

# MEDIA COVERAGE



## PIDE X ECP MOU Signing Ceremony

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## PIDE and ECP sign MoU at ECP Secretariat to strengthen electoral research, capacity building

STAFF REPORTER  
ISLAMABAD

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The MoU was signed at the

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applicable laws and confidentiality requirements.

The MoU will remain effective

for five years from the date of signature, with the provision for extension by mutual consent.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Nasir Iqbal said the partnership reflects PIDE's commitment to connecting rigorous research and capacity development with national priorities, and to supporting stronger democratic institutions through evidence, learning, and practical collaboration. He noted that the MoU will create meaningful avenues for research-driven insights, professional training, and civic education that can contribute to a more informed and participatory democratic culture.

Mr. Omer Hamid Khan stated that the collaboration aligns with the ECP's mandate to promote public awareness and voter education, while supporting continuous improvements in institutional performance through knowledge exchange and targeted capacity-building initiatives. He emphasized that sustained engagement with research and policy institutions helps strengthen democratic participation and contributes to the credibility and effectiveness of electoral processes.

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For coordination and official correspondence, the focal persons are Dr. Nadeem Khan, Assistant Professor and Director, Executive Development Center (EDC), PIDE, and Mr. Nazar Abbas, Additional Director General (Media Coordination and Outreach Wing), ECP.



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