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January in History

January 12, 1952:

Pakistan Industrial Development Corporation (PIDC), Headed by Founder Chairman Gbulam Faruque

January 1, 1955:

Pakistan International Airlines comes into being.

January 1, 1961:

Decimal coinage introduced in Pakistan.

January 5, 1963:

First trade agreement is signed between Pakistan and China.

January 10, 1966:

Tashkent Declaration signed between India and Pakistan.

January 30, 1972:

Pakistan snaps ties with Commonwealth on recognizing Bangladesh.

January 1, 1981:

Interest-free banking introduced.

January 3, 1981:

International Islamic University starts functioning.

January 3, 1982:

Pakistan defeats Argentina 12-3 in World Cup Hockey in Bombay.

January 15, 1983:

First three F-16 jets reach Pakistan.

January 25, 1983:

Wifaqi Mohtasib (Ombudsman) Order is promulgated. Justice Sardar Iqbal is named, WM.

January 19, 1989:

Students unions are restored in Punjab & won by ATI (Anjuman-e-Talbat-Islam).

January 12, 1992:

Lahore-Islamabad Motorway project launched.

January 15, 1994:

Pakistan Television transmission gets access to 38 countries via satellite.

January 2, 2006:

Dr. Shamsbad Akhtar assumes office of State Bank Governor having the first woman Governor of SBP

First batch of Pak Students completes Chinese language course in Beijing



The first batch of 66 students under the initiative of “Shahbaz Sharif Chinese Language Scholarship Program” has successfully completed their language course at Beijing Language and Culture University.

Addressing to the graduation ceremony held in the honor of students who rewarded CM’s Chinese Language Scholarship Program, Pakistan Ambassador in China Masood Khalid said, people to people connectivity is the crucial aspect of bilateral relation between two countries to promote culture.

“These students are useful assets for both countries and a bridge in promoting bilateral cooperation not only in education but also in the context of China Pakistan Economic corridor (CPEC)”

he added.

Talking with The News Dr Rauf-i-Azam voice chancellor of University of Education Lahore said that the language training will also help students to understand Chinese counterparts working in Pakistan.

Dr Muhammad Tahir Khan additional director university of Education Lahore shared his view point on the occasion, saying that the initiative will help to reduce communication gap between two friendly nations, adding the total 495 students were sent to China to learn the language, while the first batch of 66 students successfully conducted the training course.

Graduated student Aasma Razzaq from Jhelum appreci-

ated CM’s Punjab inactivates, sayin; “Now I’m able to find suitable job in Pakistan thanks to Shahbaz Sharif who is taking care of youngsters.”

Malik Usama Hamid from Sharaq-Pur Sharif was also optimistic to get good job in Pakistan after completing the Chinese Language.

Courtesy: The News

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Free and compulsory education is now a law



The Punjab government has finally accepted its responsibility of giving right to education to all children between 5-16 years of age in the province by promulgating The Punjab Free and Compulsory Education Ordinance 2014.

Punjab Governor Chaudhry Muhammad Sarwar promulgated on Tuesday evening the ordinance to make necessary provisions for the implementation of Article 25-A, which was inserted in the Constitution in 2010 binding the state to provide free and compulsory education to children aged 5-16 years.

Since 2010, the Punjab government was supposed to legislate and provide free and compulsory education to children.

The governor has now promulgated the ordinance as Punjab Assembly is not in session and he was satisfied with the existing circumstances making it necessary to take action.

The ordinance has repealed the Punjab Compulsory Primary Education Act 1994, and declared that all such laws be brought into conformity with the scheme and objectives of this ordinance within five years.

Courtesy:Dawn

China acknowledges Pakistan's 'outstanding contributions' to combat international terrorism

China on Tuesday threw its weight behind Pakistan and said that its key regional ally has "made outstanding contributions to the international anti-terrorism cause," countering the heavy criticism that Islamabad had copped a day earlier from US President Donald Trump.



In a clear disagreement with the American president's scathing assessment — that Pakistan has given Washington "nothing but lies and deceit" — Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson Geng Shuang said: "Pakistan has made tremendous efforts and sacrifices in combating terrorism and made outstanding contributions to the international anti-terrorism cause. The international community should fully acknowledge it."

With Pak-US relations teetering on the verge of a catastrophe, China assured that at least its own alliance with Pakistan will only keep on growing.

"China and Pakistan maintain an all-weather strategic partnership," the spokesperson said. "China is willing to further deepen its cooperation with Pakistan in all fields and further benefit the two peoples."

It was not clear if that remark was a counter-proposal to the American president's regret for having "foolishly given Pakistan more than \$33 billion in aid over the last 15 years", which has given rise to speculation that aid and reimbursements from the US may not be as forthcoming in the future. Other regional players for peace in the region.

Courtesy:Dawn

Shreya Ghoshal thanks Pakistani singer Farhan Saeed for her Best Singer award



Seems like Pakistanis will continue to slay in Bollywood! Saba Qamar's big Bollywood debut in Hindi Medium won big at the recent Filmfare Awards this

year while local singers like Atif Aslam, Rahat Fateh Ali Khan and Farhan Saeed have been lending their voices for Indian songs for years.

Courtesy: The Express Tribune

Pakistan renews pledge to work for regional peace despite US aid suspension

Pakistan has renewed its pledge to continue efforts for peace and stability in the region despite suspension of US security assistance, but cautioned against unilateral actions.

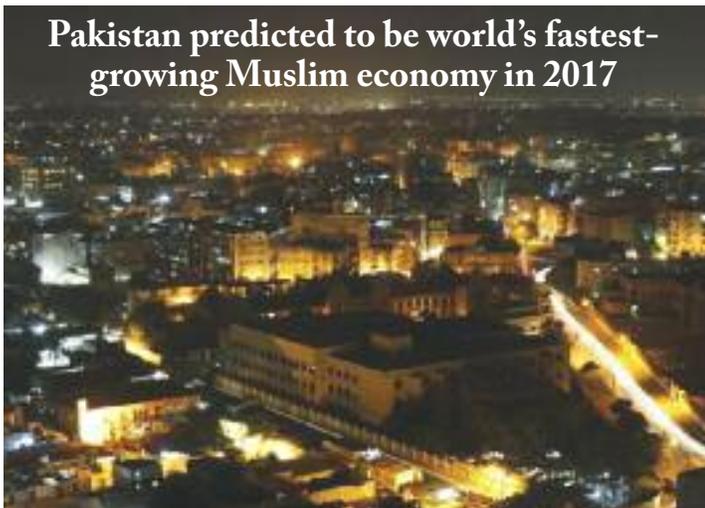
In response to the US suspension of full spectrum of security aid package for Pakistan, the Foreign Office (FO) said: "We are determined to continue to do all it takes to secure the lives of our citizens and broader stability in the region". The latest US action follows President Trump's New Year Day tweet chastising Islamabad for taking \$33 billion in

aid, but allegedly selectively acting against terrorist groups. It is believed that the US decision to suspend security assistance is the first in a series of coercive steps planned by it to force Pakistan into submission.

The deputy speaker of the assembly, Murtaza Javed Abbasi, also felicitated the nation on the advent of New Year and expressed the hope that the year would bring happiness, joy and relief from sorrows. He was confident that 2018 would prove to be an year of peace, stability and harmony in the region and beyond.

Courtesy:Dawn

Pakistan predicted to be world's fastest-growing Muslim economy in 2017



While the successful closure of IMF's programme itself was a testament that Pakistan has done well on macroeconomic stability, there are a number of other forecasts about the country's positive economic outlook. The Asian Development Bank recently raised the growth projections for 2017 to 5.2 per cent, while The Economist termed Pakistan the fastest-growing Muslim economy.

On the capital market front, the announcement of Pakistan's inclusion in Morgan Stanley's Emerging Market Index from

May 2017 has started to make waves, with the staggering growth in equity markets in recent months, with KSE-100 outperforming not only the frontier markets that Pakistan is currently a part of but also the emerging market group that the country is about to join. The news of Pakistan Stock Exchange's takeover by a Chinese consortium with Shanghai Stock Exchange and Shenzhen Stock Exchange as partners has further strengthened investor confidence.

Courtesy: The Express Tribune

Babar claims top spot in T20I rankings



Pakistan's right-handed batsman Babar Azam grabbed top spot in the ICC's rankings for batsmen in the T20I format. Azam was the most successful batsman in terms of runs scored with 109 at an average of 54.50 during the recently

concluded three-match series between the Men in Green and New Zealand and is now leading Australia's Aaron Finch (784 points) by two points.

Courtesy: The Express Tribune

National narrative on extremism finalised

A top government agency working on countering terrorism has finalised a robust national narrative on extremism, sectarianism, terrorism and militancy.



"This narrative, once approved by the government, will be the cornerstone of the country's response to non-traditional threats and to deal with extremist ideology," said National Counter Terrorism Authority (NACTA) Coordinator Ihsan Ghani.

He expressed these view while addressing a day-long conference on 'Issues of Radicalisation and Extreme Behaviour in Pakistan' which was organised by the Islamabad Policy Research Institute (IPRI).

Ghani said a draft of the narrative had been developed in consultation with academic, Ulemas and the media after an 18-month long effort. "The national narrative depicts consensus and resolve of our nation for its future progression and describes Pakistan's true values," he said.

The themes include encountering the misconstrued religious beliefs and creating interfaith harmony and tolerance; implementation of the law and establishing the writ of the state; trust

development amongst state institutions; strengthening socio-cultural values and customs; working with media; reviewing economic policies and national development; reconciliation and rehabilitation of extremists.

He also shared that the National Counter Extremism Guidelines had also been finalised and were awaiting approval of the government.

"The guidelines cover areas such as service delivery, people's engagement, education reforms, enabling environment, rehabilitation, reintegration and renunciation and also the promotion of culture," Ghani said. He apprised that the guidelines were not formed in a vacuum rather a multi-disciplinary policy-making model was followed. Both documents have been prepared along with strategies, action plan, activities, budget and operational liabilities.

Courtesy: The Express Tribune

Islamabad's newest cafe is every coffee lover's dream



Pakistan, Saudi Arabia to sign Hajj agreement tomorrow

Pakistan and Saudi Arabia will tomorrow ink a hajj agreement for 2018 featuring all terms and conditions and information regarding the holy journey for the country's pilgrims.

An official of the Ministry of Religious Affairs told The Express Tribune that Federal Minister for Religious Affairs Sardar Muhammad Yousaf had left for Saudi Arabia to sign the agreement for which a ceremony would be held on February 1.

Ministry of religious affairs postpones Hajj balloting

The official said the minister would also discuss the delay in hajj balloting with the Saudi government.

The balloting was scheduled to take place on January 26 but



was postponed after the Sindh High Court (SHC) issued a stay order. The Lahore High Court had, on January 25, also stopped the ministry from holding the balloting of 17% quota in the government's hajj scheme.

"The minister will officially inform the Saudi government about possible delays in hajj arrangements because of the

court's stay order," said the official.

He said the ministry would present its viewpoint today (Wednesday) in the SHC over a petition claiming that part of the hajj policy for 2018 were against Sharia.

Record number of Hajj applications received

"The government will pursue its hajj policy according to the SHC verdict," he said, adding that the ministry had made best efforts to ensure best possible accommodations and transport facility for the pilgrims.

The official said that the minister would hold several other important meetings with concerned officials regarding this year's hajj.

The minister would also inform Saudi officials about the total number of intending pilgrims from Pakistan this year, he said, adding that he would also share the date of submission of their passports, number of buses required for the pilgrims and the total flights from Pakistan.

Courtesy: The Express Tribune

Youth urged to focus on research, technology and specialisation



Quality education and knowledge-based research are the need of the hour to excel in life. The future of our country is in the hands of educated youth and now it is their responsibility to work hard and serve the nation. This was said by Punjab Governor Muhammad Rafique Rajwana while addressing the 8th convocation of the Government College University Faisalabad (GCUF) which was held at New Campus, Jhang

Road, on Wednesday.

Parliamentarians Faqeer Husain Dogar, Hajji Ilyas Ansari, Fatima Fariha, GCU Vice-Chancellor Prof Muhammad Ali, Government College University for Women Vice-Chancellor Noreen Aziz Qureshi, deans, head of departments, faculty and a large number of students and their parents attended the event.

Courtesy: The Express Tribune

'Mohammad Amir deserved player of the series award'



Former Pakistan all-rounder Yasir Arafat has said that left-arm pacer Mohammad Amir was justifiably given the player-of-the-series award in the recently concluded three-match T20I series where Pakistan beat New Zealand 2-1.

Amir returned figures of 0-13 in three overs, 2-28 in four overs

and 1-23 in four overs against the Kiwis in the three T20Is, maintaining an economy rate of under seven, which helped Pakistan restrict the hosts, and Yasir believes 25-year-old's uncanny ability to stop runs is his speciality which is going to improve further.

Courtesy: The Express Tribune

Pakistan resolution on better access approved

The apex global health body has approved a resolution moved by Pakistan to improve access to assistive technology.

This was unanimously decided in an executive board meeting of the World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva.

Pakistan had been making concerted efforts to advocate for access to assistive technology for the differently-abled across the world.

Health Minister Saira Afzal Tarar had unveiled the first ever global list of essential assistive devices in May 2016 at the World Health Assembly.

The resolution emphasised that since a billion people require assistive technology, with a globally ageing population, and the prevalence of non-communicable diseases, this figure is ex-

pected to rise to over two billion by 2050.

Assistive technology will enable and promote the participation and engagement with differently-abled people, ageing population people with co-morbidities in the family, communities in political, economic and social spheres.

The resolution pointed out that 90 per cent of those who need assistive technology do not have access to it, thereby having a significant adverse impact on the education, livelihood, health and well-being of individuals, and on families, communities and societies.

It was emphasised that the 2030 agenda for Sustainable Development and its slogan of “leaving no one behind” requires making efforts to support the differently abled so that can



contribute to attaining Sustainable Development Goals.

The resolution further called for providing the necessary technical and capacity-building support for member states, aligned with national priorities, in the development of national assistive technology policies and programmes, including procurement and financing, regulation, training for health and social services, appropriate service de-

livery, and inclusive barrier-free environments.

It also calls for providing technical and capacity-building support to countries, on request, to assess the feasibility of establishing regional or sub-regional manufacturing, procurement and supply networks for assistive technology and cooperation platforms.

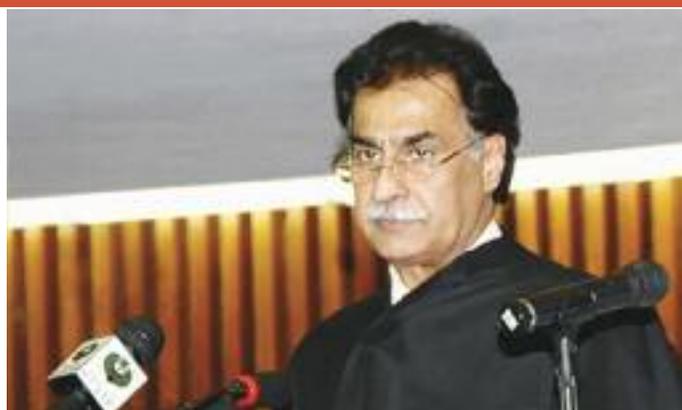
Courtesy: The Express Tribune

New Year to take Pakistan towards economic growth, says NA speaker

In his message of felicitation to the nation on the eve of New Year, National Assembly Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq expressed his hope that the dawn of 2018 will usher Pakistan into an year of sustained economic growth coupled with uplift of the common man and consolidation of democracy.

The upcoming year will “surely bear witness to the fact that we have decisively turned a page in our history and have embarked upon our national journey afresh with the resolve to overcome the challenges of the era”, he said.

The speaker reiterated the resolve of the government to usher in an inclusive democracy dedicated to the uplift of the down-trodden and marginalised segments of society.



He remarked that the days of terrorism in Pakistan were numbered and expressed his confidence that 2018 would consolidate Pakistan’s march towards peace and prosperity. Advertisement

Mr Sadiq paid rich tribute to the armed forces and law enforcement agencies working for the

defence, integrity and security of Pakistan and added that the nation stood in solidarity with the families of martyrs.

Referring to Pakistan’s challenges, he said the resilient Pakistani state and society would overcome the problems and urged his fellow countrymen to shun all the differences and unite under the banner of faith, unity

and discipline as espoused by the founding father, Quaid-i-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah.

He underlined the need for promoting religious harmony and interfaith dialogue to pursue the ideals of equitable development and mutual coexistence as central elements for a pluralistic Pakistani state.

The speaker was hopeful that Pakistan would continue to reverse the tides of poverty by equipping the youth with employable skills and spirit of entrepreneurship.

Referring to Pakistan’s regional objectives, he highlighted the country was committed to a peaceful South Asia and would continue to cooperate with

Courtesy: The News

10 Achievements of Pakistan in 2017

So we have entered in 2018. The just passed 2017 have many good achievements with its closure.

We have tried to collect this proud and good movement for you, we may missed some good things, so please write in comments so that those missed achievements will make part of this article and contributions from your side.

Pakistan bags 11 medals in 2017 Special Olympics World Winter Games

Athletes from Pakistan have won 11 medals at the 2017 Special Olympics World Winter Games, being held in Ramsau, Austria. The team has bagged two gold medals, five silver medals and four bronze medals in the event.



Huzaifa Qazi claimed the gold in the 200-metre snowshoe race whereas Muhammad Hamza Aslam won bronze in the men's 200-metre race. In addition, Farah Ahsan won a bronze medal in the 200-metre race. Qazi, while speaking to the media, said, "I am very happy for winning the gold medal for Pakistan."

Sabahat Tariq claimed the gold medal in the women's 100-metre sprint, while Qazi and Pervaiz Ahmad took home silver in the men's 100-metre sprint. Fatima Amir and Muhammad Abdullah respectively won silver and copper medals in taekwondo.

Hunain Zia Secured 66 A's In O/A Levels:

Pakistan's Education is making

impact day by day. This time a young boy made proud us and shooked the world with incredible. From Multan Hunain Zia, the kid who has finally finished



his O/A Level IGCSE exams and secured a figure of 66 As!! Hunain had previously spoken some media, saying, "Look it goes like this. I am aiming to achieve a hundred As in International secondary and advanced qualifications. The only reason is I aim to establish free education in the future!"— The dream it seems, is now a little closer to reality. This is what Hunain posted on his social media page.

Billion Trees Plantation:

The government of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (K-P) started the billion tree plantation project back in 2014. It was completed



in 2017 and we achieved the milestone of planting a billion trees. The proud moment for sure

A 5 Years Old Esa from Pakistan Won at UN Peace in the Streets Global Film Festival

Esa is a 5 years old kid from Peshawar and participated in the "Peace in the streets global film festival (PSGFF)" and created a 2 minutes short film on topic of



child labor and child education. The competition had 3 different categories age 8 and under, 9-13 years and 14-18 years.

Esa won first prize for his 8 years and under category. He was presented first prize in the United Nations Headquarters in New York while Representing Pakistan. He along with his family was given tour of the UN office and the a special tour to "The offices of the United States department of the State" where most of UN houses for US such as political houses, Economic and Social, Military etc hold meetings to discuss issues and also do conferences and many Ambassadors stand there for press conferences and meetings.

Sehat Kahani wines Word Bank Youth Summit

World Bank Youth Summit is one of benchmark event of World Bank. Teams from all around the world pitched their organization/startups ideas and working.



Six Finalists, selected out of almost 500 submissions from more than 100 countries, have submitted their proposals in initial stage. That is great honor for Pakistan that Pakistani Organization Sehat Kahani selected in final 6 and got a chance to present their story in main Summit. All participants of summit appreciated her facts and figures of their success.

Finally the Jury selected Sehat Kahani winner for their Jury Award of World Bank Group Youth Summit 2017

Pakistani Girls Win Gold Medals in Powerlifting

Three Pakistani female powerlifters, Saniha Ghafoor, Twinkle Sohail and Sybil Sohail, clean swept their respective categories during the Oceania Pacific Powerlifting Championship and Win Gold Medals for Pakistan. A really proud moment for country.

Saniha won four medals; Twinkle Sohail secured four gold medals in the 72kg category. The event is being held in Park Avenue Convention Centre in Singapore.



Saniha Ghafoor has been invited by the Australian Powerlifting Federation for a three month training. (Source Fox News) This program sponsored by Australian Sports Commission Melbourne

Other Pakistani powerlifters challenging in the event include Sybil Sohail (47kg), Twinkle Sohail (72kg), Rabbia Razzaq (84kg), Muhammad Ahmad Khan (105kg), Syed Nadeem Hashmi (105kg), Mahmood Heera (120kg) and manager Mohammad Rashed Mallik.

Pakistan's Big ICT Achievements of 2017

Overall, Pakistan's telecom and technology sector did pretty well in 2017. Government of Pakistan also put efforts for the growth of these sectors. And we have seen drastic changes and improvements with dramatic expansions.



Technology and Telecom highlights in 2017 (Same shared on many Net Sources)

- Pakistan has started the preparations to test 5G cellular connectivity and it is expected to be launched this 5G technology by 2020
- IT Parks have been introduced for the first time by Government in collaboration with CPEC
- Most has established IT industrial park in Sindh
- MoITT Placed in Top Five Nominations for 'Equals in Tech 2017' Awards
- United Nations Industrial Development Organization gave 5 awards to Pakistani innovators in the field of clean technologies.
- FBR devised a new system to conduct Audit of Telecom Operator
- Unmanned Aerial Vehicle has been introduced by Punjab Government for farmers to use Drone Technology in Pakistan for Good Yield
- Introduction of National Incubation Centre in Pakistan for the first time
- Daraz breaks all records with PKR. 3 million in big Friday sale
- PhoneWorld Team Presented 'CEO of the Year 2016-17' Excellence Award to Aamir Ibrahim
- 3G/4G Subscribers in Pakistan Crossed 47 Million
- Pakistan's IT exports have reached very high for the outgoing financial year of 2016-2017 generating receipts of nearly \$1 billion
- Pakistan's IT exports have grown to an estimated \$2.9 billion

• Armeena Khan became the Digital Brand Ambassador for Emerging Pakistan Initiative

• MoITT Drafts 'Pakistan Telecommunication Competition Rules 2017' to Ensure Fair Competition in Telecom sector

• Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) has launched DRIBS, initiative to restrain smuggling and theft of mobile-devices, by blocking illegal handsets.

• Telenor has Inaugurated new office

• KPITB Launched E-Ilaj-An Online Health Care Facility

• Ignite Approved "DigiSkills" Initiative to Train 1 M Freelancers in Pakistan

• Wi-Tribe has launched 4.5G service in Pakistan

• Pakistan Ranked 9th Globally for its Booming Digital Economy

• PITB Launched Prison Management Information System at District Jail

• Micropower Labs from Telenor Pakistan's Velocity's Pakistan has won Telenor Group's annual Digital Winners competition

• VEON launched messaging App

• Cricingif wins 2017 APICTA Start-up gold medal

• Chairman of PTA Dr. Ismail Shah's end of tenure

• MoIT Released Digital Pakistan Policy 2017

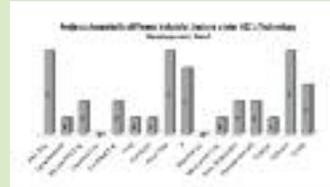
• MoIT Introduced Work from Home Policy for Female Employees

Looking forward and expect that there will be more innovations in Telecom and Technology sector in 2018.

The Higher Education Commission Achievements

The Higher Education Commission, in pursuance of its mission, has initiated this new

PSDP project titled "Establishment of Technology Development Fund for Scholars, Researchers and industrialists to introduce new technologies in Pakistan".



This exemplary initiative is of its first kind to bridge Academia and Industry gap which will have positive impact on socio-economic condition of Pakistan. The Technology Development Fund in other words is right approach to support the government of Pakistan Vision 2025 to lead Pakistan towards knowledge economy.

Which has Alhamdulillah completed its 1st round of call for proposals for the fiscal year 2016-2017, against the 1st call for proposal HEC had received 116 proposals, out of which 35 projects have been approved for funding in 14 applied sectors after a tedious evaluation process.

Team IGEM Peshawar Win Silver Medal in International Genetically Engineered Mechanics Competition Boston USA.

Congratulations IGEM Peshawar has won a Silver Medal in the International Genetically Engineered Machine competition held at the Hynes Convention Center in



Boston, MA, USA. It was also a proud moment in 2017 for all Pakistanis.

And in the End the Great victory; We Won ICC Champions Trophy 2017

In The start of 2017 we were not on a high note, as it lost the ODI series in Australia by 4-1. The downfall in Australia even put Pakistan on the approach towards disqualification for the World Cup 2019.

They struggled back against the West Indies to win the series 2-1, but the team was still struggling at eighth position in the ICC ODI rankings when it reached England for the Champions Trophy.

The turning point started from the Pakistan's start in the Champions Trophy which was heartbreaking, with a big defeat by India at Birmingham. This loss has changed and awoken the whole Pakistani team and that was Pakistan's last ODI defeat in 2017. They came up on



the front and never looked back. Learning and improving from the initial defeat by India, the Men in Green made a remarkable comeback to defeat South Africa and Sri Lanka to qualify for the semi-final of the Champions Trophy, where they defeated hosts England to qualify for the final.

In the mega-final, it was once again Pakistan vs India. Pakistan defied all odds to outclass India in the final to lift the ICC Champions Trophy for the first time and taken this pride to win all three big events of ICC, The World Cup, The T20 world Cup and now The ICC Champions Trophy.

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Karachi bids farewell to 2017 with a qawwali night at T2F

Saami Brothers said Sabeen Mahmud lent them her platform in 2014 and they still perform there due to her kind gesture

The year-end qawwali programme at T2F on Saturday, a regular feature of the cultural space, was a nice little event saying goodbye to the year 2017 on the right note. The music, the famous kalaam and a decent number of listeners made it a pretty enjoyable evening.

The traffic situation in the city has become a bit of nuisance, so the Saami brothers (qawwals) arrived a bit late, but somehow managed to set their instruments in the blink of an eye. The harmonium sounded in fine nick. The tabla, unusually, did not take time to tune. And the vocalists warmed up just like that. As a result, the concert started barely 15 minutes late.



Talking to the audience before the show, the leader of the group said it was in 2014 that they were given a chance to perform at T2F by the late Sabeen Mahmud, who set up T2F. To date, the brothers were performing because of her kind gesture.

As it often happens, the qawwali began with the famous 'Mann kunto Maula'. The brothers took a little time to build up to the first verse, allowing the audience to

absorb the spiritual vibe of the composition.

The tiny problem with not having microphones to augment the vocalists' voices is that sometimes the thumping dhol and the sharp harmonium notes can drown out the vocal parts or render them inaudible, but on Saturday it happened only on one or two occasions.

The second piece that the Saami brothers presented was the

inimitable kalaam 'Meray baney ki baat'. They rendered it with such feeling and passion that is rare among young qawwals. The interesting thing about the audience was that while a few of them were swaying to the beat or humming the tunes, most of them looked transfixed on the group's style of performing qawwali.

Next up was a mood changer in terms of beat with 'Wari gai main pia ke'. It had a heartwarming beat cycle and a lovely melody tilt. It was a fine piece by the Saami brothers, because in it they kept the performance simple, with not many vocal variations that qawwals tend to put in to embellish their compositions.

The brothers performed each piece for no less than 20 minutes, which enabled the latecomers to join the concert and easily settle in.

Courtesy: Dawn

Pakistan reinforce their unpredictability

Pakistan cannot change!

This has become the most commonly used expression to describe Pakistan's victories and defeats in all formats of cricket.

The Sarfraz Ahmed-led side were thought to have started a new chapter in their cricketing history when they won the Champions Trophy last year. A new foreword was written which stated that the team is ready to grow: from a



mercurial side, which would amaze and amuse audiences on their chosen days but also lose in the most impossible circumstances, to a more consistently performing unit.

Courtesy: The Express Tribune

KSE-100 crosses 50,000 points, touches record high

Pakistan is also claiming a spot on international investors' radar. While Renault has already forged a partnership with a local group for \$100 million initial investment, other leading

automakers like Volkswagen and Fiat have also been closely looking at investment prospects. Similarly, companies like Coca-Cola and Friesland Campina have also been aggressive about their investment plans for Pakistan. CPEC alone is expected to now fetch an investment of \$54 billion, much more than the initial projections of \$46 billion.



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