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10 institutions examining papers of 185 Senate aspirants

ISLAMABAD - 16 Feb, 2015: Up to 10 institutions, including NAB, FBR, SBP, PTCL, Wapda, and Sui Gas, have put up focal persons for the scrutiny of 185 candidates in the run for 52 Senate seats within a couple of days. Defaulters of bank loans and utility bills will be disqualified for the polls.

Returning officers will accept documents of the candidates who will get NOCs from these focal persons. Up to nine candidates are in the run for two seats of Islamabad,

43 for four seats of Fata, 22 for 11 seats of Punjab, 40 for 12 seats

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Nominations of 144 candidates accepted, 37 rejected

Islamabad - Feb 27, 2015: Nomination papers of 144 candidates were found to be in order for the Senate's 52 seats, while papers of 37 candidates were rejected, as the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) on Friday completed scrutiny of the



tion. Against 33 seats of the Upper House of Parliament, 116 nomination papers were filed, and 32 of these were rejected while 84 were declared validly nominated. Only one woman candidate's nomination papers out of total 28 filed were rejected while the rest i.e. 27 were found to be...

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7.8m voters included, 0.5m removed from new voter lists

ISLAMABAD - February 17, 2015: The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) on Monday decided to update, synchronise and revise the electoral rolls to include around 7.8 million new voters and remove 500,000 votes from the electoral database.

To this effect, Chief Election Commissioner Justice Sardar Muhammad Raza Khan chaired a meeting here at the Election Commission Secretariat, which was attended, among others, by the four Election Commission Members —

Riaz Kayani, Roshan Es-sani, Shahzad Akbar Khan and Fazlur Rehman.

The meeting was also attended by Usman Yousaf Mobin, Chairman Nadra, along with his team members.

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MY VOTE, MY VOICE & MY CHOICE

A web-portal www.pakvoter.org has been designed for the purposes of voter and civic education. The purpose of this web-portal is to provide research based information and resources about electoral processes of Pakistan. Pakvoter is a one-step resource for variety of

stakeholders including voters, politicians, researchers, teachers, parents, and marginalized groups like women and people with disabilities. In addition, the emphasis is given on material more significant and specific to youth.

Pakvoter aims at help-



ing voters to improve understanding of electoral issues by providing access to latest information.

International Women Day (March 8th)

At this special occasion, in view of the critical issues effecting women folk particularly discrimination, extremism and violence, it is critically important for the country's political forces to review their policies for gender mainstreaming in political discourse. In this regard it is important to consider the recommendations of National Commission on status of Women for increasing women reserve seats at 33% and their representation in legislature. Disparity against women should be eliminated.

Democracy at local level: An over review

ISLAMABAD - This is a document that provides the basic concept, trends, and benefits, of local government system across the democratic world. The document covers the challenges of democracy at local level

in the light of different local government models hitherto functional in Pakistan. The document further covers the historical foundation of basic democracies (Local Government in Pakistan); current Local Government Mod-

els; benefits and significance of Local Governments in Pakistan; and challenges for democracy.

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Your Right to vote-Constitution and Beyond

ISLAMABAD - The booklet elaborates the international commitments for inculcating democratic norms in the society as well as the constitutional provisions that provides

Citizens of Pakistan, the right to vote and other civic democratic rights. The book covers the international best practices and Pakistan's national and international com-

mitments to democracy. The document significantly covers the voting rights of marginalized segments of society. . .

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Women Electoral Quotas: Global trend and comparison with Pakistan

This document is prepared to serve the gender aspect of electoral politics. The document covers the women empowerment initiatives taken by Pakistan in the light of international best practices. It provides the comparison of women electoral quota in electoral history of Pakistan and its

comparison with global trends, and suggested role of different stakeholders to help increase women participation in electoral processes.

The empowerment of women is a critical aspect of sustainable and impartial development because it is believed to contribute to economic growth, alle-

viation of poverty and the well-being of society as a whole. Political empowerment of women is considered a prior condition for social, economic, and legal rights of women. Women and men equally shares in the power distribution, they have equal opportunities. . .

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A Snapshot into Election History in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD - This is e-booklet on pakvoter that provides a snapshot of the election history in Pakistan-who won, with what margin, and in which areas during all elections since 1971 elections. This booklet informs citizens

about all 11 General Elections since 1971 with the help of charts, graphs, and tables. This booklet helps all stakeholders especially students of politics, teachers, development professionals, political parties and activists

and common citizens to understand the nature of democracy, challenges, and way forward for future democratic culture in Pakistan.

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Senate Elections 2015

The recently developed section on pakvoter that contains material for upcoming Senate elections 2015. Different sections are created such as:

1. Legal frame work for Senate elections
2. Brief on Senate Busi-

- ness
3. Party position in Senate
4. List of retiring candidate from Senate
5. List of contesting candidate for Senate Elections 2015

To further read out the de-



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