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**Subject: Recognition of “Pakistan Social Sciences Review (Pssr)” in Y Category for the Year 2023-24**

Respected Chief Editor/Editor,

The Higher Education Commission has been endeavoring to raise the quality of research in Pakistan according to international standards and it is considered that research journals are an excellent tool to enhance research capabilities. These journals serve as fora for presenting latest research and for appraisal of existing research.

02. The appeal for recognition of your journal for the year 2023-24 was examined by Ethical Appeal Review Board (EARB) / Grievances Redressal Committee (GRC) under criteria/policies in vogue. I am pleased to inform you that the journal titled “**Pakistan Social Sciences Review (Pssr)**” (ISSN: 2664-0422(P), 2664-0430(E) of “**Research Of Social Sciences (Smc-Private) Limited**” has been recognized in **Y Category** for the year 2023-24 by HEC w.e.f. July 01, 2023, to June 30, 2024. Details can be accessed at <https://hjrs.hec.gov.pk/>.

03. HEC would like to assist you in endeavors to further upgrade the category of your research journal under the Revised Policy framework implemented from July 2020. The details can be seen in Journals and Publications Policy Document available at HEC’s Website ([www.hec.gov.pk/site/journals](http://www.hec.gov.pk/site/journals)).

Moreover, you will need to address the following issues to be considered for continuity of your recognition and for further upgradation:

- i. Get your journal indexed with Web of Science and Scopus and try to achieve a good score on different parameters as elaborated in the above-mentioned policy document.
- ii. Ensure that each article in your journal is reviewed by at least two reviewers as required under the prescribed policies/ SOPs.
- iii. Prevent plagiarism and make sure to publish credible research in your journal.
- iv. Ensure that Ethical Guidelines framed by HEC for Authors, Editors and Reviewers are followed in true letter and spirit.
- v. Ensure to follow the timeliness and regularity in publishing all the issues of your journal.
- vi. Independent and comprehensive website having complete/up to date online archive as per international best practices and as per HEC Guidelines should be maintained.

  
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