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Govt to finally provide gas to all districts of Balochistan



Ujala Nadeem
BS47 5275

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif on Monday issued directives

to ensure provision of gas to all remaining districts of Balochistan from the SSGC.

While gas was discovered and exploited in Sui region of Balochistan in 1955, its supply to all areas of Balochistan could not be ensured.

According to a press release issued on Monday, Prime Minister Nawaz issued special directives to provide gas to all such districts of Balochistan where there was no supply.



Minister of State for Petroleum and Natural Resources Jam Kamal said that gas would be provided by the Sui Southern Gas Company Limited (SSGCL). SSGCL has already prepared the required feasibility reports and estimations and floated tenders so that procedural recommendations could be sought.

The minister of state for Petroleum and Natural

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Tameer-i-School Programme extended to entire KP



Faisal Paliji
BS47 5206

The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government has extended

the Tameer-i-School Programme (TSP) to the entire province following encouraging participation of philanthropists in its pilot stage to ensure availability of missing facilities in government schools in five districts, according to officials.

Under the programme, which was launched three months ago, the philanthropists, well-to-do families and donor agencies take responsibility for providing missing facilities in government schools of their



choice.

The programme, earlier launched as pilot project in five districts, including Peshawar, Dera Ismail Khan, Nowshera, Mardan and Abbottabad, has now been extended to the entire province, deputy director Elementary Education Foundation (EEF) Hameedullah Shah told Dawn.

As pilot project launched in five districts about 122 schools

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'Breakthrough' in albinism genes research



Hajra Shahid
BS47 5201

Researchers working on families curtailing genetic diseases, particularly albinism, have identified a novel locus and 11 novel mutations (permanent change in the sequence of DNA) in already reported four albinism genes that will help them diagnose albinism in Pakistani population and develop its therapy.



The principal investigators include Dr Rehan Sadiq Sheikh, associate professor at the Institute of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology of Bahauddin Zakariya University, and Dr Zubair Ahmad from the Cincinnati Children Hospital, Ohio, US, while Prof Dr Muhammad Ali and two PhD students of Dr Sheikh are co-principal investigators in the research.

Dr Sheikh told Dawn that lustrous white skin is the result of lack of pigment from the skin resulting into a congenital disorder called albinism with an incidence rate of approximately one out of 20,000 worldwide.

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Polio-free Pakistan: Officials confident virus can be eradicated by 2018



Muhammad Asim
BS47 5220

Despite the fact that polio cases reported this year have surpassed last year's count of 93,

government officials are confident that the crippling disease can be eradicated from the country by 2018 through improved immunisation drives and accessibility to every child.

Speaking to The Express Tribune, Expanded Programme on Immunisation (EPI) National Manger Dr Rana Mohammad Safdar said quality campaigns and accessibility to every child will help stop polio virus transmission in 2015 and achieve



the status of a polio-free Pakistan by 2018.

This year, 94 polio cases have been reported from the country which is not a good sign, he said. "But the movement of internally displaced persons (IDPs) from North Waziristan Agency (NWA) due to the ongoing military operation provides us an opportunity to vaccinate those 300,000 children who have remained inaccessible since 2012." There

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EDITOR'S NOTE

A good leader is a person who takes a little more than his share of the blame and a little less than his share of the credit.
 ~ John C. Maxwell

We are all impacted by leadership; we all have the opportunity to take the lead; hence, we all need leadership and an understanding of this complex social phenomenon. Leadership speaks to a ubiquitous, identifiable set of human activities that support and assist, particularly in relation to change. I suppose that leadership at one time meant muscle; but today it means getting along with people. A good leader should have the vision and conviction that a dream can be achieved. He inspires the power and energy to get it done. A leader is best when people barely know he exists, when his work is done, his aim fulfilled, they will say: we did it ourselves.

This month many leaders stepped up, and many common people became leaders in the march of development. Gas will finally be provided to all areas of Balochistan, schooling was improved in KP, Art shows were held and the media industry boomed and blossomed.

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Divided we rise?: After health, government to bifurcate education dept



Asfar Hussain
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The Sindh government has decided to bifurcate the education department to improve the quality of its services, The Express Tribune has learnt. This move comes after a similar step was taken in the health department as well. Both these decisions have, however, yet to be implemented.

Senior minister for education Nisar Ahmed Khuhro has also said there are no differences between the Pakistan Peoples Party and the Muttahida Qaumi Movement on the bifurcation of functions in the health and education departments, adding that the decision is being taken in order to improve the quality of services.

Khuhro made these remarks while speaking to the media after the training certificate and scholarship award distribution ceremony for the primary and junior school teachers organised by the Sindh Elementary Teachers Training Project on Thursday. He further said that it is being considered to bifurcate education department into a primary and a higher education department to raise the



quality of the department. He said that the universities and education boards were working under the control of the Sindh Chief Minister while the technical education was being managed by the Sindh Technical and Educational Vocational Training Authority.

Earlier, while addressing the ceremony, the minister urged international donor agencies and philanthropists to help the education department train 40,000 teachers of schools in Sindh in order to raise the quality of education in the province. He also appreciated the role of the Canadian government for helping improve the quality of elementary schooling by providing assistance in capacity-building for the teachers.

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PTCL CharJi EVO Cloud 36Mbps



Ayesha Gull
 BS41 3678

Ptcl is Poineer in introducing internet speed and internet technology now the breaking news from PTCL is that they are introducing CharJi EVO Cloud which will be wireless connection like evo 3g but with 36Mbps speed.



Pakistan Telecommunication Company Limited (PTCL) is the first telecommunication company of Pakistan. Pakistan Telecommunication Company Limited (PTCL) is a mega corporation of Pakistan.

It one of the Leading telecommunication authority in Pakistan, which manages around ~2000 telephone exchanges across the country. It is with no second

option the largest fixed line network. It is also known by best internet service provider. Other services are GSM, CDMA, Broadband Internet and IPTV. It's a semi govt company as 62% shares are with the govt 26% shares was sold to Etisalat Telecommunication and remaining 12% is with general public.

Pakistan Telecommunication Company Limited is working on their new project named CharJi EVO in which they will provide their customer 36Mbps internet connection speed. Pakistan Telecommunication Company Limited revealed that this project is in live testing phase and this testing phase is in final stages after the successful completion of this testing phase this project will be ready to launch for their customers.

As we know that all mobile companies are launching their 3G and 4G services now is the time for PTCL to do something for their survival in the fast internet era which is started in Pakistan.

Courtesy: acom.pk

Sindh to provide all-out support to IDPs



Sehar Nadeem
BS41 3607

Sindh Chief Minister Syed Qaim Ali Shah said on Saturday

that his government would provide all-out support to people displaced by mili-



tary operation in North Waziristan.

Talking to media personnel here at the airport, the chief minister said the Sindh government had contributed financially in relief work being carried out for the internally

displaced persons (IDPs) by the federal and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa governments and the Pakistan Army.

He paid tribute to the army personnel and said they were offering great sacrifices for the elimination of terrorism from the country.

The chief minister said the security situation in Sindh was improving and that the performance of police and Rangers in this regard was satisfactory. He said instead of demanding funds from the centre the provincial government was asking it to provide modern weapons to the police.

Commissioner of Sukkur Mohammad Abbas Baloch,
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Month-long Independence Day gala planned

Ujala Nadeem
BS47 5275

This year's Independence Day celebrations will be a month-long festive event – including a midnight military parade – that will kick off in August, Railways Minister Khawaja Saad Rafique said.

Mr Rafique, who also heads a special cabinet committee tasked with planning this year's independence day, said at a press conference that ceremonies would begin with special prayers on Friday (August 1).

The government seems to be pulling out all the stops in trying to divert attention away from Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf's long march, which is also expected to arrive in Islamabad on August 14. But Mr Rafique refused to acknowledge that the grandiose preparations were, in fact, a response to the PTI's plans. Earlier, the information minister had announced two



weeks of celebrations, but this has now been extended to a full month, Rafique said.

"Independence Day does not belong to any one party or leader. It is the responsibility of each and every one of us; may they be in the government or opposition, regardless of our political ideologies and sects, to mark the event with full dedication. We will invite the heads of all political parties to be part of our initiative," the railway's minister said.

During the press conference, he parried questions that the decision to hold the 30-day celebrations showed panic in the government's ranks.

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Shahi Bagh to be developed into theme park



Nimra Arshad
BS40 354

The historic Shahi Bagh in Lahore, which includes sites

such as the tomb of Mughal emperor Jahangir and his wife Noor Jehan, is to be developed into major theme park.

According to a Planning Commission document, the park will showcase Mughal heritage, the area's natural beauty and modern entertainment at a cost of Rs8.3 billion.

The site for the proposed park spans nearly 878 acres along the north bank of River Ravi. Five major heritage buildings — the mausoleums of Jahangir, Noor Jahan and her brother Asif Khan, the Akbari Sarai and the bara dari of Kamran Mirza — are included in the plan. The Shahdara forest, the north bank of the Ravi and a large vacant space to the east of Jahangir's tomb will also be developed under the project.

The Punjab government is



also expected to acquire an additional 501 acres of private land for the project.

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif is taking keen interest in the project and in a recent meeting, while reviewing the Ravi Riverfront Development Project, he decided that Shahi Bagh would be developed in the first phase of that project.

The cost of the project will be shared equally between the federal and the Punjab governments.

Consequently, the Lahore Development Authority has submitted the project to the Planning Commission for approval. The Shahi Bagh project will be completed in three phases.

According to the document submitted to the Planning

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Bollywood embraces the new Khan

Hajra Shahid
BS47 5201

Fawad Afzal Khan, one of the most sought after Pakistani singer-actor, has drawn criticism for his decision to enter Bollywood, but he is unperturbed and says art is something that travels across borders.



He is making his debut in Bollywood with Khoobsurat - a remake of Hrishikesh Mukherjee's 1980 hit of the same name, opposite Sonam Kapoor. But even before the film's release, Fawad has earned a huge fan following, thanks to his show Zindagi Gulzar Hai, which was aired on Zindagi channel.

When asked about his reaction on the criticism, he said: "The people you are talking about are very few. There will be people who will criticise. They are entitled to their opinion. Even if someone from India goes to work there, someone or the other will make noise."

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Fund-raising match: Schools 'asked' to purchase tickets

Ayesha Gull
BS41 3678

Administration has asked the government as well as the private schools in Rawalpindi division to buy tickets for a cricket match to raise funds for the internally displaced persons (IDP).

The fundraiser is scheduled between Shahid Afridi-XI and Hamza Shahbaz-XI at the Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium on Friday.

The administration has tasked the executive district officers (EDO), chairman Rawalpindi Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (BISE) and assistant commissioners (AC) to sell the match tickets.

All Pakistan Private School Management (APPSM) President Ibraar Ahmad Khan told The Express Tribune that the administration has given about 1,000 tickets to EDOs in Rawalpindi division and chairman BISE to sell them on to private schools.

He said that the private schools have been directed

to buy tickets of at least Rs5000 each while every private college will have to buy tickets of Rs10,000. The education department has directed its staff to collect money from the all the private schools in Rawalpindi, Jhelum, Attock and Chakwal districts.



The APPSM also raised the issue in a meeting with Punjab Secretary Schools Abdul Jabbar Shaheen but in vain. "We are being forced to give the money. This is an unjust behavior on part of the administration and the education department," he added. In addition to match tickets, lecturers and professors of the government colleges have been told to donate money for the IDPs.

A lecturer of a government college, who did not want to
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Malik Riaz donates Rs100 million for IDPs

Sehar Nadeem
BS41 3607

Malik Riaz, along with other philanthropists, industrialists, traders and assembly members met Punjab Chief Minister Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif to donate cheques worth Rs160 million towards the Chief Minister's Relief Fund for internally displaced persons.

Philanthropists from Lahore gave cheques worth Rs3.5 million. Industrialists presented cheques worth Rs1.35 million for Chief Minister's Relief Fund which include Rs2.5 million by Guard Group, Rs2.5 million by SK Brothers, Rs3 million by Master Paint and Rs2.5 million by Packages.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif said that a large number of philanthropists are donating funds for IDPs in response to his appeal.

He added that every amount that is donated towards the Chief Minister's Relief Fund will be spent in a transparent manner. He said that this goodwill gesture for displaced

people is highly commendable and they are earning the blessings of Almighty Allah by helping IDPs.

The chief minister said that the people of North Waziristan – who have been displaced due to a military offensive to combat militancy – have shown themselves to be great Pakistanis by virtue of their courage and fortitude. Shahbaz said that those forced to migrate are currently facing problems and difficulties for the sake of peace in Pakistan. He said that helping affected families in their hour of distress is the moral obligation of a responsible citizen.

He pledged that the Punjab government will spare no effort in providing assistance to displaced people and ensure their rehabilitation. Shahbaz asserted that the Punjab government will not rest until the complete rehabilitation of affected families to their houses.

The chief minister said that relief items worth crores of rupees have been sent to Bannu from Punjab.

Courtesy: Express Tribune

A friendly Match Pakistan footballers rooting for India series

Muhammad Asim
BS47 5220

Pakistan midfielder Saddam Hussain said he is looking forward to the team's clash against their archrivals next month in India.

The series will see two matches on August 16 and August 21,

"Despite the rest period from the national camp, it is mandatory for every player to keep practicing," Hussain told,

"Having a break from the

camp doesn't mean it's a holiday.

"The national camp will resume in August, but I need to be confident that I'm 100% ready to take on the challenge. India is a tough side on their home ground.

"I just want to make sure that I've done everything so that I can play my best for the team. Hussain added that given the two sides' traditional rivalry, the national team will go the extra mile while playing against India.

Pakistan last faced India in the

South Asian Football Federation Championship in Nepal last year, where they lost 1-0. Hussain emphasised that football is about investing time in understanding the game and practicing.

"If players don't keep their fitness in check during the month-long break from the camp, it can spell disaster. I practice in the field for two hours before Iftar and train in the gym for another one-and-a-half-hour afterwards."

He added that he will be excited to play with FC Dordoi duo Kaleemullah and



Mohammad Adil again.

"We have a young side, the oldest player is 24 years old. Coach Mohamed Shamlan is trying his best to get us ready in time."

Teenager Mansoor Khan, who will be playing against India for
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Art show: Jazzing up with colourful accessories

Nimra Arshad
BS40 3541

A diverse collection of ethnic and contemporary handicrafts were up on display at the Nomad Gallery. Some new additions to the gallery's crafts sections included hand-embroidered products by Polly & Me's "Piece of Cake" collection such as wall hangings, tippy-toe shoes in green, ruby, tangerine, jet black and hot pink. The ethnic products of the localised brand showcase the workmanship of women in Chitral.

Fashion designer Mahin Husain has presented some new cushions from her series of bright neon home accessories and select apparel pieces. Handmade jewellery and fabric including silk



ajraks are also up on display, besides an added variety of ceramics, textiles and truck art.

Nageen Hyat, the gallery owner, said that with time, more and more people have become aware of the country's dying arts and they take pride in supporting them. "In the private sector, we are the only ones to be supporting such indigenous crafts. We also have the 'Wandering Silk' peace project with India," she added.

Courtesy: Dawn

Sanam Saeed is overwhelmed

Ujala Nadeem
BS47 5275

According to Indian media reports, the 29-year-old is ecstatic and "grateful" that Zindagi Gulzar Hai has turned out to be the "first drama to have broken the ice across the borders in current times".

In an interview with IANS, she said, "India uses Bollywood, rather cinema, to tell its stories. It is one of the largest filmmaking nations in the world and so your talents get to tell stories about politics, love and drama through films. In Pakistan, our medium is the small screen."

"We don't make many films, and hardly have theatres. A majority of people seek entertainment while sitting at home



and TV gives it to them, so we excel on that part," Sanam said, stressing that since the command over language and gift of the gab are "strong", and that Pakistan has some prolific writers.

Regarding India and Pakistan, Sanam said they are not very different. "I don't understand why we are considered different. We were one nation. We are not different. In fact, there is so much similarity between us culturally, in terms of food, clothes, family, bonds and language. So, I

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Zindagi Gulzar Hai: Pakistani drama serials win hearts in India

Muhammad Asim
BS47 5220

As the clever saying goes, if you've got it, flaunt it – and our Pakistani drama serials are doing exactly that across the border.

With the launch of Zee Network's Zindagi TV channel last month, Indians are being treated to the best of new-age Pakistani TV dramas on offer. Hum TV's booming success Zindagi Gulzar Hai. On-screen couple Kashaf (Sanam Saeed) and Zaroun (Fawwad Khan) were the subjects of adoration and amazement, as fans tweeted their respect with no praise barred.

With its tagline 'Jodey Dilon Ko', Zindagi TV is fast becoming a platform radiating Pakistani art and culture to a receptive Indian audience.



A report published by Caravan Daily said, TV shows on Zee's Zindagi channel were shattering misconceptions and stereotypes about Pakistan and Pakistani society. Another report in India.com listed seven reasons why Zindagi Gulzar Hai was a smashing hit, listing suave Fawad Khan and brilliant Sanam Saeed as top reasons.

The Caravan Daily also quoted an Indian filmmaker Kunal Kohli as saying that the technical side of Pakistani soaps is superior. "Must say the quality of shooting [and] writing of the shows on Zindagi is [very] refreshing."

Courtesy: Dawn

Learning from the best: Nomad workshop helps filmmakers hone their skills

Hajra Shahid
BS47 5201

Geared towards fostering aspiring documentary filmmakers and giving a vent to their ideas, a video production workshop has been going at the Nomad Gallery.

Nageen Hyat, owner of the gallery, who has herself has made independent documentaries on culture, said the course was designed to equip students with both technical and creative aspects of video production to create quality content.

"It is crucial to have proper training before one ventures out to make a documentary, which is unfortunately lacking



in most of the television programmes one comes across on the over 100 channels," she added.

Spearheaded by the National College of the Arts retired principal and veteran photographer Nsir Malik, the course guides amateur filmmakers through the aesthetics and techniques of telling non-fiction stories through the video production process.

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Mr Rafique said a military parade and an aerial fly-by will be held on the eve of August 14. The defence ministry is already in touch with the Capital Development Authority (CDA) and other departments concerned and are working to put this celebration together. The following morning, i.e. August 14, a traditional flag-hoisting ceremony will be held, either at the Presidency or at the Convention Centre, he said.

All four provincial chief ministers and the governments of Azad Jammu and Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan would be formally invited to the event.

When asked why the government was looking to fund such exorbitant celebrations at a time when every single rupee that could be mustered was going to the rehabilitation of those displaced from

North Waziristan, the minister said the corporate sector had been asked to come forward and help the government.

The minister also said parliamentarians from across party lines would pay their respects at martyrs' graves across Pakistan and visit their grieving families.

Citizens will be encouraged to hoist the national flag at their residences and businesses and fix it to their vehicles to join the celebrations.

Moreover, the government will run an 'Azadi Train', which will feature artistic work. The train will cover 4000kms from August 11 up to September.

Top government functionaries, including foreign diplomats, will be invited to undertake a journey on this special train, he said.

Courtesy: Dawn

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Furthermore, it engages them in lectures, readings, screenings, discussions, hands-on equipment exercises and the making of short video productions. "There is a lot of research, discussion and critique in the class," Hyat added.

The eight-week course is currently in its final phases, with students working on post-production of their documentary projects. Some of the themes for the documentaries are culture, life on the streets, Buddhism, Sufism as well as old monuments and shrines.

Maira Azhar, who is a development professional, took up the course because she was

interested in the documentary-making process. "It has been an interesting experience and I hope I can learn to record footage for the various projects I'm working on as part of my job," she said, adding that owing to the rigorous course, an extended timeline would have been better.

The next round of video production will begin in first week of September. Other media courses at the gallery include photography, acting and scriptwriting from among over 10 vocational training courses and workshops for community and mainstream students.

Courtesy: Express Tribune

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However, Flower added that even though Pakistan possesses a talented lot, the players' potential was not being utilised to the fullest so far, a flaw that needs to be worked on.

Courtesy: Express Tribune

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tournament, Sialkot Stallions and Faisalabad Wolves had participated in the tournament, but neither of them was able to make it to the main round, having crashed out in the qualifiers.

Courtesy: Express Tribune

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He said albinism could also cause vision problems and that the disease could also be found in animals and plants. He said that no epidemiological study for albinism had been conducted in Pakistan while variation in skin, hair and iris (a thin, circular structure in the eye) colour is remarkable and visible character in different human populations.

"Skin pigmentation is an extremely multifarious human feature ranging from white or pink to tan, dark brown or black," he said.

He said albinism was an inherited disease and family history was the only known risk factor of the disorder. In the case of recessive albinism, if one of the parents is a carrier, there is a 50 per

cent chance of inheriting one defective gene in each child.

He said his team had identified 17 pathogenic mutations, in four albinism genes including TYR (OCA1), OCA2, TYRP1 and SLC45A2 out of which 11 mutations are novel that are causing albinism in 30 families in southern Punjab.

"For the first time in Pakistani population, three novel mutations are identified in TYR gene (OCA1), four in OCA2, one in TYRP1 and three in SLC45A2," he said.

He said they had also identified a novel locus/gene OCA5 causing albinism in a family, while cause of almost 20 enrolled families was under investigation," he said.

Courtesy: Dawn

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"Art is something that travels across all borders. Art knows no culture and creed. As an actor, I would like to explore myself. I do feel bad, but I choose to ignore criticism. I think to pay attention to it is unnecessary," he said.

Charming as ever, he wowed everyone when he sang the title song of his show Zindagi Gulzar Hai at the event.

At the trailer launch, all eyes were anxiously waiting to catch a glimpse of Fawad, the man who has made Indian girls swoon after with

Zindagi Gulzar Hai, reported businessofcinema.com. The show gained immense popularity and Fawad aka Zarun Junaid has become a heart-throb. During the press conference, the females seated threw almost all their questions at him and a very humble and visibly blushing Fawad just kept thanking people for all the love. While all this was on, Sonam kept interjecting by giving statements, "Didn't I tell you girls here just love you!" or "He is so hot...and his Hindi is amazing."

Courtesy: Express tribune

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For an across-the-board qualitative training at the provincial education department that comprises 150,000 school teachers – out of which 99,000 were employed at the primary level – Khuhro said that the endeavour requiring huge investments seems impossible to realise without financial help from donor agencies.

The Canadian counsellor for

development, David Fornier, said that Canada is supporting Pakistan primarily in three domains, including stable economical development, advancement of democracy, and investment in education and health sectors. "The Canadian \$132 million loan to Pakistan that was later converted into a grant is evidence of our resolve," said Fornier.

Courtesy: Express Tribune

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were selected for provision of facilities such as construction of additional classrooms, boundary wall, computer labs, washrooms, water supply schemes, etc.

Estimated cost of providing basic facilities in these 122 schools was Rs31 million, he said, adding that the philanthropists and donors had so far provided Rs15 million in three months. Construction work is underway on the designated facilities at a fast pace, he said.

Mr Shah said that monitoring system had been put in place to record the progress on construction of missing facilities and the funds spent.

He said that android phone sets had been given to the secretaries and chairmen of the PTCs of the respective schools for taking pictures of the under-construction facilities and ensuring regular correspondence of the PTC members and EEF.

Courtesy :Dawn

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the first time as a part of the national side, said that he is also training in Mardan.

"I'm putting extra effort during the break, because it's India. It's a different state of mind altogether," said Mansoor.

Meanwhile, Pakistan Football Federation Secretary Ahmed Yar Khan Lodhi said that the national camp for the series will begin on August 5 in Lahore.

Courtesy: Express Tribune

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have never been under the impression that we [India and Pakistan] are different. Nevertheless, I'm glad that the shows are having a positive impact on people in India – it's the same effect that they had on people here [in Pakistan]," she said.

Courtesy: Dawn

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Resources is has been tasked to follow progress of the process.

Courtesy: Express Tribune

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be named, told The Express Tribune that the authorities have asked lecturers to submit Rs1,000 each while every professor will donate Rs1,500 for the IDPs. He said the teachers are being forced to contribute the money.

A female teacher of a government high school who requested not to be named said the head of her school has asked all teachers to submit Rs500 each. She said the department has given 10 tickets each to school heads to sell them on among the staff.

Punjab Educators Union Rawalpindi Chapter President Muhammad Basharat Iqbal said the teachers resisted the decision in a meeting with the DCO that the chil-

dren will not be able to buy the tickets. "Then it was decided that the teachers will buy tickets instead of the students."

The assistant commissioners have also been directed to sell the match tickets to traders as well. The Punjab Teachers Union Rawalpindi Chapter President Raja Shahid Mubarik said the administration has provided 2,000 tickets worth Rs1,000,000 to the EDO education to sell them on among the teachers.

"Tickets were given to schools according to the strength of teachers at each school. The school heads are now forcing teachers to buy the tickets," he said.

Courtesy: Express Tribune

Cont... from pg 3: Shahi Bagh to be developed into theme park

Commission, the project would aim to amalgamate cultural and modern recreational facilities, with the heritage sites showcased at one end and modern forms of entertainment to be located at the other.

The project is designed to have a virtual capacity of 20 million people. The planners forecast that attendance at the park in the first year is expected to grow at a rate of two per cent. This rate of attendance could improve drastically, however, if the security situation in Pakistan improves and foreign tourism expands.

The project envisions the restoration of heritage buildings; creation of an artificial lake; construction of a theme park, water channels with facilities for water sports; an aquarium, a cineplex, forest lodges, lake huts, dancing fountains and other attractions.

Planners expect that the project will trigger development in the region and accelerate Lahore's economic growth. The provision of state-of-the-art recreational facilities will provide much-needed relief to the populous, frustrated by terrorism and instability.

Courtesy: Dawn

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Deputy Commissioner Shahzad Tahir Thaheem, DIG Police Sukkur range Jawed Alam Odho, Deputy Commissioner of Khairpur Munawar

Ali Mithani, Political Secretary of Chief Minister Lal Bux Mangi and leaders of PPP were present on the occasion.

Courtesy: Dawn

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has been a decline in the number of polio-infected districts from 24 in 2013 to 14 this year, he added.

"The majority of polio cases have been reported from this region. If we are able to vaccinate these 300,000 children, we can control the ever-increasing number of polio cases in the country." So far, three rounds of polio supplementary immunisation activities (SIAs) have been carried out in Bannu district where IDPs are living in camps and two more are planned, he added. "They will be vaccinated twice or thrice, first at the transit points and then at the registration centres and third through SIAs."

According to World Health Organisation (WHO), 399,019 IDPs moving out from NWA have been vaccinated against polio at permanent transit posts in south Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (K-P) and the Federally Administered Tribal Areas. Out of these, 267,707

were vaccinated at key posts in Frontier Region Bannu, Hangu and Kurram.

"Our priority is not only to vaccinate all the children of IDPs against polio at the posts but also adults as they can also be carriers of the virus," said Safdar. "After vaccinating the children from inaccessible areas, the next focus will be Peshawar and Karachi."

An official in the K-P health department who wished not to be named said this year so far seven cases of polio had been reported from Peshawar alone, while they were five last year. "This clearly shows that the Sehat ka Insaf drive has not been a success and exposes the tall claims of the K-P government about combating polio," said the official. "Moreover, the majority of polio vaccinators in K-P have not been paid their salaries for the past 10 anti-polio drives due to which they are demotivated."

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Pakistan to feature in Hockey Champions Trophy

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Pakistan is among eight nations set to feature in the 35th edition of Men's Hockey Champions Trophy, to be staged in the Indian city of Bhubaneswar from December 13 to 21, according to an announcement made by the International Hockey Federation (FIH).

As per the data gathered, the Champions Trophy will now be held biannually due to the introduction of the Hockey World League. This means that the event will return to its original format which was altered after the inaugural tournament in 1978.

Alongside the host nation, the top five finishers from the tournament's previous edition and the winners of the 2012 Champions Challenge-I qualify automatically for the event.

The remaining spots were nominated by the FIH Executive



Board, making it a total of eight competing teams. If one of the teams refuses to play, its place is awarded to the next best finisher in the previous tournament.

Teams taking part in the event include defending champions Australia, runners-up the Netherlands, Pakistan (third in 2012) Belgium, Argentina (winners of 2012 Champions Challenge-I), England (nominated by FIH Executive Board), Germany (nominated by FIH Executive Board).

Pakistan is also likely to take part in the Olympic Test Hockey Tournament which will be held in Rio de Janeiro from Nov 19 to 26, 2015. The FIH will nominate the teams for the event.

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BCCI invites Pakistan for Champions League

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In a formal invitation, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has asked the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) to send its team to the lucrative Champions League T20 Tournament in September.

Although the event is likely to be played in India, the organisers are also considering the option of hosting it in the UAE, where the initial matches of

the Indian Premier League (IPL) were also played.

Lahore Lions will be representing Pakistan in the upcoming edition of the tournament after winning the domestic T20 competition.

"PCB Chief Operating Officer Subhan Ahmed has received the invitation and the board will reply to it officially after consulting chairman Najam Sethi," revealed a PCB official. "Lahore Lions will participate in the competition as they were the winners of the domestic T20 tournament." In the earlier editions of the

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Grant Flower praises Pakistan's 'flair'

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Former Zimbabwe batsman and Pakistan's new batting coach Grant Flower has praised Pakistan cricket for its 'flair', which, according to him, sets the country apart from teams like England and Zimbabwe.

Flower, along with fielding coach-cum-trainer Grant Luden, spoke to the media during the training camp for the country's series against Sri Lanka, during which he commented that the team just needed a bit of fine-tuning.

"One of the best things about



Pakistani cricket is its flair and I'll never take that away from anyone," said the 43-year-old Flower in Lahore.

"They don't play like the Englishmen or Zimbabweans, which is one of the best things about them. The national team just needs a bit of fine-tuning and consistency in its play. I rate Pakistan very highly and we all need to get cracking as it's an exciting time."

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PCB announces squad for Sri Lanka tour

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Pakistan Cricket Board Wednesday announced separate 15-member squads for next month's two Tests and three one-day internationals in Sri Lanka.

The board dropped batsman Mohammad Hafeez from the Test squad, while wicket-keeper Kamran Akmal has been dropped from both formats. Injured seamers Umar Gul and Mohammad Irfan too have been left out of the squads.

Former ODI captain Shoaib Malik was also omitted from the squads.

Underfire allrounder Afridi though was selected for the ODIs over Abdur Razzak.

Meanwhile, Shan Masood has been handed a Test cap. The first Test starts in Galle from Aug 6 while the second Test is in Colombo from Aug



14. The three one-day internationals will be in Hambantota (Aug 23), Colombo (Aug 27) and Dambulla (Aug 30).

Test squad: Misbahul Haq (captain), Ahmed Shahzad, Khurram Manzoor, Shan Masood, Azhar Ali, Younis Khan, Asad Shafiq, Umar Akmal, Sarfraz Ahmed, Saeed Ajmal, Abdul Rehman, Mohammad Talha, Junaid Khan, Rahat Ali, Wahab Riaz.

One-day squad: Misbahul Haq (captain), Ahmed Shahzad, Sharjeel Khan, Mohammad Hafeez, Younis Khan, Umar Akmal, Fawad Alam, Sohaib Maqsood, Shahid Afridi, Anwar Ali, Saeed Ajmal, Junaid Khan, Mohammad Talha, Wahab Riaz, Zulfiqar Babar.

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