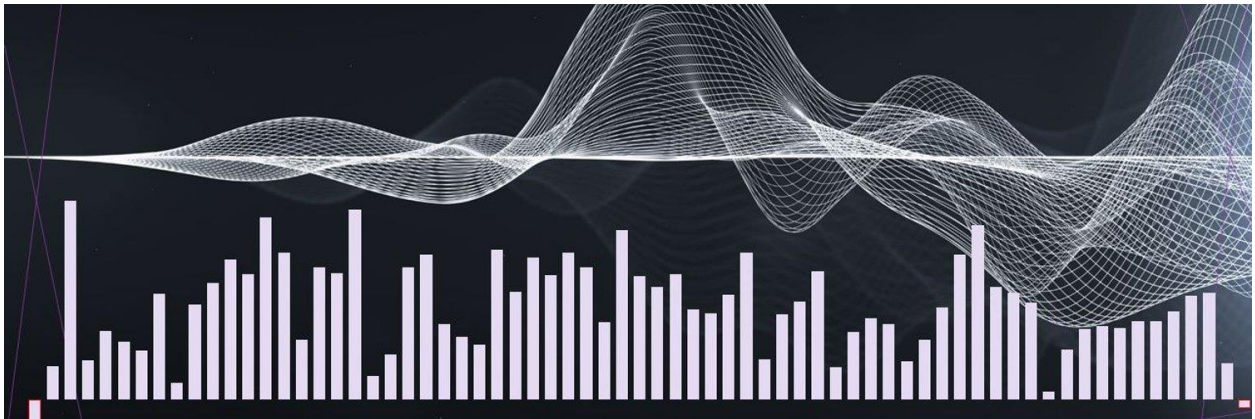


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[Call to devise indigenous policies instead of relying on donors' advice](#)

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Mr Haque said one of the objectives of the Rasta programme was to put the Pakistani researcher to serious work on economy and key public policy issues to accelerate economic growth and development, and improve society. He said it was important to understand what type of research would be more meaningful.

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Daily Times

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DM NEWS

By Adnan Rafique

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Posted on [December 12, 2021](#) by [Tuba Zafar](#)

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The **Daily**  **Mail** International

PIDE launches *RASTA*

By **Ahsan Razaq**

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