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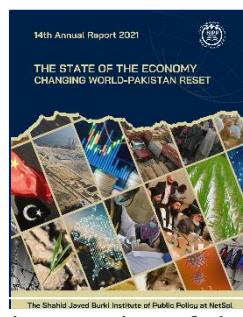


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Introduction:

The Report provides an objective overview of the economic situation of Pakistan and the pathway ahead in the wake of geo strategic/geopolitical and geo economic dynamic in the region and pursuant to the consecutive waves of the Covid-19 pandemic. It highlights the need for Pakistan to “Reset” to be able to respond effectively to the emerging challenges both nationally and globally given its geo-strategic location. The major issues covered by the report include: the evolving situation in Afghanistan and possible repercussions for Pakistan, the state of S&T governance in the country, the rising trade deficit, agriculture-food-health nexus, significance of China Pakistan Economic Corridor and the COVID-19 pandemic impact on economic and social sectors including a fundamental shift in the traditional context of decision- making and management.

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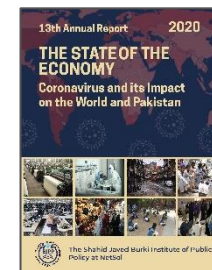
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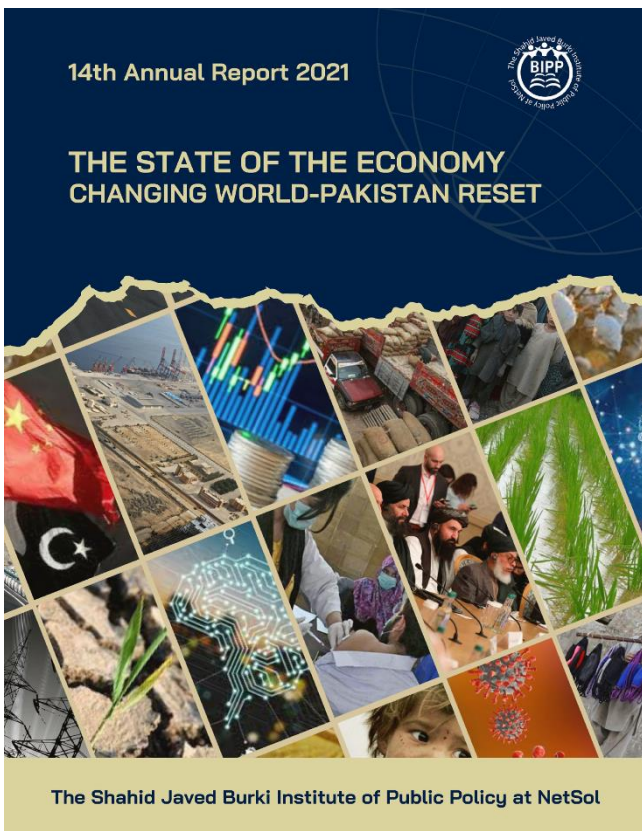
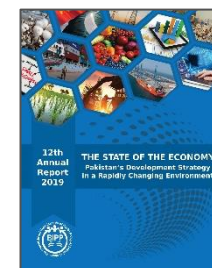
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