

Punjab breaks world record of waving National flag



Nimra Arshad
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Sixty thousand people broke the world record of waving national flag at the National Hockey Stadium on Saturday, 1st of March.

Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif also took part in the world record and waived the national flag for more than seven minutes along with other participants. Ambassadors of 14 countries watched the event.

The chief minister also inaugurated the Punjab Youth Festival 2014.



Speaking on the occasion, he congratulated the nation on setting the world record, saying the youth festival was promoting a soft image of the country. He said participation of foreign diplomats in the festival was a proof that Pakistan had no relationship with extremism and its people believed in tolerance.

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Media Seminar in Greenwich



Sehar Nadeem
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On the March 22, 2014 the students of Media Seminar, Greenwich University, held a seminar on 'The Evolution of Media and Changes in Dawn Newspaper'. The seminar was hosted by Sehar Nadeem and Saad Saeed. There were a variety of speakers and senior journalists present at the Seminar. The speakers included Mrs Lubna Jerar Naqvi from Jung, Mr Khalid Rehman and Mr Sohaib Alvi from Tribune and Ms Khursheed Hyder and Mr Ali Hassan Naqvi from

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RIS nurturing Pakistan, Mauritius relations



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High Commissioner of Mauritius to Pakistan Rashad Duraeewo hosted a grand Mauritius Independence Day dinner here in collaboration with Roots International Schools (RIS).

The evening was graced by many senior diplomats and their spouses along with influential people from the corporate sector and proved the strategic importance of ties between the two countries.

Federal Minister for Defence Production Rana Tanveer Hussain and Minister of State for Education, Trainings and Standards in Higher Education Mohammad Baligh-ur-Rehman attended the event chief guests. The dignitaries cut the cake to celebrate the years of progress and opened path to get-together session for diplomats and corporate leaders.



Rootsians welcomed the guests in colourful traditional costumes and presented bouquets.

While addressing the gathering, Rashad Duraeewo mentioned that upon floating the idea of holding this significant celebration dinner, he had received an overwhelming response from Walid Muhstaq, and the students of Roots International have rendered their services as ushers for such a high-profile event. He further said that RIS Pakistan holds a close relation with Mauritius High Commission and he is looking forward to strengthening the strategic partnership with

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International Women's Day celebrated in Pakistan



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The International Women's Day on Saturday (today) marks another year of changing social trends and inclusion of more and more women in various fields in the country.

Women rights have been the buzzing tune in the country for a while now and the general psychology of society as a whole has transformed from a conser

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Editorial: "Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence wins championships." — Michael Jordan. This month was full of cricket and sports as it began with the Punjab Youth Festival and Asia Cup and ended with the T20. Not only did the Pakistani cricket team manage to win some crucial matches, but Pakistan also managed to bag yet another Guinness World Record. Pakistani's displayed a lot of determination, be it turning the tables in a tough match against Bangladesh or continuing the anti-polio drive and trying to establish Pakistan as a polio-free nation. This month was also filled with appreciation for nature, where some appreciated women for their immense contribution to this society; others basked in the beauty of spring and welcomed it with open arms.

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New Islamabad airport to be accomplished in a year



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Prime Minister of Pakistan, Mian Nawaz Sharif has directed the authorities to accomplish the project of new Islamabad airport within a year's time – ARY News reports. According to details, the Prime Minister while taking notice of the delay in project, has also directed the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) to investigate the causes of hindrance in the construction. PM Nawaz visited the new Islamabad airport along with Defence Minister, Khawaja Asif, Information Minister, Pervez Rasheed and his special advisor, Shujaat Azeem. PM Nawaz witnessed different parts of the airport including the runway, domestic/international arrival and departure. He was briefed that the



project was proposed in 1984, however its ground-breaking took place in 2007, 98 percent of civil and refueling work of the airport has been accomplished. Nawaz Sharif expressed his annoyance at the delay and additional expenses on the project. He advised the Punjab Government to construct small dams for supplying water to the new airport and said that any further delay in the accomplishment of the project will not be tolerated at all.

Courtesy: ARY News

Large-scale units switch over to alternatives for energy

Saad Saeed
BS40 3543

The country's large-scale manufacturing (LSM) sector has started to grapple with the energy shortage situation, by reverting to 'alternative energy resources', the first quarterly report of the State Bank of Pakistan for FY14, revealed. One major advantage with the use of renewable energy is that as it is renewable it is therefore sustainable and so will never run out.

Renewable energy facilities generally require less maintenance than traditional generators. Their fuel being derived from natural and available resources reduces the costs of operation.

Even more importantly, renewable energy produces little or no waste products such as carbon dioxide or other chemical pollutants, so has minimal impact on the environment.

Renewable energy projects can also bring economic benefits to many regional areas, as most projects are located away from large urban centres and suburbs of the capital cities. These economic benefits may be from the increased use of local services as well as tourism.

Renewables are great for our energy portfolio because they are inexhaustible and won't pollute the planet for us or those of



future generations by emitting toxic chemicals and gases. While some regions and countries in the past have grown wealthy and benefitted from their proximity to coal, gas, and oil reserves, not all places have access fossil fuels, which has made economic development difficult in some areas. However, nearly every town has access to sunlight, wind, and the geothermal power from the Earth, so harnessing these sources of renewable energy could be a great democratizing force, offering affordable and plentiful power to every corner of the globe.

Prices for fossil fuels are skyrocketing as existing stockpiles are consumed, which is leading companies to use more expensive and hazardous extraction processes to recover these limited resources.

In a 'special section' added to the report, the central bank says that the energy availability in the country has been on the slippery slope over the past few years.

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Turk and Chinese energy companies to work on alternative sources of energy in Pakistan



Laraib Rajput
BS38 3345

A three member delegation of the Turkish company 'Seul Energy' has met the Chief Minister of Punjab, Shahbaz Sharif. During the meeting a detailed discussion took place on energy production, alternative sources and specially the solar energy projects – ARY News reports. On this occasion, Shahbaz Sharif said that Pakistan has wide opportunities of energy production from hydel, thermal, solar and other alternative sources. He told that the companies investing in solar projects here are being provided all possi-

ble assistance. The Turk delegation told that both the countries have cordial terms and economic cooperation, whilst Seul Energy Company is interested in solar projects in Punjab. Meanwhile, the Chief Minister also met the representatives of a Chinese company and the meeting reviewed the possibilities of the construction hydel and other power projects in Pakistan. CM Shahbaz Sharif told the Chinese delegates that the Government of Pakistan is taking all the necessary measures to cope with the energy crisis here and it is striving to utilize all the resources including coal and solar energy, for this purpose.

Courtesy: ARY News

King of fruits: Mango exporter sees 15% growth this season



Tayyab Ghani
BS35 3064

With the next season starting in May, the country is likely to boost its mango exports by 15% and add two new markets this year, according to Babar Khan Durrani, CEO of Pakistan Horti Fresh Processing (Private) Limited – a joint venture between Durrani Associates and Government of Pakistan. "We are working on adding New Zealand and South Africa to our list of exports this year," Durrani said in an interview with The Express Tribune. "Most likely, we'll have good news in this regard," he said. Bullish on expanding exports to new markets, Durrani Associates has invested heavily in fruit processing technology. In 2012, it established a hot water treatment (HWT) plant in a joint venture with the government for post-harvest treatment and processing of fruits and vegetables.



The company continues to invest in technology. It has recently imported a fruit processing plant from the Netherlands for Rs200 million, which is in addition to the two plants it is operating out of Karachi. The third plant will raise combined processing capacity from the current 25 tons per hour to about 37 tons per hour.

This investment can be recovered in about five years, Durrani had said in a previous interview with The Express Tribune. His optimism seems to be justified as the technological advancement has already helped the company tap more markets.

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Pakistan to be made journalist-friendly country

Sehar Nadeem
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Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has said that he wants to make Pakistan a journalist friendly country, ARY News reports on Wednesday.

Nawaz Sharif met with Mrs. Kati Holbrooke in Islamabad. In the meeting, Nawaz Sharif announced that a special commission will be made for the protection and welfare of journalists in Pakistan. He



added that he wants to make Pakistan a friendly country for journalists where national and foreign media persons are given complete protection. The Premier, while speaking

Courtesy: Express Tribune

Youth Loan programme: easy loans worth Rs3.7 billion

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Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif on Friday offered to provide easy loans worth Rs 3.7 billion to help empower the country's youth.

In the past, Premier Nawaz said, only influential businesspersons were eligible for bank loans. Almost 70% of the country's population did not have access to loans, he told the first balloting ceremony of the Business Youth Loan Scheme at Islamabad's Convention Centre.

"It is the youth that will lead the nation by playing their role in strengthening the economy," Nawaz said adding that young entrepreneurs would not only be working in different sectors but would also help generate jobs for others.

Around 38,000 applications, including 28,000 from Punjab, 600 from Islamabad Capital Territory, 3,500 from Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa, 100 from Gilgit-Baltistan, 1,000 from Balochistan, 500 from Azad Kashmir and 3,000 from Sindh have been received under the youth loan programme, a statement released from the prime minister's office stated.

Out of the total 6,127 were approved for balloting, of which 5,399 would be given loans.

In his speech, Nawaz said that the applicants were selected on the basis of the provincial quota. Some 100,000 loans are to be offered every year.

Speaking on the country's economy, he maintained that the country's GDP showed a growth of five per cent during the first quarter of the current fiscal year, 17 per cent increase in taxes while the industrial growth was recorded 6.6 per cent until December 2013.

"Nothing was being done for the uplift of country in the past and that is why the people have been suffering due to long hours of load-shedding," Nawaz said. He added that resolving the energy crisis was the country's priority and since the government has assumed power, loadshedding hours have been cut down.

He said there was still a shortfall of 7,000 MW and the government would not only reduce this gap but would produce 20,000 to 25,000 MW of electricity.

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Determination to bring change-Anti polio drive

Saad Saeed
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The anti-polio drive is underway in certain constituencies of the provincial capitals of Sindh and Khyber Pakhtonkhwa amid high security. The drive is going on in 24 union councils of Karachi



covering areas of Gadap, Manghopir, Baldia, SITE, Orangi and Gulshan-e-Iqbal. Ban on motorbike riding is also in place in the aforementioned UCs. The anti-polio

drive will continued till 6pm. Similarly, a campaign titled, 'Sehat ka Insaaf' is also underway in Peshwar, with a ban on motorbike riding till 5pm. The vaccination of polio along with nine other diseases is being given to children in the KP's capital. It is the sixth phase of 'Sehat Ka Insaaf' campaign in Peshwar. Section 144 has already been imposed in the provincial capital. This is an example of how Pakistan faces crisis with bravery. Several national and international agencies attempted to put a stop to the anti-polio drive and to sabotage the progress yet, Pakistani's and the government were determined to ensure that those forces don't succeed in their diabolical schemes.

Courtesy: ARY News

Friendly ties-Bahrain, Pakistan seek political solution to Syria's issue

Sehar Nadeem
BS41 3607

The Foreign Minister of Bahrain, Sheikh Khalid bin Ahmed has said that Pakistan is such a state, which wants to keep a balanced relationship with all the countries. He told that we want a political solution to Syria's issue and Pakistan also wants the same – ARY News reports. Addressing a joint press conference along with Pakistan's Federal Minister of Communications, Kamal Ahmed, the Foreign Minister of Bahrain stated that Bahrain has certain reservations over Iran for interfering in its internal matters. He told that Pakistan and Bahrain are cooperating with each other in defence field and Pakistan is a state that wants to maintain balanced terms with all



the countries. Sheikh Khalid bin Ahmed said that Syria has witnessed enough blood-bathing; both Pakistan and Bahrain seek a political solution to the Syrian conflict. He told that Pak-Bahrain bilateral ties are stretched over decades and Bahrain attaches great importance to its economic, trade, political and brotherly relations with Pakistan. Moreover, Sheikh Khalid bin Ahmed said that the recent visit of the Prince of Bahrain to Pakistan is a major success in this regard.

Courtesy: ARY News

French ambassador awards National Order of Merit to Major General Rahmat Khan

Laraib Rajput
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Islamabad: His Excellency Philippe Thiébaud, the Ambassador of France in Pakistan hosted a reception at his residence on the occasion of the award of the National Order of Merit to Major General Rahmat Khan, who has been the Managing Director of Lafarge Pakistan since January 2008 and non executive Chairman of Board of Directors of Lafarge Pakistan since January 2013.

The National Order of Merit is an order of the State awarded by the President of the French Republic, which was founded in 1963 by President Charles de Gaulle to reward French and foreign nationals for distinguished achievements.

Major General Rahmat Khan has had a first career in the Pakistan Army until he retired

in 2002. He then took the reins of the Fauji Cement Company Limited from 2002 to 2005 before becoming the Deputy Managing Director of the Pakistan Cement Company (ORASCOM) which was acquired by the Lafarge group.

The Lafarge group specializes in innovative and world class construction solutions and contributes to building better cities in 62 countries, with the help of 64000 employees.

It develops value added products and construction systems to meet some of the greatest challenges of urbanization. The company has also initiated research and development activities and collaborations with engineering departments of universities to develop solutions likely to address Pakistan market needs such as low cost, low-income housing and concrete roads.



Lafarge Pakistan, a subsidiary of the Lafarge Group, is the first and only multinational cement manufacturer in Pakistan. Lafarge Pakistan owns and manages a state-of-the-art plant located at Kallar Kahar, District Chakwal, in the province of Punjab.

Non Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors of Lafarge Pakistan since January 2013, Major General Rahmat Khan has rendered significant services to the cement industry in Pakistan as well as to the Lafarge Group. Today, Lafarge is a leader in Health & Safety amongst the companies oper-

ating in the cement sector of Pakistan.

Deeply committed to developing and strengthening trade and business ties between Pakistan and France, Major General Rahmat Khan has been for many years the promoter of a positive image for French companies in Pakistan, notably through the Pakistan-France business alliance.

Because of his efforts and his dynamism to promote French business interests in Pakistan, he has been awarded the National Order of Merit, with the rank of Officer..

Courtesy: Dawn



6th LADIESFUND Women's Awards

Saad Saeed
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Hosted by Dawood Global Foundation, the 6th LADIES-FUND Women's Awards for Pakistan 2014 ceremony was held at The Mohatta Palace Museum, Karachi, with 400 of the most influential women in Pakistan in attendance.

Chief guests were the Sindh Women Development Minister Rubina S Qaimkhani as well as the two Lifetime Achievement Award winners Dr Nafis Sadik (UNAIDS) and Souriya Anwar (SOS Children's Villages). The event began with a surprise Indonesian cultural dance of welcome, arranged by the Consulate General of the Republic of Indonesia in Karachi.

Key winners included the awarding of the Khushhalibank Idol Award to Anita Zafar and Akbari Juman, who were murdered recently while trying to administer polio vaccines. Their spouses and children accepted the awards in heartfelt and tearful moment.

The People's Choice winners included Samina Baig who was Pakistan Woman of the Year, Angie Marshall who was Momentum Award winner and Khalida Brohi who was the Trailblazer Award winner. Voting was done through CityFM89, 22-FOUR, textually and the Dawood Global Foundation and LADIES-FUND sites. All winners received a plaque, a LADIESFUND membership card, an Artel by Bina Ali piece of jewellery, a silver



piece by Uzma Javeri, a U&I by Aneesa Unus luxury clutch, a gift basket from Cosmo Group and a bouquet of flowers from Zerritta Flowers. In addition, all People's Choice Winners received a Tapulicious by Tapu Javeri coffee table book.

Honoured posthumously with LADIESFUND® Awards of Courage were Parveen Rehman and Zahra Shahid Hussain, with emotional acceptances on the part of their families.

Special commendations were presented to incredible women in fashion (Deena Rehman, Shamsha Hashwani and Nadia Elahi), Medicine (Dr Rufina Soomro, Dr Shaista Khan and Dr Tasneem Ahsan), Art (Seema Nusrat, Raania Durrani and Sumbul Khan) and performance (Sanam Saeed). Jury members included Amin Gulgee, Tapu Javeri, Zahir Rahimtoola and Dr Fadielah Sohail.

Courtesy: The Nation

Warm Welcome

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Renowned Indian actor Om Puri returned to India after spending one week in Pakistan. Prior to his departure, Puri expressed his desire of a cricketing series between the South Asian neighbours. The Indian actor said upon his return he will advocate for a Pakistan-India cricket series.

Om Puri who arrived in Pakistan on March 11 spoke of the love he received during his trip. He said Lahore had made a permanent place in his heart.

Puri also said that the security forces of both countries should refrain from adopting an aggressive attitude during the parade and Wagah border.

Veteran Indian actor Om Puri urged to strengthen the bond between Pakistan and India asking leaders to play their role in bringing the two countries closer to each other, ARY News reported. Om Puri



said that Pakistanis exported love, which he will be taking along with him back to India and will distribute this to the people and leaders of his country. Om Puri met President of Pakistan Muslim League-Quaid (PML-Q) Chaudhry Shujaat Hussain and former vice president Perviaz Elahi on Sunday in Lahore. Both praised Puri's diplomacy and feelings for Pakistan. Speaking about Indian politics to media at press Club, Lahore the actor said although there are some objections over Narendra Modi and Rahul Gandhi but suspension of religious conflicts for the last 15 years is a good sign. He said that Lahore is the hub of art which is the reason that despite visiting various countries. He agreed to work in Pakistani films if get offer of any good role.

Courtesy: The News

Ali Zafar receives praise for his work

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Pakistani actor-singer Ali Zafar has said that Pakistani people realised that it is possible to get success in India by showing good work.



According to Indian media, Ali Zafar has said that "I think when my first film became a hit, people in Pakistan realised that it is possible to make it big in India." "There is a misconception that every woman wears a 'hijab' and every man keeps a beard in Pakistan. I always think

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The chief minister was given a standing ovation when he reached the stadium. A display of fireworks was also arranged while the players also presented march past. An Indian contingent of players especially participated in the ceremony.

Punjab Minister for Education and Sports Rana Mashhood, members of the national and provincial assemblies and people from various walks of life were present.

Earlier, a 70-member sports contingent from Indian Punjab reached Lahore via Wagah to take part in the youth festival. Talking to reporters, Bhopinder Singh, head of the delegation, said his players could beat Pakistani players in all sports, however, their first priority was to win hearts of the people.

Mr Singh said the way his delegation was accorded a warm welcome had proved the hospitality of Pakistani Punjab. He said the medium

of sports always promoted love and he expressed hope the visit would help the people of across the border to forget bitter memories.

Punjab Assembly member Madeeha Rana, who welcomed the Indian players, said that Pakistani Punjab had sent a kabaddi team to India last year and now they had come here. Madeeha further said that such kind of bilateral sports activities would help promote friendship between the two countries.

Sundeep Singh, a member of the Indian Punjab's kabaddi team, said he was happy as it was his first visit to Pakistan. He also said the sports ties could prove vital to bring the two countries closer.

Anwar Rani, a member of the visiting women kabaddi team, said she was expecting a very tough competition against Pakistani rivals. The Indo-Pak Punjab Games started from March 3.

Courtesy: Dawn

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The prime minister said work on Karachi-Lahore Motorway would soon commence whereas Lahore-Multan, Sukkur-Multan and Sukkur-Hyderabad sections would be completed.

The head of the Prime Minister's Business Youth Programme Maryam Nawaz on

the occasion said that female applicants from Punjab and Islamabad Capital Territory have been selected through balloting while all the female applications from Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa, Sindh, Balochistan, Gilgit-Baltistan and Azad Jammu and Kashmir had been approved.

Courtesy: Express Tribune.

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Saeed Ajmal and Mohammad Hafeez grabbed three wickets for 40 and two for 38 while debutant fast bowler Mohammad Talha also captured two wickets for 22.

Pakistan made one change giving international cap to fast bowler Mohammad Talha in place of Anwar Ali

while India also made one change as leg-spinner Amit Mishra replaced Stuart Binny.

Pakistan and India, both have played two matches each so far in the tournament, winning one and losing one.

Courtesy: Dawn

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Dawn.They discussed the history of Dawn and its importance back then as well as today. The seminar also covered the reasons for Dawn's standing as a 'serious' and reliable newspaper. Ma'am Khursheed Hyder who was also the power behind Dawn's 'Images', shared the deep history of Dawn and its changes with the students. Mr Ali Hassan enlightened the students with the markets and sales department of a newspaper alongside giving them a new insight he also clearly explaining the 'need' for change in Dawn.

Avid Dawn readers were also invited to share their opinion on the change in Dawn. Mr Javaid Hassan an avid Dawn reader and a well known media personality came to share his view and delivered a heartfelt, interesting and humorous speech.

The children were informed of the history of Dawn. It was founded by Quaid-i-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah in Delhi, India on 26 October 1941 as a mouthpiece for the

Muslim League and the first issue was printed at Latifi Press on 12 October 1942. The newspaper has offices in Karachi (Sindh), Lahore (Punjab), and the federal capital Islamabad, as well as representatives abroad. As of 2004, it has a weekday circulation of over 138,000. The CEO of Dawn group is Hameed Haroon, and the current editor of Dawn is Zaffar Abbas. Dawn is Pakistan's oldest and most widely read English-language newspaper. One of the country's two largest English-language dailies, it is the flagship of the Dawn Group of Newspapers, published by Pakistan Herald Publications, which also owns the Herald, a magazine, the evening paper The Star and Spider, an information technology magazine.

The ceremony ended with senior journalist Abid Ali Syed distributing the shields to the speakers. All in all this was a very interesting and informative event that the students thoroughly enjoyed.

Courtesy: Dawn

Cont... from pg 3: King of Fruits: Mango exporter sees 15%

Durrani Associates has been exporting mangoes to Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, China, Iran, Jordan and the UK. However, the HWT facility has helped it enter new markets of Lebanon, South Korea, Australia and Mauritius.

Pakistan is the sixth largest producer of mangoes with a total production capacity of around 1.8 million tons a year, Durrani said. However, he said, the country exports only 8% of its production while up to 30% is wasted due to multiple reasons ranging from primitive agricultural techniques to lack of processing and storage facilities on a large scale.

With advanced technology, the country can increase its exports by meeting international standards.

Though the country has tapped many new markets, this year's focus will be on China – one of the world's largest markets that opened up for Pakistani mangoes in 2012.

"Our current exports to China are almost nothing," he said. "China's demand is about 50,000 tons while we can export up to 20,000 tons."

However, he said the government can play an important role to help exporters achieve greater penetration in the market they just entered. "The government should mobilise its diplomatic missions in Beijing to help find more buyers," he said.

Courtesy: Express Tribune.

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vative approach to a more moderate concept where women are not seen as just a household commodity.

The government departments working for protection of women rights, legislation to provide women with a more secure working environment and some 101 NGOs working in the country to voice women issues have contributed towards creating opportunities for women to contribute towards the national objectives. The first International Women's Day was observed on February 28, 1909 in the United States, following a declaration by the Socialist Party of America. Among other relevant historic events, it came to commemorate the 1911 Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire.

The idea of having an international women's day was first put forward at the turn of the 20th century amid rapid industrialization and economic ex-



pansion that led to protests over working conditions.

The day is also commemorated at the United Nations level and is designated in many countries as a national holiday. When women from all the continents, with ethnic, linguistic, cultural, economic and political differences, come together to celebrate their Day, they can look back to a tradition that represents at least nine decades of struggle for equality, justice, peace and development.

International Women's Day Celebrations in Pakistan, too, have been gaining momentum for the past decade or so and we see a network of female activists and NGO's holding rallies, marches, seminars and other such activities on the day. The government too has been taking keen interest in the celebrations of the day and conducts ceremonies inviting the leading female professionals and experts to create awareness regarding the women issues.

Courtesy: Express Tribune.

Cont... from pg 2: Large scale units switch over to alternatives for energy

The bank blames it on lack of investment; stagnant supply of domestic gas; persistent inefficiencies in energy-related public sector enterprises and inadequate infrastructure for gas import. "While all economic sectors have been affected by the energy shortages, the industrial sector has been the worst hurt," the SBP concedes and observes that due to technical differences in how the energy is used (fuel types) the impact on the local industry has varied across the sectors.

The bank recalls that when power and gas outages began in FY09, a number of industries suffered production declines, except those that run primarily on coal (such as cement industry).

However, as these outages persisted, firms in the LSM sector started exploring substitutes. The report says, "While power-intensive units like steel melting, edible oil/ghee and

textile spinning opted for generators that run on high speed diesel and/or furnace oil, gas intensive-units like paper, glass and chemicals shifted to boilers that can run on coal, waste heat and biomass."

The SBP report discusses response of different industries to energy shortages. In the textile sector, spinning and weaving of fibre are electricity-intensive, whereas dyeing and finishing are gas-intensive processes.

Most large spinning units are now run on back-up diesel generators, whereas in weaving sector a large number of units in Faisalabad, use power-looms for fabric manufacturing; some medium-sized power-looms have installed diesel generators.

A number of textile processing units have installed boilers that can run on bio-fuels like cotton waste, rice husk and other waste.

The steel sector comprises melting and re-rolling units. In the steel melting process, scrap is melted by using arc furnaces to form billets.

"This process is 100 per cent electricity-intensive and cannot be substituted by any other energy source," the SBP quarterly report said and noted that facing power shortages, smaller firms located in Punjab, switched to diesel-run generators, though it increased production costs and also reduced productivity as uninterrupted power supply is required to melt steel scrap.

The fertiliser sector has no alternative but to use natural gas as the principal raw material (feedstock) in production process, the bank stated and admitted that due to inadequate supply of gas, fertiliser production had declined in the previous two years and demand-supply gap had to be bridged with imports.

Courtesy: Dawn

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Pakistan to promote the development sector in both states.

Urroj Iqbal, director of Roots Academy of Intellectual and Professional Development, conducted the cake cutting ceremony.

Roots International Schools CEO Walid Mushtaq congratulated the guests and said, "Mauritius is a sparkling crystal, a tropical island in the turquoise waters of the Indian Ocean. The contrast of beautiful colours, cultures and tastes makes the island so charming, not to forget the splashing waves surrounding the island. You will discover the true meaning of 'beauty'. In the late 1800s, Mark Twain took a voyage to Mauritius while travelling the world and used the phrase "you gather the idea that Mauritius was created first, and then heaven; and that heaven was copied after Mauritius". I congratulate all citizens of Mauritius as you celebrate the 46th year of your independence today."

The event ended with a sumptuous dinner at the beautiful hall where guests had a nice conversation with one another.

Courtesy: Express Tribune.

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that nothing is impossible", he added.

Ali Zafar had made his acting debut in Bollywood movie in 2010 with 'Tere Bin Laden', which was a hit which was followed by 'Mere Brother Ki Dulhan', 'London, Paris, New York' and 'Chashme Baddoor'. His upcoming film is 'Total Siyappa', which is a romantic comedy starring Yami Gautam in lead role. Zafar plays a Pakistani rock star who falls in love with an Indian. Total Siyappa is directed by E. Niwas while written by Neeraj Pandey. The film was released on March 7.

Courtesy: ARY News



Asia Cup Match-6: Pakistan restrict India to 245-8

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Pakistan defeated India in the 6th Asia Cup fixture played at Mirpur on Sunday. Afridi gave the ball a "Boom Boom" treatment securing a win for Pakistan.

Pakistan bowlers restricted India to 245 for eight in the fifty overs in the sixth match of the 12th Asia Cup here at the Shere Bangla National Stadium on Sunday.

Sent into bat by Pakistan captain Misbah-ul-Haq, India could not accelerate the run rate due to accurate bowling



by Pakistan spinners and pace bowlers despite three individual half-centuries.

Ambati Rayudu scored 58, Rohit Sharma made 52 and Ravindra Jadeja remained not out on 52.

Only three more batsmen – Ajinkya Rahane (23), Dinesh Karthik (23) and Shikhar Dhawan (10) - could get into the double figure.

For Pakistan, off-spinners
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Afridi goes Boom Boom in win against Bangladesh

Tayyab Ghani
BS35 3064

Pakistan defeated Bangladesh by three wickets to book their place in the final of the Asia Cup.

Bangladesh won the toss and elected to bat setting a record target of 327 for Pakistan. In response Pakistan got off to a steady start behind openers Ahmed Shahzad's century (103 off 112) and Muhammad Hafeez's 52 of 55 balls.

After Shahzad's dismissal the run rate increased and it seemed the match was no longer within the reach of Pakistan. Once again Shahid Afridi proved to be the difference maker. In a similar performance to that against India, Afridi went into 'Boom Boom' mode blasting 59 of 25 balls in an innings which included seven sixes.



Afridi opened the doors for a Pakistan win and it was Fawad Alam who ensured that there was no looking back. The left-hander hit 74 off 70 balls including a couple of late inning sixes.

Pakistan set a new record of achieving their highest chase when Umar Akmal hit the winning stroke.

Earlier, Bangladesh piled up a huge total of 326 runs for three wickets, which is their highest-ever total in an ODI innings.

Opener Anamul Haque made

100 off 132 balls with six boundaries and four sixes. This was his second century in One-day International cricket. This was also the second individual hundred by a Bangladeshi batsman in this tournament.

Among other batsmen, Imrul Kayes scored 59 from 75 balls with five fours and two sixes, Mominul Haque hit 51 off 47 balls with six fours, Mushfiqur Rahim smashed 51 off 33 balls with eight fours while Shakib Al Hasan playing for the first time in the tournament blasted an unbeaten 44 from just 16 balls with six fours and two sixes.

During the Bangladesh innings Pakistani spinner Abdur Rehman was stopped from bowling in the match when he delivered three consecutive above the wait no-balls in the 11th over.

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Pakistan beat India in Kabaddi match

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Pakistan defeated India in a Kabaddi match in the Indo-Pak Punjab Games held under the ongoing Punjab Youth Festival here in Lahore on Monday (today) whereas the Women's kabaddi team was defeated by the Indian side, ARY



News reports. Punjab Youth Festival's Indo-Pak Punjab Games kicked off in Punjab Stadium here in Lahore today. Earlier, Indian women's kabaddi team defeated Pakistan 38-15 whereas Pakistan's Men's team defeated the Indian Men's side 51-34. Hamza Shahbaz, son of Chief Minister Punjab Shahbaz Sharif, was the chief guest on the occasion. He said that Pakistan – India friendship should be promoted and congratulated the nation on Pakistan's thrilling victory over India in the Asia Cup yesterday. Large number of spectators had gathered to watch the kabaddi match between the two teams. They cheered the teams through out the match.

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