

"Rigged postings and Death of Meritocracy"

Imagine getting graduated, applying for government jobs, working hard to vie for it, wearing your Sunday best on the day of the test - only to get exposed to the 'rigged and dubious' system of Pakistan's governmental postings! Yes, you read it right, and I was irked too. This happened to one of my best friends when she appeared for the test of EST by FGEI announced recently. We live in a country where recruitment system is flawed and connections are preferred over competence. In psychology, there is a phenomenon known as "desensitization", which means getting used to something that once bothered and frightened you - to the point where it no longer impacts you the same way. The same has ensued the people working under the system; it is normalized to the point that such issues are brushed under the rug every other day. Another instance would be the PIA incident, when it was banned because of 'fake' pilot licenses and safety concerns to the point that international flights got halted and it was privatized.

afterwards, to name a few in countries like Pakistan where nepotism is rampant and somnolent public is bearing the brunt. Don't get me started on recent KP-PMS mpt conducted on 16th July, 2025. It was conducted under poor supervision and administration. Cherry on top, I was flabbergasted to find the answer sheets pre-filled with our details. This sheds light on how the transparency is being compromised. The game is rigged, seats are fixed, and meritocracy is on sale within the country. We are blind to whatever happens behind the screen. I appeal to the concerned authorities to take staunch and robust steps and should not blow hot and cold regarding this matter, or else the woes could be hefty.