

Editorial: The Journey of Criminology in Pakistan is Commendable

Pakistan Journal of Criminology has been continuously publishing for the last fifteen years (since April 2009). The journal started with initial contribution of five articles from criminologists of national and international repute. Little was known about criminology in Pakistan and there was rarely anyone who could be called a ‘criminologist’ in true letter and spirit. This was a surprise for the international community of criminologists to see a journal of criminology from Pakistan where the number of criminologists could be counted on fingertips. However, the dedication, commitment, and untiring efforts of Dr. Fasihuddin, who is a senior police officer and the patron-in-chief of the journal, introduced the indigenous criminology not only to Pakistani audience but also at the international forums. The journal generated so much interest from stakeholders nationally that multiple universities established respective departments of criminology on their campuses. One such university that established a Department of Criminology, rather an Institute of Criminology, is the University of Peshawar. University of Peshawar also organized two major conferences on criminology where the contribution of Pakistan Society of Criminology and thereby the *Pakistan Journal of Criminology* were highly recognized.

Meeting academic and research standards nationally and internationally, the *Pakistan Journal of Criminology* has been indexed in SCOPUS and in the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan’s HJRS system (Higher Education Journal Recognition System). This was made possible by the consistent and dedicated efforts of Dr. Farhat Ullah, a staunch member of the *Pakistan Journal of Criminology* team, and who is currently pursuing his Post-Doctoral research at the University of Warwick,

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UK. This indexation and introduction at international research level generated enormous interest from a wide range of international and national scholars of criminology to choose the *Pakistan Journal of Criminology* as the most appropriate forum for their research publications. Today, PJC is number one destination for criminologists, juvenile justice specialists, policing scientists, and researchers working on various aspects of criminal justice system, penology, victimology and related social sciences from across the country. PJC will continue to improve the academic and publication standards so that the readers are given high quality readership experience. Tremendous respect, applause and value are given to the contents of PJC within the community of criminal justice system for policy guidelines and research-based decision-making. The Pakistan Society of Criminology often receives commendation and appreciation letters from top civil and military top brass, judges, researchers and scholars across the country.