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Nine-year old makes record by passing O-Level exam



Samir Ansari
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A Pakistani student has

made a new world record by passing the O-Level examination of the University of Cambridge at the age of nine years.

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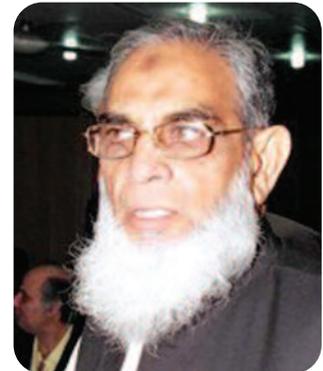
Mushtaq Qureshi deserves 'Highest Civil Award'



Naz Aleem
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Paying glowing tributes to columnist, poet, scholar, writer and Council of Pakistan Newspapers Editors (CPNE) Joint Secretary Mushtaq Ahmed Qureshi, CPNE President Mujeeb-ur-Rehman Shami on Thursday said that he deserved the highest civil award of the country.

Shami was speaking at a ceremony organised in the



honour of Mushtaq Qureshi. Jang Group's Shaheen Qureshi, Lahore Editors' Club President Zia Shahid, Khushnood Ali Khan, CPNE

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Leaving Pakistan on very happy note: Whatmore



Sidra Syed
BS41 3696

Outgoing Cricket coach Dav Whatmore has commended the Pakistan team for giving him the "perfect" send-off as his tenure with the team came to an end in the form of an exciting five-wicket victory on Monday over Sri Lanka to draw the

Test series in the UAE 1-1.

It had been announced last November that he would step down as Pakistan head coach following the conclusion of the series. Pakistan chased down a daunting 302-run target for the loss of five wickets, with Azhar Ali scoring his fifth Test hundred while Misbah-ul Misbah finished with 68 and Sarfraz Ahmed hit 48.

Sri Lanka won the second Test by nine wickets in Dubai while the first Test ended as draw in Abu Dhabi. Whatmore, a former Australian batsman who coached Sri Lanka to World Cup glory in 1996, said he was happy with the win.

Courtesy: Dawn



Business schools should meet global standards: Mamnoon



Amal Khan
BS37 3219

President Mamnoon Hussain Monday urged necessary changes in business education in the country to meet international standards and to make it more relevant to the demands of modern industries and enterprises.

In his inaugural address at the Deans and Directors Conference on "Emerging Challenges of Business Schools in Pakistan- 2014" at the Presidency, he said that the business schools should ensure an adequate level of competence and provide affordable quality education by globalising their faculty as well as



their curricula to train the students become responsible business leaders.

He said that the role of private sector institutions was equally important for bringing about a perceptible change in the quality of services they offered to the students. This also applies to public sector business schools to upgrade their standing through continuous development meeting the demands of professional competence in a competitive

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EDITOR'S NOTE

The news items, published in Positive Post are based already published material in the national news papers, which undoubtedly, create a positive image of the nation.

A good way for the readers to approach the positive news is to devote few minutes to previewing the selection of news and efforts of the students — our budding writers.

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Students flock to Dawn Education Expo



Saddam Mushtaque
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'Study in UK', 'Study in Canada', 'Study in Australia' ... The banners, posters and floor stands beckoned long queues of students inside the Expo Centre, where the two-day Dawn Education Expo 2014 began on Sunday.

"I want to do master's in petroleum from an Ivy League university but I am unable to find what I am looking for. Now I'm headed to Hall 1 to see if some German university can offer me the same," said Hassan Zaheer, a Bachelor's student from NUST, who was looking around in Hall 2, before continuing with his search in the next hall.

Zohaib Ali Khan was there with his little sister Mina Khan, an intermediate student still not sure what she wanted to do

next. "She was thinking of taking up architecture earlier but then thought that physics would be better. Now she seems interested in accounting," the brother laughed. "We are also looking for a university in Malaysia for her to go to because our elder brother is stationed there and it always helps when you have family nearby."

Saud Ur Rehman, coming out of Hall 1 that mostly had stalls of Asian universities and many consultants, said he was glad to learn from one of the consultants there that they were about to pass a legislation for work permits for students in Turkey. "Working while studying is the only way I can study abroad. I can't imagine paying \$7,000 to \$11,000 tuition fee per year otherwise," he said.

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'30 under 30': Malala makes to the top on Forbes list



Warda Suleman Ahmed
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Just a week into 2014, Forbes magazine released its '30 Under 30' list in which the business magazine recognises 450 young game-changers across 15 different fields. This year's social entrepreneurship category features three Pakistani women who they believe are changing the world.

Malala Yusufzai gets a celebrated mention in the list for her campaign for girls' education that has already won her many accolades. She is credited with co-founding the Malala Fund, and also on the list is her co-founder Shiza Shahid.

Shiza, a 24-year-old graduate of Stanford University, was also recently recognised by Time magazine in December last year, as one of '30 people under 30' changing the world.

The CEO of the Malala Fund, Shiza is quoted in Forbes as saying that she hoped the fund would enable her to leverage Malala's voice in such a way that the energy surrounding the young activist is transformed into meaningful action.



The third Pakistani woman on the list is 25-year-old Khalida Brohi. She was only 16 when she witnessed the honour killing of her friend, reports Forbes. This experience led her to found Sughar, a non-profit organisation providing women with six-month courses on business and crafts.

Sughar aids village women in starting their small businesses so that they become financially independent.

Also on the list, in separate categories, are famous names such as TV actor and director Lena Dunham, tennis star Maria Sharapova and pop sensation Justin Bieber.

Courtesy: Express Tribune

Make Textbooks Affordable



Mehak Fayyaz
BS44 3983

Everyone knows that textbook prices are outrageous. Students spend an average of \$1,200 a year on textbooks and course materials, and prices have been rising more than for times the rate of inflation for the past two decades!

It's no accident that textbooks are so expensive. Publishing companies have been raking in huge profits while engaging in bad practices that drive up costs: issuing new editions that make used books hard to find, bundling textbooks with unnecessary CDs and pass-codes, and more.

They get away with it because students don't have a choice we've got to buy the book they're selling, even if the price is outrageous.



The good news is that we're making progress. Students can save hundreds through discounted options like renting, used books and book-swaps on campus.

At the same time, lasting solutions like open-source textbooks are gaining attraction, which could literally revolutionize the textbook market

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Workshop on corporate governance

Naz Aleem
BS39 3426

The Pakistan Microfinance Network (PMN), in collaboration with Hikmah Consulting (Hikmah), held a two-day training workshop on corpo-



rate governance specifically tailored to the Microfinance sector.

This initiative has been made possible with strong support from the State of Bank of Pakistan (SBP) under the Financial Inclusion Programme of DFID, and the Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund (PPAF).

The training programme, de-

veloped and delivered by Hikmah, focuses on best practices in governance and thus help address the issues of poverty. The course targets both senior management and board members of microfinance providers and

looks to strengthen the skill set of existing boards, and encourage others to join such boards.

The course faculty arranged by Hikmah Consulting included two former SBP governors, Dr Ishrat Husain and Syed Salim Raza, along with highly experienced bankers and other microfinance experts.

Courtesy: The News

A loved one just a click away... if only there was Google three decades ago

Samir Ansari
BS38 3333

They were born in the days when a telegraph was the fastest way of long-distance communication — and when they separated, there was no way to reconnect.

Alice Cutler and Joseph Stephen, though uncle and niece, were more like cousins. Born only three years apart, they grew up in an old house in Mehmoodabad with low walls and tall trees.

Canada. He went all the way to Toronto, and then New York. He did what he could. Roamed the streets with a picture, went to the church, asked around in the Pakistani diaspora.

Some people looked at him with suspicion. Others were nice, offered him a cup of tea and a biscuit or two.

Eventually Stephen settled in New York. In his suitcase he carried a small brown envelope containing black and white pictures of Cutler and himself.



"It was situated right at the lane where Rao Bakery stands even today. We would climb trees, chase cats and play cards together," Stephen remembers, 30 years later.

And then one day Stephen left for New York looking for a job. When he returned years later, Cutler had married an Italian man and left the city.

He found out that as the cost of living had soared, the house was sold off and Cutler sent to a boarding school run by nuns. When she finished college, the nuns found her a suitable husband.

It was tough looking for clues in an age where mobile phones and the Internet were unheard off. Stephen went to Islamabad, where a family member told him where Cutler lived. He notified the local church there, showed them a picture of a smiling girl with brown curls. No luck.

He heard that she had left for

Often while talking to his daughter who lived in Karachi, he would always miss his childhood friend. "I wonder how Alice is, where she is, if she's happy or not... if she has kids."

On a boring day at work, Stephen's daughter, Margaret, looked up Alice Cutler on Google. A website popped up with lots of contacts. She found Alice Cutler, a list of her children and a phone number.

She called up the number, an old woman picked up. "I am Joseph's daughter calling from Karachi," she said.

Cutler broke into tears. When she got a grip on herself, she talked in fluent Punjabi. "I still haven't forgotten my roots. I never will."

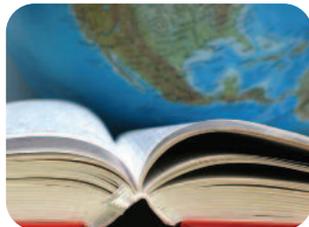
The search was over. Alice Cutler lived in Los Angeles with lots of children and grandchildren.

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Education in the province in dire situation, claim speakers

Literati, government and economist call for immediate action.

Mehak Fayyaz
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The educated in Sindh worry about the education system across the province. They feel that while the biggest chunk of the blame goes to political influences and agendas, everyone needs to be held responsible for the dire situation.

Speakers at a conference titled 'Education: The Way Forward' organised by Sindh Association of North America (Sana) at the Pearl Continental Hotel on Saturday critically discussed the educational challenges faced by Sindh.

Despite repeatedly criticising previous governments – both military and democratic- the speakers were quick to point out that teachers, bureaucrats and parents themselves need to take responsibility.

Sukkur Institute of Business

Administration director Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui called for a drastic overhaul in school curriculum and criticised the 'cheating culture' that plagues students of most colleges.

Senior educationist Fazlullah Qureshi, felt that private organisations need to come forward if the government fails to do anything to improve the education system.

Prominent economist and Balochistan government adviser Kaiser Bengali said that the government needs to revamp the whole education system. "There is no need for 50,000 schools in the

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Food Agriculture Organisation (FAO) to support agriculture

Saddam Mushtaque
BS39 3466

The United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organisation new representative in Pakistan has said the FAO will increase its technical support to Pakistan for enhancement of agricultural productivity and food security.

Presenting his credentials to Sartaj Aziz, the Prime Minister's Advisor on National Security and Foreign Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the representative, Patrick T Evans, agreed that there was urgent need for the agriculture sector in Pakistan to improve its performance and enable farmers raise their yields through better agriculture techniques.

The FAO, active in Pakistan since 1947, and has been helping Pakistan improve its agricultural, livestock and fisheries production. Efforts

for an increase the contribution of Pakistan's agricultural sector to its gross domestic product with value addition and expansion of exports was discussed.



The Food and Agriculture Organisation has been training thousands of farmers in how to increase on-farm productivity, better water use and water management, more effective means for production of superior-quality seeds, post-harvest handling of crops, value-addition and marketing and more advanced techniques in on-farm management.

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Early childhood education project to be launched in July, says Khuhro

Amal Khan
BS37 3219

Inaugurating the admission process for year 2014 in Government Pilot Higher Secondary School here on Wednesday, Sindh's Senior Education Minister Nisar Ahmed Khuhro said the provincial government was set to launch early childhood education from July with the recruitment of 8,000 female teachers to enrol students from three years of age.

He said India would achieve 100 per cent literacy rate by 2017 where the number of early childhood schools was around four million.

"We have planned to enrol children of three to the school

under the programme and for the very purpose the finance department was taken on board," he said. He admitted not attaining the set target of enhancing literacy rate by 2015, which is hardly 57 per cent while India is progressing to elevate it to 100 per cent.

"It is a maiden effort to computerise admissions from class-one in Sindh," he said, adding that the very data would be linked up with Nadra and PTCL with parents and teachers' signatures and thumb impressions of children on admission cards. It would help assist in effectively detecting fake enrolments and facilities for students, Mr Khuhro said.

"We can fight for seeking scholarships for girl students

on the basis of very data," he said. He cited the example of fake data of 25,000 students' enrolment in Nawabshah district which on scrutiny was found 22,000 only.

He said the next year admissions of class-II would be computerised with the sole object of assessing the reasons for 'dropouts'.

It irked him when somebody criticised 'our education system' and talked of seven million children out of schools, Mr Khuhro said.

He asked teachers to come forward in re-opening the closed schools, and vowed to face landlords for the cause. He warned students and teachers to work hard as he would not allow anyone using



unfair means in the coming examinations. He said copy culture was destroying education like cancer. Reform Support Unit Sindh programme manager Ms Saba Mehmood said: "We have to stop bogus enrolment and put in efforts to minimise the dropouts."

On the occasion, admission cards of two girl students were filled and duly signed by teachers and parents.

Director Education Syed Rasool Bakhsh Shah also spoke in the programme attended by officials of the department from Larkana and Sukkur division.

Courtesy: Dwan



Pakistani artist wins the coveted Prince Claus Award

Sidra Syed
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A Pakistani artist was presented with a prestigious international art award on Friday for “breaking stereotypes, especially highlighting the complex social position of women”.

At a ceremony hosted at a local hotel, Nazia Khan, the co-founder of Vasl Art Gallery, received the Prince Claus Award. The event took place in the presence of the Dutch Royal Family members. Dutch ambassador Marcel de Vink was also present on the occasion.

“Nazia Khan is an inspiration for artists around the world. Her work highlights the everyday struggle people in developing



countries face. And yet it’s beautiful,” remarked the Dutch ambassador.

Khan is the third Pakistani to receive the coveted award. Urban planner and architect Arif Hasan and actress Madeeha Gohar are the other two Pakistanis to receive the prize for their contribution in their respective fields.

Courtesy: Dwan

Nestle Pakistan, UN discuss gender equality

Abdullah Sheikh
BS37 3165



Nestle Pakistan and UN Women held a panel discussion on the topic of gender equality in the corporate sector.

Nestle Pakistan, a global signatory to the Women’s Empowerment Principles (WEP), joined hands with UN Women Pakistan to enhance implementation of the WEP within Nestle and promote gender equality in the corporate sector.



The objective of the panel discussion is to raise awareness on the participation of women in the corporate sector, the challenges and opportunities they are facing and identify successful policies and practices for enhancing women’s participation.

“UN Women Pakistan foresees the adoption of the WEP as key to providing guidance to companies on how to empower women in the workplace, marketplace and the community. We welcome Nestle’s commitment to the WEP and hope that more corporate bodies will join us in this endeavor,” said Sangeeta Thapa, Deputy Representative/OIC of UN Women Pakistan in her opening remarks.

Sue Johnson, Global Head of Gender and Diversity at Nestle, was one of the key speakers at the event.

Courtesy: The News

Uks launches diary on women in disaster-hit areas

Naz Aleem
BS39 3426

An annual feature of Uks Research Centre, the desk diary 2014 was successfully launched here.



The diary, titled ‘Women of Pakistan: Rebuilding Lives Courageously after Each Disaster and Crisis’, focuses on the disasters and crisis that have struck Pakistan, also analysing how the media reported on these disasters from a gender perspective.

Director Uks Tasneem Ahmar welcomed the guests and briefly spoke about Uks’s work and then the diary.

She said Uks had been bringing out the desk diary since 1998, the first two years it comprised lots of content on women in various fields, but since 2001, it selected a yearly theme and then compiled the diary after thorough research to give an insightful and in-depth picture of the theme of the year, be it health, education or violence against women, politics, etc.

This year’s diary focuses on women in situations of disaster and crisis and why the media needs to look at disasters through a gender perspective.

She then played a selection of Uks radio programmes that were based on women’s voices from disaster areas and how they were rebuilding their lives.

Sumera Jajja from Dawn shared her experiences of reporting on floods and earthquake.

She emphasised that very few women actually ventured into disaster reporting and how important it was to continually do follow-up stories on disasters so that the rebuilding was made easier.

Courtesy: The News

Cont... from pg 1: Nine-year old makes record...

Rai Haris Manzoor of Rawalpindi was born on August 16, 2004. He passed the O-Level exam in Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Mathematics.

It may be mentioned that Rai Haris studied in a private school till 2012. Afterwards, his parents withdrew him from the school and taught him at home. He completed the courses of seven classes in 17 months.

Rai Manzoor Nasir, the father of the student, told Dawn that the normal age for passing the O-Level exam was 17 to 18 years. It means that 14 years of schooling is needed to pass the exam.

"Haris also completed Nazra Quran and memorised Para No 30 of the holy book. His twin brother Rai Shabir is a

student of class III," he said. Haris said he studied for hours every day to make the world record.

"I want to become a barrister and am planning to do it from London in the next four years as three years are required to complete LLB (Hons) and one year to do Bar-at-Law," he said.

Previously, the record of the youngest O-Level student was with Sitara Brooj Akbar of Chiniot in Punjab. She passed the exam at the age of 11.

Rai Manzoor, who is a government servant in Punjab, said after hearing the news about Sitara Akbar, he started teaching his son at home to enable him to make the world record.

Courtesy: The New York times

Cont... from pg 1: Mushtaq Qureshi deserves ...

former president Jameel Athar, former secretary information Ikram Shaheedi, Mumtaz Tahir, DGPR Additional Director General Aslam Dogar, Daily Abtak Chief Editor Syed Sajjad Bukhari and others were also present on the occasion.

Shami said Qureshi's work in book writing and journalism was matchless as he had produced wonderful researches on various issues including interpretation of Quranic verses and fiction.

The CPNE president said in his view, Qureshi deserved to be honoured with the highest civil award for the services he had rendered throughout his life, adding that the CPNE would soon organise a ceremony in this regard.

He claimed that the government had been distributing awards among those having

no service at their credit while ignoring the deserving people.

Shami said that he was a politician by mind and a complete package to fulfil all the responsibilities which were prerequisite for the office of the chief election commissioner.

He claimed if given the responsibility, he would hold election besides meeting other requirements.

Shaheen Qureshi on the occasion said Qureshi had served both the world and the religion.

Mushtaq Ahmed Qureshi is a columnist with Daily Jang Karachi. He has written up to 370 books on topics including interpretation of Quranic verses, novels and others. After serving in the APNS Executive Committee for 22 years, he is now the CPNE joint secretary.

Courtesy: Dawn

Cont... from pg 2: Student flock to Dawn Education Expo

Meanwhile, inside Hall 1 there was a big crowd of youngsters at the United States Education Foundation in Pakistan stall.

"Most students coming here are looking for scholarships and there are so many here because we have the US consultants, advisory department, choice of programmes and testing all going on here in one stall," said education adviser Faraz Naqvi, who did not even have time to have lunch in peace and dealt with students' queries as he ate.

Sadia Saif, marketing and BD manager for Alma Matters (pvt) Ltd, said that they in their capacity as partners with universities in Turkey, Cyprus, the UK, Canada and Australia were able to help a lot of students at the expo. "We are here to recruit students for the universities in these countries. Most students coming to us are looking for scholarships as well as information about the work permits in different countries. They have limited budgets and from their inquiries about getting nationalities of the various countries it is also quite evident that they do not intend to come back to Pakistan," she said.

In contrast to all the crowded stalls there was also the Ural Federal University stall with no representative, just two empty coffee cups on a small table.

Hall 3 was all about Pakistani institutions of learning. Most of the students there were gathered around technical universities. It was surprising to see girls at the Institute of Space Technology. "This is a highly specific subject and out of the 5,300 students who have applied to us, we will only pick two to three as we only have batches of 30 to 35 students. Space technology is not for 100-student classrooms," said Ishaat Saboor, registrar at the institute. "But it is heartening to see girls more inclined towards space while the boys remain rooted to the ground," he remarked. Qamer Jehan Aziz, a teacher from Canada, said she just happened to be in Pakistan and thought to visit the Dawn Education Expo. "Well, it is amazing exposure for the kids and they can get a lot of information from the various stalls as all representatives there seem very helpful. The Expo Centre is a central location, which is good, too," she said.

Courtesy: Dawn

Cont... from pg 4: FAO to support agriculture

At the social level, it works with government and farmers' organisations in efforts for strengthening of the role of women in agriculture.

Sartaj Aziz said the FAO should work more closely with government officials to help in the improvement of policy environment. He referred to documents that he developed in Pakistan in the area of food security and agricultural development. Mr Aziz recounted the success stories in the area of agricultural growth in Pakistan and advised FAO to work with proven models from both Pakistan and globally.

Before coming to Pakistan, Patrick served in Sri Lanka for five years as the FAO's representative in Sri Lanka and the Maldives. His career with the FAO started in 1988 in Nepal, where he worked on community forestry development for the Terai region. After four years in Nepal, Evans was assigned to Jamaica, Tonga in the South Pacific, Bhutan, East Timor and Mongolia. He spent eight years in Cambodia developing community-based natural resource management of forests and fisheries.

Courtesy: Dwan

Cont... from pg 4: Education in the province in dire situation, claim speakers

province," he said. "Only 15,000 are enough to provide quality education." He was also critical of the role that teachers play during elections and called for the Election Commission to address it.

Sana president Jamil Daudi said the organisation wants to help bring about change in the province's education system.

Government viewpoint

The total education budget for the province is Rs134 billion, revealed Sindh education minister Nisar Ahmed Khuhro. Out of this, Rs121 billion is spent on staff salaries, he added.

"We have nearly 49,000 schools in Sindh while Punjab has around 60,000," said Khuhro. "However, we also have around 25,000 private schools." The education minister then went on to talk about what the government is doing in terms of education. "We have established 40 universities in the last 10 years and we are providing free education to children between the ages of five and 16," claimed Khuhro, before

quickly admitting that a lot of work is still required. "Despite all of this, education quality in the province leaves a lot to be desired."

The minister claimed that some senior teachers are better paid than certain ministers, adding that the system has not improved despite facilitating the teaching staff financially. In order to highlight the dearth of competent teachers, he said that while thousands of candidates applied for the 1,200 vacancies, only 700 passed the written test.

"We need to ensure that political agendas do not influence management of Sindh's education," said chief secretary Sajjad Saleem Hotiana. "However, it is important to remember that these influences exist all over the country and not just in Sindh."

Education secretary Fazlullah Pechuho was also critical of Sindh's education system. "There are 10 schools in certain areas while there are none in others," he claimed. "We need to increase our pace in order to achieve the

goals that have been set for 2015. Let's confess that we are all responsible for the current predicament."

US Consul General The United States (US) consul general Michael Dodman said that education is the first step towards the development of a country. "To provide support for education in Pakistan is one of US government's top priorities," said Dodman during the inaugural session. "Education is vital for economic growth."

Dodman claimed that many education initiatives are underway and added that 5,000 high school students are being provided English language classes across the country – out of these, 1,700 students are from Sindh with a majority of them being from Karachi.

"The key is sustainability," he felt. "While we hope that US funded programs will make a difference, the effort to create sustainable improvements in the quality of education must come from Pakistan."

Courtesy: The News

Cont.. from pg 3: Make Text ..

by offering free online access and reducing costs up to 80%. Open source textbooks are faculty-written and peer reviewed just like published textbooks, but they're available free online, free to download, and affordable in print.

So we're fighting to rein in costs by promoting cost-saving solutions on campus, while also tackling publishers' stranglehold on the market to change prices for good. We're educating students, faculty and bookstores, and raising awareness through research and the media. We're also calling on publishers, colleges and foundations to support the creation of more open-source textbooks that could save students millions each year.

Courtesy: Express Tribune

Cont... from pg 3: A loved..

Now she is coming to Karachi, to meet the people who held her so close to their hearts. Stephen will fly home too. After thirty years, a family will reunite.

Courtesy: The News

Cont... from pg 1: Business schools should meet

environment, he maintained.

He said that education and skilled human resources were the real assets of a nation and to improve them, there was an urgent need to upgrade the education system in Pakistan. "I have full faith in our institutions, educationists and academia to convert these challenges into opportunities," he told eminent academicians, researchers, policy makers, entrepreneurs both from within the country and abroad.

The event, jointly organised by Higher Education Commission (HEC) and National Business Education Accreditation Council (NBEAC), was attended by HEC Chairman

Engr Syed Imtiaz Hussain Gilani, HEC Executive Director Prof Dr Mukhtar Ahmed, NBEAC Chairman Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad.

President Mamnoon said that in the present era, the students were offered multiple choices, vast opportunities and greater confidence for their professional development. Besides, they were also creative and eager to improve their skills and capability, he said adding, "The current trends, therefore, call for increased focus on international partnerships, internships and student exchange programmes to upgrade the level of education and competence of business learning".

Courtesy: Express Tribune

Cont... from pg 8: Four shooters selected for Asian C'ship

Youth Olympic Games events," said Jan Ketzel, Event Manager at International Shooting Sport Federation, when contacted by this scribe.

According to the ISSF Qualification System, Minimum Qualifying Scores (MQS) must be obtained by the athletes between April 1, 2013, and June 8, 2014, to become eligible for quota places for Youth Olympics.

For 10m Air Rifle (men) the MQS is 60 shots 552/580.0; for 10m Air Rifle (women) is 40 shots 368/385.0; for 10m Air Pistol (men) is 60 shots 540; and for 10m Air Pistol (women) is 40 shots 355.

The maximum number of en-

tries per ISSF National Federation at any event of a qualifying competition is three participants. The ISSF will reallocate all remaining or returned unused qualification places (quota places) by filling them with the next highest ranked eligible athletes from other national Olympic committees in that event in the same continental qualifying competition.

If no redistribution is possible within the continent, the qualification place(s) will be reallocated to the NOC(s) with the largest number of MQS athletes which has/have not yet qualified for a quota place for the Nanjing Youth Olympics 2014.

Courtesy: The News



Rawalpindi captures maiden Quaid Trophy

Naz Aleem
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Rawalpindi won their maiden title in the 60-year history of the Quaid-e-Azam Trophy when they whipped Islamabad by 228 runs on the last day of the five-day final at the Gaddafi Stadium in Lahore.

Attock-born pacer Akhtar Ayub, who had taken 3-55 in the first innings, had his career-best figures of 5-67 in 19 overs in



the second innings to enable Rawalpindi to dismiss Islamabad for 206, way short of the 435-run target.

As Islamabad resumed at 99-5, pacer Haseeb Azam gave an early breakthrough to Rawalpindi when he had Shehzad Azam (13) caught by Zahid Mansoor. Shehzad hit two fours from 44 balls and added 36 runs for the sixth wicket with Imad Wasim.

Sarmad Bhatti (26) and skipper Imad (49) then put on 38 for the seventh wicket before Akhtar picked the crucial wicket of Imad, who was caught by substitute Munir Ansari.

Imad added only 20 runs to his overnight total and struck seven fours from 100 deliveries.

Courtesy: Express Tribune

Afridi scores at GHQ

Sara Mumtaz
BS43 3842

Pakistan's ever dynamic and always happening cricketer Shahid Khan Afridi visited Pakistan Army's General Headquarters (GHQ) in Rawalpindi and met with Chief of Army Staff General Raheel Sharif.

Afridi announced his visit on Twitter and subsequently put up a picture with DG ISPR Maj-Gen Asim Bajwa outside the ISPR offices.

Afridi, who was accompanied by his brother Mushtaq Afridi, tweeted about the meeting between the cricketer and the Army Chief.

Courtesy: Dawn

Tell us how to win again!



Sara Mumtaz
BS43 3842

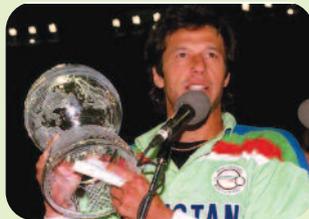
PCB seeks guidance from members of the 1992 World

Cup-winning squad

Pakistan's cricket chiefs will garner support from members of the country's 1992 World Cup-winning squad in a bid to "replicate" that memorable title-winning triumph next year.

Back in 1992 Pakistan won the World Cup, held in Australia in New Zealand, under the leadership of Imran Khan. The two nations in the Southern Hemisphere will play host to World Cup 2015 and the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) believes that the squad of '92 can inspire the current team to win back the world title next year.

The idea to seek advice and



guidance from the players who were part of the 1992 squad came up at a meeting of the PCB at its headquarters in Lahore.

The meeting, which was aimed at formulating a comprehensive strategy for the World Cup 2015, was attended by top PCB officials and former cricketers.

"Various suggestions were made during the meeting and after deliberations it was decided that advice from former players especially the ones who were part of the winning squad of World Cup 1992 should be taken," said a PCB media release issued recently.

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Four shooters selected for Asian C'ship

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KARACHI: National Rifle Association of Pakistan (NRAP) has selected a four-member team for the 7th Asian 10m rifle/pistol Championship to secure quota places for Youth Olympics 2014.

The athletes were selected in the youth category to be sent to the championship, which is to be held in Kuwait from March 7-13.

"Two girls and two boys have been selected after they reached the standard cut-off point we set for them in the recently concluded national shooting championship," Executive Vice President NRAP Razi Ahmed told 'The News'. "Abdul Quddus and Minhal are from Karachi while the two others are from Islamabad."

Around 15 athletes would attend this camp, he said. Due

to exams it would be difficult for youth players selected for the team to attend the camp. "The parents are saying that they can release their kids for the championship but not for the camp. We therefore had to allow those based in Karachi to come for a few



hours after school timings," he added.

According to the Qualification System for the 2014 Youth Olympic Games, to be held in China, the quota places will be distributed during the continental qualification competitions. "There are 3 or 4 quotas available in the 4

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