, and policy thinkers around ideas that can contribute to economic freedom, innovation, enterprise, and sustainable prosperity.

The Prosperity Conference is envisioned as more than an event—it is a platform for ideas to influence dialogue, dialogue to shape better choices, and better choices to create greater opportunities for individuals and communities.

ECMPR remains committed to building a growing network of people who believe that freedom, entrepreneurship, responsible institutions, and voluntary cooperation are essential foundations for a prosperous society.

Together, we turn ideas into impact and vision into opportunity.



15. Celebrating Leadership, Enterprise & Social Impact

26th August 2026

ECMPR Pakistan proudly congratulates Mr. Atif Shehzad, Member of the ECMPR Advisory Board, on his nomination as Senior Vice President of the Rawalpindi-Islamabad FMCG Distributors Association.

A distinguished entrepreneur and philanthropist, Mr. Atif Shehzad represents the values we seek to advance through ECMPR: entrepreneurial initiative, voluntary cooperation, individual responsibility, economic opportunity, and a stronger role for private enterprise in building prosperous communities.

His recognition reflects the growing contribution of responsible business leadership to economic development and social progress. ECMPR is proud to have leaders like Mr. Atif Shehzad contributing their experience, networks, and vision to our mission of promoting free enterprise, opportunity, and sustainable prosperity.

We wish him every success in this important leadership role and look forward to his continued contribution to Pakistan's entrepreneurial and business ecosystem.

ECMPR Pakistan — Advancing Ideas, Enterprise & Prosperity.



16. ECMPR–University of Malakand: Advancing Ideas, Opportunity & Prosperity.

28th August 2026

The ECMPR Pakistan team held a productive meeting with the Vice Chancellor, University of Malakand, to explore avenues for collaboration in policy research, entrepreneurship, innovation, and knowledge exchange.

The discussion highlighted the importance of empowering students, researchers, and entrepreneurs to turn ideas into opportunities and contribute to solutions for real-world economic and social challenges.

ECMPR believes that individual initiative, entrepreneurship, voluntary exchange, competitive markets, and evidence-based policy can play a vital role in expanding opportunity and building a more prosperous society.

Through meaningful academic partnerships, ECMPR aims to connect research with reform, innovation with opportunity, and knowledge with prosperity.



17. Empowering Minds, Shaping a Prosperous Future

30th August 2026

At ECMPR Pakistan, we believe meaningful change begins with knowledge, critical thinking, and informed dialogue.

Our commitment is to foster an environment where students, researchers, educators, and professionals can exchange ideas, challenge conventional thinking, and develop evidence-based solutions to society's economic and policy challenges.

A prosperous Pakistan requires more than resources—it requires empowered minds, strong institutions, individual initiative, and policies that create opportunities for all.

ECMPR is committed to turning ideas into impact and knowledge into lasting prosperity.



18. Beyond Books: Building Economic Self-Reliance for Madrassa Students

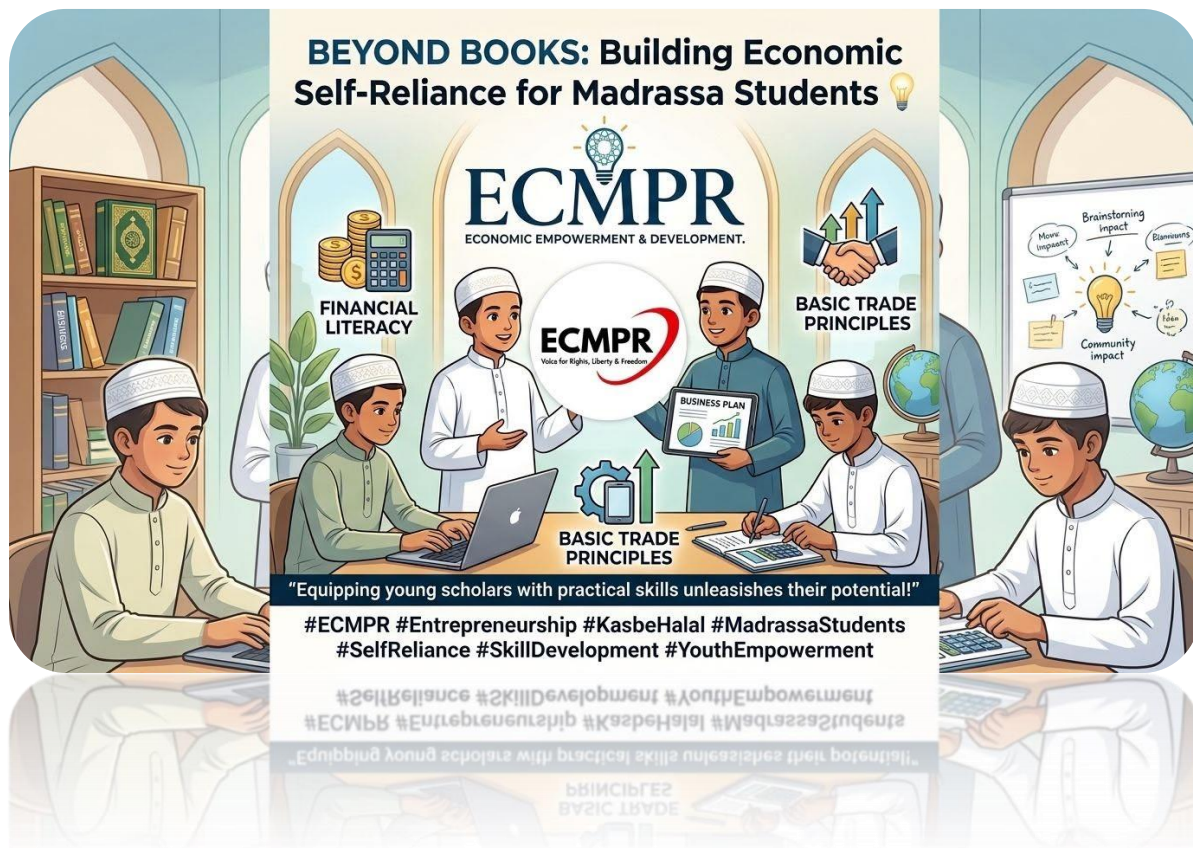
30th August 2026

Every year, thousands of dedicated students graduate from madrassas across our region with deep ethical grounding, discipline, and strong trust within their communities. As they complete their religious education (taleem), a vital question arises: How can moral leadership drive financial independence?

At ECMPR, we believe that true human dignity begins when individuals have the tools and freedom to shape their own economic destinies through honorable work (kasb-e-halal).

Equipping madrassa students with practical entrepreneurial skills—financial literacy, basic trade principles, and modern business tools—does not just help them earn a living; it unleashes their potential to serve their families and uplift their communities.

Stay tuned this week as we explore how market skills and practical entrepreneurship can turn young scholars into economic leaders!



19. Diversifying Energy Options for a Resilient Charsadda

30th August 2026

Recent news coverage in Daily Charsadda News highlights the growing frustration with recurring power outages, voltage fluctuations, and grid instability in our local community.

At ECMPR, as a market-oriented research and policy institute, we advocate for open energy markets, consumer choice, and healthy competition over centralized grid monopolies. Unreliable supply and single-source dependencies show why communities need decentralized options.

Through the ECMPR Eco Solarize Campaign, we promote off-grid and distributed solar energy as an effective solution to break free from single-provider bottlenecks.

Why Market-Driven Energy Choice Matters:



- * 💡 Energy Independence: Empower households and small businesses to generate their own power.
- * ⚖️ Market Competition: End reliance on a single, overburdened grid network.
- * 📈 Economic Stability: Secure predictable, lower long-term energy costs for consumers.

Decentralized solar offers a practical path toward consumer choice and energy resilience in Pakistan.

20. Equal Rights to Energy Accessibility

30th August 2026

Daily Charsadda News highlight members of the transgender community joining local protests against persistent load shedding, low voltage, and grid instability.

As a non-partisan research think tank, ECMPR views energy security as a fundamental public necessity. When centralized grids fail, vulnerable and marginalized communities bear the heaviest socio-economic burden.

Policy Recommendations:

- * Transition from centralized grid reliance to decentralized, distributed solar generation.
- * Implement inclusive clean-energy policies to ensure affordable off-grid solutions for marginalized groups.

Decentralized solar offers a market-driven path toward equitable energy resilience for all citizens.

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