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**Subject: RECOGNITION OF "Pakistan Social Sciences Review" IN Y CATEGORY FOR THE YEAR 2021-22**

Dear 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 forums for presenting latest research and for appraisal of existing research.

02. Case for recognition of your journal for the year 2021-22 was examined under criteria/policies in vogue. I am pleased to inform that the journal titled "**Pakistan Social Sciences Review**" (ISSN: 2664-0430) of "**Orients Social Research Consultancy, Gujranwala**" has been recognized in Y Category for the year 2021-22 by HEC w.e.f. July 01, 2021 to June 30, 2022. 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. 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)).

04. Since your journal has been recognized under "Y Category", you will need to address the following issues in order 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. It is expected that indexation with DOAJ will be made mandatory for recognition of journals from the next year. Therefore, please try to get your journal registered with Directory of Open Access Journals latest by June 2022 as it will ease the way to indexation with above mentioned agencies.
- iii. Ensure that each article in your journal is reviewed as required under the prescribed policies/ SOPs.
- iv. Prevent plagiarism and make sure to publish credible research in your journal.
- v. Ensure that Ethical Guidelines framed by HEC for Authors, Editors and Reviewers are followed in true letter and spirit.
- vi. Ensure to follow the timeliness and regularity in publishing all the issues of your journal.
- vii. 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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