



Greenwich University
www.greenwichuniversity.edu.pk

Positive Post



Monthly publication to create a soft and positive image of Pakistan

2012 Silver Jubilee Year

Hadia Tajik becomes first Muslim minister in Norway



Muhammad Ali Asif
BS29 2316

Hadia Tajik, 29, a young woman of Pakistani descent, has been appointed Norway's minister of culture. She has become the first-ever Muslim cabinet member and youngest-ever government minister in the Scandinavian country.

The newly appointed minister of culture has already publicized her program for the upcoming months and highlighted that cultural diversity should become an undisputable part of Norway's everyday life.

Hadia Tajik was born on July 18, 1983 in the

village of Bjørheimsbygd in Strand, Rogaland, to shopkeeper M. Sarwar Tajik and mother Safia Qazalbash, who emigrated from Pakistan in the early 1970s.

Contd. Pg. 6



Two Pakistani women feature on 'Foreign Policy Leaders' list



Muhammad Furqan Thepdawala
BS38 3343

Two Pakistani women have been featured on "Top 99 Under-33 Foreign Policy Leaders," list compiled by the The Diplomatic Courier (TDC).

The Washington DC-based global news and international affairs analysis magazine curates an annual list as part of an international project that captures the impact of 99 leaders under the age of 33. Profiles are

Contd. Pg. 7



Student from Balochistan wins Computer Olympiad



Muhammad Taqi
BS373211

A Pakistani student from Balochistan has bagged gold medal in an international contest held in Turkmenistan leaving countries like Germany, Canada, Russia, England, India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka behind.

M. Ubaidullah, son of Haji Talib Din, a rice trader, is a class ninth student of Pak-Turk International Schools and Colleges, has brought home a gold medal from the Inter

Contd. Pg. 7

PAF relief work for rain affectees



Nadeem Khan
MS41 3700

Pakistan Air Force continued relief operations in the rain affected areas of Jacobabad, Sukkur and Rajanpur during September.

PAF C-130 aircraft carrying ration, medicines and raft boats reached PAF Base Shahbaz. On the instructions of Air Chief

Contd. Pg. 6



Automobile production shows uptrend



Amber Arshad
MS38 3349

Despite facing energy crisis, Pakistan's automobile industry showed an increase in production during the fiscal year of 2011-2012 compared to the previous year.

The production of cars and jeeps increased by 14.7% during the fiscal year as compared to the previous year of the same period, according to the official data.

Production of buses also increased from 490 units to 568 units, showing a growth of 15.92 percent.

Courtesy: The Nation



September 2012

Positive Post

A Monthly publication of



Greenwich University

A compilation of news made by students of Mass Communication and Media Studies of Greenwich University to highlight the positive aspects of Pakistan

Patron

Seema Mughal
Vice Chancellor

Editor

Ayla Hassan
Assistant Professor

Editorial Advisory Board

Iqbal Jamil
Head, Department of Mass Communication and Media Studies

Abid Ali Syed
Lecturer
Department of Mass Communication and Media Studies

Graphics & Layout

Shazia Anwar

Mailing Address

Greenwich House: DK-10, 38th, Street, Darakshan, Phase VI, DHA, Karachi.
Tel: 009221-35840397/98,
Fax: 009221-35851910
email: gu@greenwichuniversity.edu.pk
website: www.greenwichuniversity.edu.pk

Acknowledgement

Positive Post is grateful to the newspapers/agencies from which the news have been gleaned by students.

Pakistani appointed to high-level UN panel



Zaheer Habib Dada
MS37 3194

Homi Kharas of Pakistan has been appointed as lead author and executive secretary for a high-level panel by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. Kharas will advise on the global development agenda beyond 2015, according to a communique from the United Nations.

Poverty alleviation, gender equality, child and maternal health, environmental stability, HIV/Aids reduction and a global partnership for development are listed under the Millennium Development Goals, which are a set of specific targets, agreed on by world leaders at a UN Summit in 2000. The year 2015 is the target date to achieve the UN's Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Kharas is currently a senior fellow and deputy



director for the Global Economy and Development program of the Brookings Institution, an independent think tank in Washington, DC. He currently studies policies and trends influencing developing countries, including aid to poor countries, the emergence of a middle class, the food crisis and global governance and the G-20. He formerly served as a chief economist in the East Asia and Pacific region of the World Bank.

Contd. Pg. 6

Under-privileged get access to microfinance

Unilever Pakistan has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the National Rural Support Programme (NRSP) for providing entrepreneurial support using the microfinance model for underprivileged people.



Unilever Chairman and CEO Ehsan Malik and NRSP CEO Dr Rashid Bajwa signed the MoU at Unilever's office. Through this partnership, they aim to establish a sustainable business model that will utilise mutual expertise to provide economic opportunities through self-employment.

The scope of the project includes a grant for enterprising but underprivileged individuals, identified by NRSP, to help them set up shops. The working capital required for maintaining minimum level of stock at the shops will be provided through microfinance loans.

Courtesy: Express Tribune

Pakistan among 22 to lead economic growth



In 2005 when all our economic indicators were positive and showing an upward trend, Pakistan was added to the list called NEXT-11, a group of 11 countries – Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Turkey, South Korea, and Vietnam – that global financial institutions and researchers felt would lead the future global economic growth, behind the G-7 countries – Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, UK, and USA – and BRIC countries (abbreviation for Brazil, Russia, India, and China). It was a great honour and a testimony that we are among the largest contributors of the world.

These 22 economies of the world have been individually selected by global institutions and have

Contd. Pg. 6

EDITOR'S NOTE

The latest issue of Positive Post is in your hands. It includes a number of stories reflecting towards the positive ventures in our country. The publication is appreciated by educational institutions, corporate sectors, youths and even at the government level. It is very encouraging for the students who are contributing for the Positive Post. We are trying to give a new look to the Positive Post and will seek guidance from our readers. We look forward to your valuable suggestion so the publication has an added towards greater improvement.

Let's Build On – Sand castle building at its best



The lively people of Karachi displayed their creativity and love for the sun and sand at the Sea View, Clifton, Karachi, during the second sand castle building contest by Let's Build On (LBoN) organised by a group of young, dynamic art aficionados.

Contd. Pg 7

City's biggest aquarium inaugurated

Karachi, September 18: Displaying over 50 species of fish, mostly imported ones, the city's biggest aquarium set up at a cost of over Rs30 million was inaugurated at the Landhi-Korangi Zoo.

Sindh Governor Dr Ishartul Ibad, who inaugurated the aquarium, said that the renovated Landhi-Korangi Zoo and the fish aquarium would provide good recreation facilities to people in this area.

However, he said, there was a need for providing more recreation and sports facilities to the masses along with infrastructure development.

Contd. Pg 7



Using drones to capture Pakistan's scenic beauty



Ariba Ashfaq Ali
MS383235

The use of drones in Pakistan normally brings to mind images of US spy planes attacking tribal areas. But drones now are being used to capture a different kind of picture in the country – showing some of the world's highest mountains being scaled by world-class climbers through some of earth's thinnest air.

Drones, or remote-controlled aircraft, have long been the domain of the American military and are used extensively in Pakistan's tribal areas near the Afghanistan border to spy on and target militants.

Recently, however, civilians have increasingly turned to drones to shoot ground-breaking footage of adventure sports.

This summer a Swiss expedition used remote-controlled helicopters to shoot rare footage of climbers on the Karakoram, one of the world's most demanding and formidable mountain ranges.

"People are going to see footage from the Karakoram that no human being has ever seen," said Corey Rich, a photographer and videographer from Lake Tahoe, California, who was on the expedition.

The expedition was a joint project between outdoor clothing and equipment company Mammot, and Dedicam, a firm that specialises



in using remote-controlled helicopters to shoot video. Their goal: to document world-class mountaineer David Lama and his climbing partner Peter Ortner as they climbed Trango Tower.

The sheer granite tower in the Baltoro Glacier is more than 6,000 metres above

Contd. Pg. 6

'Road cleaning shows positive side of youth'

Muhammad Ali Asif
BS29 2316

The Project Cleanup for Peace that was organized online by the youth of Pakistan which involved cleaning up of major roads and buildings that were affected by the violence that took place on the Ishq-e-Rasool Day on Friday showed a great deal of positive attitude from the youngsters, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) National Programme Officer (Youth) Sadia Atta Mehmood said.

She said this at the inaugural session of the third National Youth Peace Festival. She said that while some of the youth were also taking part in the violent protests of Ishq-i-Rasool, the idea of sending out a message of peace by some of the other youngsters was commendable.

She said that with the combined efforts of the United Nations agencies and the government of Pakistan, a great positive change can be brought about to the entire country.

Courtesy: Express Tribune

New textile scheme to help boost exports: Aptma

Zaheer Habib Dada
MS37 3194

The government scheme of modernisation and up-gradation of textile industry would help improve competitiveness in the world market and bring down cost of production, and help boost exports.

This was stated by Yasin Siddiq, chairman, All Pakistan Textile Mills Association (APTMA), while briefing media at the Aptma House in Karachi.

He stated that the scheme was envisaged in the Textile Policy 2009-14 but the government implemented it late.

The modernisation and up-gradation scheme, he said, allows the textile industry to get credit through income tax on making investment from its own resources or get 5 per cent mark-up concession if investment is taken from banks.

He further stated that on the intervention of the President Asif Ali Zardari the gas infrastructure development cess has been reduced from Rs100 to Rs50 per mmcf and this would help reduce cost impact.

The government would have collected Rs60 billion out of cess collection at Rs100 per mmcf and it would have been difficult for the industry to sustain, particularly when it was already paying high power tariffs.

Yasin Siddiq was assisted by



Aptma vice chairman Tariq Saud and two vice chairmen (Sindh-Balochistan zone) Asim Enam and Imran Maqbool.

He further stated that the government has committed to withdraw the Rs50 cess on gas within next four to five years and funds raised so will be used for Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) project and Iran-Pakistan gas pipeline.

He was critical of high gas tariffs and said that in Bangladesh gas costs 6.45 cents per mmcf whereas in Pakistan it is 18.2 cents or 18.2 per cent higher. Such disparities, Yasin Siddiq said, make our value-added textile sector uncompetitive in the world market.

He, however, said that deteriorating law and order situation is adversely damaging country's exports because foreign buyers are reluctant to visit Pakistan and mostly arrange meetings in Dubai or elsewhere outside the country.

He said this situation was more damaging for the value-added sector which requires inspection of quality inspectors who are generally reluctant to visit Pakistan.

Courtesy: Dawn

Contd. PAF relief work for rain affectees

Marshal Tahir Rafique Butt, Chief of the Air Staff, PAF helicopters were used for aerial drop of dry ration and raft boats for distribution of relief goods. Approximately 70,000 kgs of ration containing essential food items and clean drinking water was distributed in these areas.

Field and Mobile Hospitals have also been established at Jacobabad, Sukkur and Rajanpur, where PAF doctors and para-medical

staff are providing free medical treatment & medicines to the calamity stricken people of these areas. More than 1000 rain affectees have been provided with necessary medical treatment.

On the instructions of Chief of the Air Staff, PAF is airlifting relief goods donated by charity / welfare organizations to the rain affected areas on voluntary basis.

Courtesy: Dawn

Tourists are back in Swat

Ariba Ashfaq Ali
MS35 3235

Starting from Eid-ul-Fitr over 300,000 tourists from across the country have so far visited Swat Valley.

Confirming this, officials and residents said that during this time not a single act of violence took place in Swat valley, which is known for its archaeological sites of Gandhara civilisation and scenic hamlets. They said that a multitude of tourists were seen in Kalam, Bahrain, Madyan, Malam Jabba, Marghuzar, Saidu Baba, Fiza-ghat, Mingora and other spots of Swat. They said that restoration of people's confidence to visit the valley was a great

modate them in their homes and hujras (guesthouses) and serve food free of cost to encourage and provide them opportunity to enjoy their tour. However, some hotel owners, tandoor walas (bakers), and petrol pump owners at the main tourist stations have been fleecing tourists on the pretext of artificial shortage of various items.

Khurshid Ahmed, a resident of Bahrian, said that about 300 motorcycles were seen stranded in different areas and over 1,600 tourists trapped in Kalam due to shortage of petrol during past few days. He said that work on Kalam-Havad road should be completed as proper communications system was vital to growth of tourism.



achievement for the local administration.

Since 2008 when Taliban militants loyal to Maulana Fazlullah gained control in the area and parts of Kohistan, Dir, Malakand and other protected area, most of the tourist spots presented a deserted look.

However, owing to sacrifices rendered by people of Swat and law-enforcement agencies for restoration of peace the tourists have started reaching the valley in droves to enjoy serenity and beauty of small hamlets of Swat and cultural heritage.

People of Swat are known for their hospitality; they welcome visitors with open heart, accom-

Kalam Hotels Association general secretary Rahmat Din Siddiqi told a correspondent that this year the number of tourists remained satisfactory despite unfavourable conditions. He said that his union would take action against those hotel owners who had been fleecing visitors by demanding high prices.

He also called upon the government to rebuild roads damaged in 2010 floods and restore telephone facilities to different spots to attract more visitors in next season. He also demanded upgradation of Kalam hospital and appointment of specialist doctors there.

Sub-divisional magistrate,

Contd. Pg. 7

ENTERTAINMENT



Sharmeen Obaid Chinoy keen to make film on cross-border social issues



Izzat Hayat
BS39 3378

Around 150 acid attacks on women take place in Pakistan every year, says Sharmeen Obaid Chinoy, who won an Oscar for portraying the trauma, helplessness and struggles of women disfigured by such violence in her country.

The journalist-turned-filmmaker from Karachi is now keen to make a short film on the mutual concerns that Pakistan and India share on social issues.

“India and Pakistan are plagued by the same (social) issues. I would love to make a film highlighting their mutual concerns, documenting the perspectives of both the countries. Hope that it will materialise,” Sharmeen told IANS in an e-mail interview.

Sharmeen, 33, won the Oscar for her 42-minute documentary ‘Saving Face’. The film, the first from Pakistan to win an Oscar, captures the emotions of two acid-attack survivors — Zakia, 39, and Rukhsana, 23.

As many as 150 acid attacks take place in Pakistan every year, but only three incidents



are reported, said Sharmeen.

She decided to direct the film as she felt “strongly about creating awareness about the issue.”

“I took this subject as it is very sensitive. I strongly felt there was a need to create awareness on the issue. Survivors like Zakia and Rukhsana are not only left with physical scars; their families often opted to lock them up for the rest of their lives to hide their injuries.

“Trauma, disfigurement and ostracism are not nearly an exhaustive list of these con

Contd. Pg. 7

Photographic display of culture and landscape

Highlighting culture, people and the landscape of Pakistan, two art exhibitions were held at Alhamra Art Centre, The Mall, Lahore.

Both art shows simultaneously opened in two separate galleries located at Alhamra. A number of art lovers, students from different art institutions, painters and other guests enjoyed the thriving art scene.

Razaq Vance, a National Geographic stock photographer, displayed photographs titled ‘The Living Land.’ By profession Razaq Vance is a zoologist and is working as an



Assistant Professor at Samundri, Faisalabad. The colourful exhibition of photographs by the artist was his first solo; however, he has participated in a number of group shows in Pakistan and abroad.

“The basic aim of my exhibition is to highlight the landscape and village culture of Pakistan, I want to express my resolve through my exhibition that despite all odds we are going through we are an alive nation and we have a rich and vibrant culture,” Vance said.

He said he had tried to capture the splendid beauty of Pakistani land and its diverse cultures. The 70 photographs on display were reflective of not only geographical and cultural variety the country is blessed with but they remind one of far away lands, the mystery and adventure of those places as well. The passions and feelings of people and the moments of dancing light were beautifully captured.

The second exhibition titled ‘Living Dreams’ by 10 students of Department of Art and Design, Mirpur Khas University of Science and Technology, was another major attraction for art lovers at Alhamra.

Contd. Pg.7

Hope for filmmakers



Muhammed Fawad Rahim
BS36 3096

For the first time Gandhara Film Festival was hosted at the Pakistan American Culture Center (PACC) over a period of two days.

On September 28, the festival began by making an impeccable impact on the audience through the short film Heal. The work, directed by Mian Adnan Ahmed, has been shown successfully in several other film festivals and was met with positive reviews.

Students appreciated the workshops that the event organizers had set up. The workshops were aimed at guiding students and budding film makers in the art of storytelling or broadcast news writing and one that focused on cinematic graphics, which was led by Waleed Umar Thanvi.

Among one of the first observations made upon

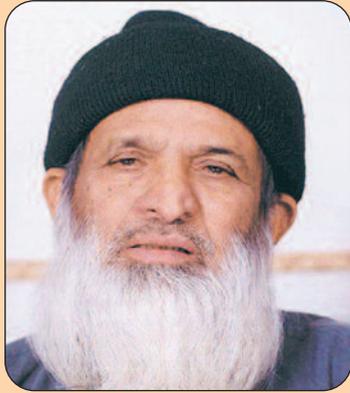
entering the auditorium was that the atmosphere was very engaging and encouraged interaction and welcomed feedback from the audience.

The audience was urged to get to really know the directors and producers whose works they were enjoying and even those whose works



they didn’t. In a sense this is progressive because it gives the makers of the film immediate feedback about their work but the side effect was that the audience began to feel the urge that their commentary and narration on what the film was doing or trying to do was needed.

Courtesy: Express Tribune



100 Prominent Citizens

Carter-Anderson, the publishers and editors of the Global Power 100, have announced the launch of the Pakistan Power 100, a unique ranking of the most influential and successful Pakistanis across the globe.

A press release said on Tuesday over 33,000 nominations were received online, identifying prominent and successful Pakistanis from all walks of life, including business, sports, entertainment, philanthropy, popular arts and culture in October 2010.

The four most nominated people in each category are automatically included in the final list. All other nominees in each category will be short-listed by a panel of judges led by Dragon James Caan.

The nominees include Abdul Sattar Edhi, Imran Khan, Syed Babar Ali, Mian Mohammad Mansha, Sherry Rehman, Mona Kasuri, Seema Aziz, Monis Rahman, Rashid Rana, Tehmina.

Courtesy: Dawn

Contd. Hadia Tajik

After completing Bjørheimsbygd elementary school as one of only seven pupils, she attended Tau junior high school between 1996 and 1998 and later Strand Senior high school from 1998 to 2001. She studied human rights at Kingston University in England from 2004 to 2005, she has a bachelor's degree in journalism from Stavanger University College and studied law at the University of Oslo receiving her Master of Law degree in 2012.

Hadia was active in politics from an early age, as the leader of the Strand chapter of the Workers Youth League from 1999 to 2002, before becoming deputy leader of the Rogaland AUF. She served as

political advisor to the Minister of Justice, Knut Storberget, from 2008 to 2009. She held the position of advisor to the Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg (in 2009) and the Minister for Labour and Social Inclusion, Bjarne Håkon Hanssen (2006 to 2008).

On September 14, 2009, Hadia was elected Member of Parliament.

On September 21, 2012, Prime Minister Stoltenberg announced that Tajik would become the new Minister of Culture. Hadia is the youngest-ever to become a minister in Norway, and her appointment makes her the first-ever Muslim to serve in the Norwegian cabinet.

Courtesy: The News

Contd.: Using drones to capture Pakistan's scenic beauty

sealevel and is one of the most technically difficult climbs in the world.

Filmmakers long have used helicopters to capture aerial footage of climbers – as well as other extreme sport athletes like surfers and skiers – that is hard to capture from the ground. But helicopters are costly and can be dangerous if they crash or get too close to the people on the ground.

Additionally, their beating rotors often kick up dust, snow and wind – and can push climbers off balance.

The main concern for the summertime expedition was how – and if – the drone would perform in Pakistan's rugged conditions and high altitude.

“The main challenge was that the air is much thinner, and we didn't know how the flight controls would work with this and the propellers and motors,” said drone operator Remo Masina, from Lucerne, Switzerland.

He brought two on the Pakistan expedition – one with four propellers and another with six. From the ground, he flew them with a hand-

held console that resembles a video game console, and wore goggles to let him see the camera's view.

Another challenge was to find the climbers on the mountain. Tracing the planned trek route, Masina directed the drone up the mountain until he spotted them – more than a mile (roughly 2,000 metres) away.

Drones also increasingly are being used in other adventure sports to push conventional photography boundaries.

“I've filmed anything from kayaking, rock climbing, mountain biking, to track and field to just casual walking,” said photographer and videographer Mike Hagadorn, who has begun to build his own drones to support his Colorado-based firm, Cloud Level Media.

Experts predict drone cameras eventually will become an integral part of every sports shoot. But for now, they're definitely a novelty. The Swiss team filming Lama said villagers in Pakistan stood in awe, staring at the drones as they buzzed around, whenever he used one on the expedition.

Courtesy: Express Tribune

Contd. Pakistani appointed

Kharas will be responsible for the report of the high-level panel, tasked with providing recommendations on a global post-2015 agenda with shared responsibilities for all countries with the fight against poverty and sustainable development at its core.

In addition to its 23 members, the panel's three co-chairs are President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono of Indonesia, President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf of Liberia, and Prime Min-

ister David Cameron of the United Kingdom. In addition, the secretary-general's special adviser on post-2015 development planning, Amina J Mohammed, will serve on the panel in an ex-officio capacity.

The panel held its first meeting on September 25 on the sidelines of the annual high-level debate of the UN General Assembly. Its report is expected to be submitted to the secretary-general by May 31, 2013.

Courtesy: Express Tribune

Contd. City's biggest aquarium

He called for induction of more animals and birds to make the city's second zoo, which had been renovated (the first being the Karachi Zoo), more attractive and more informative.

Earlier, while briefing the governor about the Landhi-Korangi zoo, senior director of the culture, sports & recreation department Rehan Khan said it was established on seven acres in 1974.

Work on the construction of the aquarium that started in 2004 could not be completed for many years, he said, adding that it was only this year that construction

work resumed and the facility was finally opened for the public.

He added that around 40 ponds were being developed here for fish breeding.

KMC Administrator Mohammad Hussain Syed said that the Landhi sports complex would also be completed this month to provide more sports facilities to people in Landhi and Korangi.

He added that a world-class football stadium would be built in the sports complex on Kashmir Road and the Sindh Snooker Academy would also start functioning this month.

Courtesy: Dawn

Contd. Sharmeen Obaid Chinoy keen to make film

sequences,” Sharmeen said.

“It was not until I spent time with my subjects, researching for the film, that I realised how far-reaching and severe the consequences of each attack are,” she said.

“Though the Pakistani parliament has taken steps to curb acid violence by criminalising the menace, we still have a long way to go. In India, there is currently no legislation in place to regulate the availability of acid or punish perpetrators of the acid violence,” observed Sharmeen.

However, Bangladesh has effectively managed to lower the number of acid-related crimes, she said.

In 2002, Bangladesh passed laws regulating the availability of acid and other corrosive substances, besides prescribing stringent punishment for the perpetrators of acid attacks.

“The laws reduced the number

of victims by more than half (in Bangladesh) and Pakistan must work towards mirroring their efforts.”

India does not have a separate section under the Indian Penal Code (IPC) to deal with acid attacks. It is clubbed with other crimes.

Sharmeen has made 16 films in 11 countries over the past decade.

“I launched my production house, SOC Films, in Karachi late last year. We are currently producing and airing a documentary series titled ‘Ho Yaqeen’, which highlights the heroes working on the ground in Pakistan. We are also working on a socially motivated animated series geared towards Pakistani children.”

Sharmeen has also won an Emmy for her documentary ‘Pakistan: Children of the Taliban’ in 2010.

Courtesy: Express Tribune

Contd. Tourists are back

Madyan, Mohammad Naeem claimed that after reports of artificial price-hike the administration checked various food outlets and petrol pumps, and imposed fines on profiteers.

A large number of tourists also visited Malam Jabba Ski Resort, but due to lack of facilities the tourists returned half-hearted. The dilapidated condition of Malam Jabba road and damaged building of PTDC also forced the tourists to turn to other places.

Courtesy: Dawn

Contd. Pakistan among 22

been earmarked to lead global economic growth into the 21st century. These countries currently account for 75% of global GDP and 70% of its population. It is pertinent to note that these 22 nations account for a mere 10% of the countries in the World Bank’s global database.

Courtesy: Dawn

Contd. Photography display

“It’s a wonderful and extremely pleasant experience that for the first time our work is being exhibited at the famed Alhamra Art Gallery of Lahore,” said a student while talking to this reporter.

Those artworks interpret topics from history to various walks of life representing one’s own locality as ‘Living Dreams’.

Courtesy: Dawn

Contd. Two Pakistani women

included from across the globe.

The Pakistanis who have been featured in this year’s list include Hina Mushtaq - an Atlas Corps Fellow from Pakistan serving at Public Health Institute in California and Kalsoom Lakhani - founder and CEO of Invest 2Innovate (i2i) They are two of the 99 young leaders selected by their peers in recognition of their impact on their respective communities.

Courtesy: Dawn

Contd. Student from Balochistan

national Computer Project Olympiad (ICPO) held in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan.

The competition was held on September 14 and 15 among students from 45 countries who presented 150 projects in the Olympiad.

Ubaidullah’s project that caught attention of participants, organisers and judges was regarding plant automation system; subsequently he was awarded 1st position in the hardware category.

His project P-Bot aims at saving plants in cold-flame or greenhouse setting, especially when someone wants to protect the plants at home in all the seasons. P-Bot automates the round-the-year tasks of plant care by means of its full-automatic cold flame and greenhouse routines.

The bot helps people save time in caring about plants and is power-thrift by powering itself by its solar cells. The micro-processors board optimizes the maximum energy possible to power the bot to fulfill its duties.

Upon arrival, Ubaidullah and project supervisor Halil Baris

(Turkish teacher) both were received warmly because for their outstanding achievement that has brought pride and distinction to Pakistan.

Ubaidullah said: “International competitions are very important for the grooming of students. Tour of other countries not only gives confidence to the students but it also gives them opportunity to have interaction with students of other nations and learn from them.

“Although there is an impression that people of Balochistan are deprived of their rights but my success shows that if people would work hard, they can achieve anything in difficult condition,” he said.

Halil Baris termed the success result of hard work and said that he was proud of his students.

ICPO is an international competition which brings the world’s best IT students together. It also serves to promote intercultural dialogue and cooperation, through the involvement of students and teachers from many different countries.

Courtesy: Dawn

Contd. Let’s Build On - Sand castle building at its best

Building sand castles is a fun summer activity for people of all ages. Lucky for Karachiites, we are blessed with lovely sandy beaches which make an ideal place for recreational activities and family picnics. Despite the many disturbing things Karachiites face, like bomb blasts, loadshedding, and killer traffic jams, they are known for using every opportunity they can find to have fun, to the fullest!

Some were amateurs; others employed professional techniques and tools. At least 250-300 people were watching the sculptors work their magic with undivided attention.

Muntazir and Nabeel, the two highly motivated brains behind

this event, mentioned that this will become a biannual event now. They will soon be starting activities on the beach that will teach children sand sculpting techniques. The young leaders believe that events like this will help raise awareness about keeping the beach clean and encourage healthy and purposeful activities.

In all, I thought that the event was a great, peaceful way of having fun. It served as a positive outlet of self-expression, particularly for the youth of Karachi.

Events like this are an exciting way for families to spend weekend afternoons together.

Courtesy: goodnews.com

SPORTS



Soccer brings Pakistan, India together



Rejah Khalid Saleem
MS38 3237

In one-of-its-kind soccer visitor program, organised by the United States, young female students from India and Pakistan struck a cord on the football field in Washington, DC, in mid-September.

Organised by the US Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs' Sports United Division, the first India and Pakistan dual country soccer exchange program was aimed at encouraging the members of the delegations to share their experiences, learn about the United States through the lens of sports, interact with young American athletes and meet with US sports professionals.

Chinta Anjani Rashmitha, a 12th standard student of Chennai's P S Senior Secondary School, said this was a life time experience for her.

A Pakistani player, Mamoona Shah, said that through sports "trust can be build" between the two countries.

"Sports has an universal language," said Shah.



Tanya Thomas, a second year student from Mumbai's St Xavier College, said it was great to learn how football can help in one's life.

Ayeza Waheed, A-level student from Roots School System in Islamabad, praised the US effort for bringing the two Asian neighbours together.

"It is really a very good thing. This would improve the relationship. They (Indians) are all very nice. I love them," said Waheed.

"I think there no problem between the people of Pakistan and India," she added.

Courtesy: Dawn

Karachi-A clinch hockey championship

Muhammed Fawad Rahim
BS36 3096

Karachi-A won the NBP Sindh Inter-Region U-16 Hockey Championship by beating Hyderabad 4-2 in the final played at the Hockey Club of Pakistan.

Karachi-A made themselves comfortable by getting ahead through Taha Raza (18th



min), Ehtashamuddin (31st min), Sohail Abbas Jr (32nd min) and Ali Khan (41st min).

And only then did Hyderabad wake up to score two goals. Ali Asad scored in the 58th minute and Mohammad Ashraf in the 67th minute. The match was supervised by umpires Akhlaq Bukhari (Nawabshah) and Mumtaz Ali (Larkana).

Later, NBP's Executive Vice President Zaheer Baig, the chief guest on the occasion, said that the championship was to remain part of their annual calendar.

Courtesy: Dawn

PCB to honour Saeed with special award



Naem Ali
MS38 3236

Off-spinner Saeed Ajmal will receive a special award from the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) after the spin bowler was left off the shortlist for the International Cricket Council's Player of the Year, the board chairman Zaka Ashraf announced.

The omission of the top-ranked One-day International bowler from the shortlist has

caused anger in Pakistan.

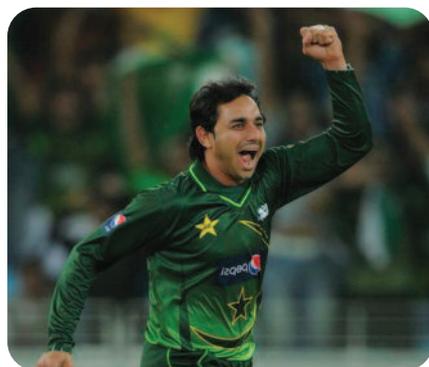
"Saeed Ajmal, we still say you're the number one bowler in the world and the PCB recognises you, and whether someone gives you the prize, that is immaterial, we don't care," Zaka told a function on September 10, 2012 for the Pakistan squad, in Dubai to face Australia.

Saeed is top of the ICC's own list of bowlers in One-day International cricket and is ranked third in Tests but was not nominated for any individual prize in the annual ICC awards.

South Africa's Hashim Amla and Vernon Philander were named on the ICC Cricketer of the Year shortlist with Australia captain Michael Clarke and Sri Lanka's Kumar Sangakkara.

During the period under consideration for the award — Aug 4 2011 to Aug 6 2012 — Saeed took 120 wickets in Tests, ODIs and Twenty20 Internationals, including 24 wickets in three Tests against England in January and February.

Courtesy: Dawn



I am too positive to be doubtful, too optimistic to be fearful, and too determined to be defeated.