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resources, especially through local taxation. In many countries, the social compact, whereby citizens agree to pay taxes to fund their desired services, is broken. A low willingness to pay taxes leads to low revenue collection, and prevents adequate service provision, which in turn reduces willingness to pay and can even lead to citizen disengagement from the

The authors investigate whether strengthening the link between local collections and urban services can increase citizens' willingness to pay for services, improve service delivery, and enhance local politics. They test this in major urban centers in Punjab, Pakistan via several interventions including eliciting citizen preferences for specific services when taxes are collected, earmarking revenue for specific services, and enabling local politicians - that credibly strengthen the link between tax collection and

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misplaced.

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Pakistan's economic situation requires fresh thinking and a

clear approach. The blame game where each incoming

government passes the buck to its predecessor has reached saturation level. People expect the incumbents to show them

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tough, but necessary decisions, for fear of alienating the awam (public), attacks by the opposition parties and media, and erosion of their political capital. Let's see how this fear is



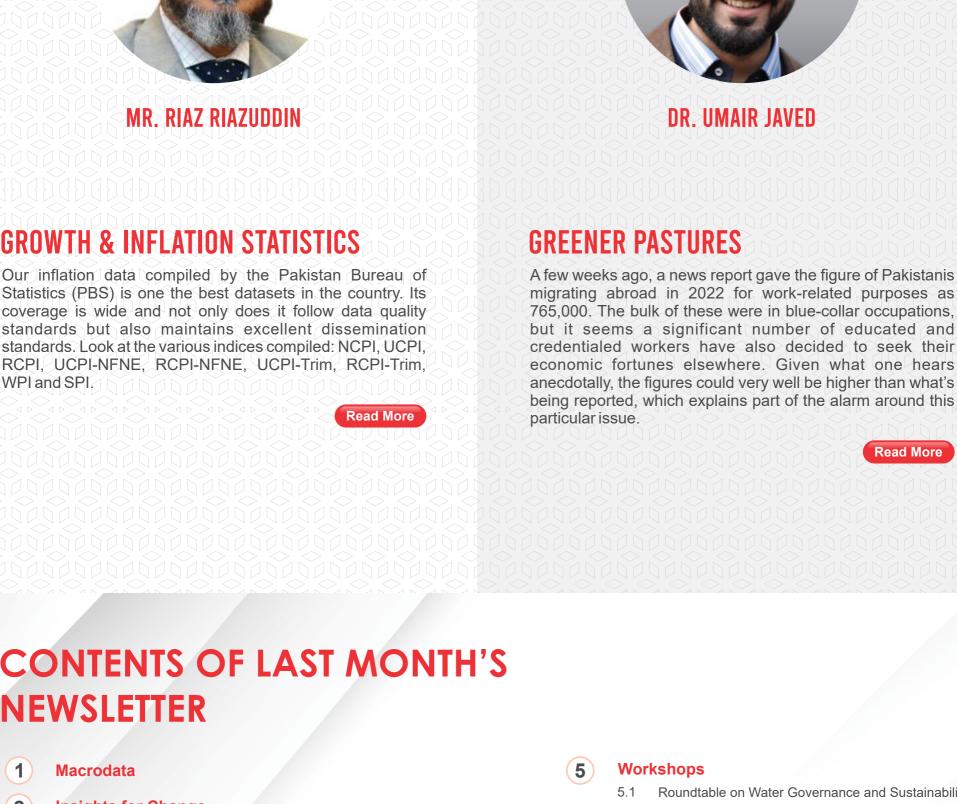
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