

Positive Post

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September in History

October 7, 1954: Foreign Minister Ch. Zafarullah Khan becomes a member of the International Court of Justice.

October 27, 1959: President General Ayub Khan becomes Field Marshal.

October 28, 1964: Pakistan's hockey team wins Silver Medal in Tokyo Olympic games.

October 26, 1968: Pakistan becomes Olympic Hockey Champion, winning over Australia 2-1.

October 24, 1971: Pakistan wins World Hockey Cup defeating Spain 1-0 at Barcelona.

October 28, 1972: President Bhutto inaugurates Karachi Nuclear Power Plant (KANUPP).

October 5, 1975: Pakistan and Bangladesh agree to establish diplomatic ties.

October 15, 1979: Dr Abdus Salam, eminent Pakistani Scientist, is awarded Physics Nobel Prize.

October 16, 1985: National Assembly adopts Eighth Amendment Bill.

October 21, 1987: Jan Sber Khan wins World Open Squash Championship for the first time.

October 1, 1989: Pakistan rejoins Commonwealth.

October 20, 1989: SAF Games open in Islamabad.

October 19, 1993: Benazir Bhutto is elected Prime Minister by 121 votes.

October 17, 2004: Pakistani physician Dr. Muhammad Saeed Fazal Karim Beebani sets new Guinness world record for having the smallest Qur'an of the world.

Pakistan's standing in the global rankings

Overview

Pakistan observed a slight improvement in the overall international rankings in 2018 covering socio-economic and political outcomes of the country. Several elements complemented the prospects including successful democratic transition, efficient counter-terrorism measures leading to enhanced peace and security, and foreign direct investment inflows under CPEC, among others. Albeit, decoupling economic growth from human development suggests that the country needs to enhance its scores in health, education and standard of living by ensuring political will, equitable financing and efficient governance to ensure parallel growth for marginalized segments as well. Civil and political liberties must grow hand in hand to ensure a conducive environment for democratic dialogue and accountability which ultimately supports its nation building process.

DEMOCRACY INDEX

Pakistan ranked 112th out of 167 countries in the Democracy Index scoring 4.17 out of 10 in 2018 compared to 4.26 in 2017.

Index from 0 (authoritarian regime) to 10 (full democracy)

Compiled based on indicators covering: Electoral process and pluralism, Civil liberties, Functioning of government, Political participation, and Political culture.

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX

Pakistan ranked 150th out of 189 countries in the Human Development Index scoring 0.562 out of 1.000 in 2018 compared to 0.560 out of 1.000 in 2017.

Index from 0 (low development) to 1 (very high development)

Compiled based on indicators covering: life expectancy, education, and per capita income

PRESS FREEDOM INDEX

Pakistan ranked 139th out of 180 countries in the Press Freedom Index scoring 43.24 out of 100 in 2018 compared to 43.55 in 2017.

Index from 0 (most press freedom) to 100 (least press freedom)

Compiled based on indicators covering: pluralism, media independence, environment and self-censorship, legislative framework, transparency, and infrastructure.

TERRORISM INDEX

Pakistan ranked 5th out of 163 countries in the Terrorism Index scoring 8.18 out of 10 in 2018 compared to 8.40 in 2017.

Index from 0 (lowest impact) to 10 (highest impact)

Compiled based on indicators covering: Total number of terrorist incidents in a given year, total number of fatalities caused by terrorism in a given year, total number of injuries caused by terrorism in a given year and the approximate level of total property damage from terrorist incidents in a given year.

ECONOMIC FREEDOM INDEX

Pakistan ranked 131st out of 180 countries in the Economic Freedom Index scoring 54.4 out of 100 in 2018 compared to 52.8 out of 100 in 2017.

Index from 0 (repressed) to 100 (free)

Compiled based on indicators covering: Market openness, Regulatory efficiency, Government size and the rule of law.

Positive Post is a strategic effort to project achievement and contributions of Pakistan. While showcasing Greenwich University's cultural diplomacy initiatives, it also encapsulates a compilation of different developments complementing Pakistan's socio-cultural, economic and Political outcomes.

Mauritian Delegation Visit to Pakistan

By Ali Jillani
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Greenwich university in collaboration with the Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP) welcomed the delegates from Mauritius on October 12, 2019. Greenwich is uniquely placed as a cultural exchange hub with its Main campus in Pakistan and a branch campus in Mauritius. The University served as a platform for the business delegation from Mauritius to engage with the Pakistani business community to discuss bilateral trade, untapped export potential and furthering the avenues for cultural exchange. Key figures from the business leadership in Pakistan engaged with the delegation discussing different ideas and modalities to enhance bilateral trade. Different stalls were also set up to showcase various Pakistani products attracting the interest of the delegates.

Greenwich's Head of Diplomatic Affairs, Mr. Ali Jillani, acknowledged the friendly nature of cultural, diplomatic and economic relations between the two countries. He highlighted emerging trade prospects that



Pakistan could utilize Mauritian financial center for its investments in the African region, while Mauritius could benefit from CPEC's maritime silk route. He shared that enhanced trade with Pakistan also serves Mauritian foreign policy objectives of bridging the Afro-Asian region. He pressed that the countries need to enhance





bilateral trade by implementing the recommendations of the Trade Working Committee tabled in 2018. Chancellor, Ms. Seema Mughal, shared that Greenwich has played a pivotal role enhancing socio-cultural exchange between Mauritius and Pakistan. Greenwich organized the Pakistan-Mauritius Friendship Week in 2016 to enhance cultural as well as trade ties linking business communities from both the countries. Greenwich's role as a hub was recognized by then President of Mauritius, H.E. Ameenah Gurib-Fakim, and she also graced the University during her state visit to Pakistan. She shared that Greenwich has recently launched an initiative Economy of the Future: Unlocking the Export Potential of Pakistan which emphasizes Mauritius as a preferential trade destination for Pakistani products. The initiative is envisaged to complement Pakistan's Vision 2025, its export-led growth strategy, as well as trade prospects across the Afro-Asian region.

Ms. Mughal extended a vote of thanks to the delegation from Mauritius, business leadership from Pakistan and TDAP assuring that Greenwich will continue to serve as a hub for socio-cultural exchange between the two countries.



'This is the beginning': PM Imran Khan inaugurates Kartarpur Corridor

Prime Minister Imran Khan formally inaugurated the Kartarpur Corridor at a colourful ceremony on November 9, paving the way for Indian Sikh pilgrims to visit one of their religion's holiest sites in Pakistan without needing a visa.

"First of all, I congratulate the Sikh community on the 550th birth anniversary of Baba Guru Nanak and welcome you all," the premier said at the start of his address, paying tribute to the government team for completing the Kartarpur project in a matter of months.

"I salute you all. I had no idea you were so efficient. That means we can do so much more," he told the government officials.

"I am always so happy to see the Sikh community who have come here. God lives in the hearts of all of us. All the messengers who have come and gone only ever brought two messages, that of peace and justice.

"These two things distinguish us from the animal kingdom," he said.

Prime Minister Imran noted that the lessons that can be drawn from Guru Nanak's teachings are about bringing people together and not to spread hate.

"I am happy we could do this for you," he told the hundreds of Sikh pilgrims. "Believe me, I had no idea of the importance this place holds; I found out a year ago. He said the inability of Sikhs in the past to visit the Kartarpur shrine was akin to Muslims being able to see Madina from a distance but not be able to go near it.

"That is why I am happy to see you so happy and the way your hearts have nothing but prayers for us."

Citing the examples of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), Nelson Mandela and Sufi saints, the prime minister said a true leader is one who always brings people together and does not spread hate in order to gain votes. He continued: "The first thing I did after becoming the prime minister was to tell [Indian Prime Minister Narendra] Modi that poverty is our mutual problem, and the way to deal with it is to open our borders to people and trade.

"I met Manmohan Singh during a conference and I re-



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Prime Minister of Pakistan

member when he was the PM he had said that 'the entire South Asia can rise if we solve Kashmir'. And that's what I told Modi.

"But I am sad to say that Kashmir has gone beyond a territorial issue. This is an issue of humanity, not a territorial dispute." The way they [Kashmiris] are being kept like animals. Their rights have been snatched away which the UNSC gave them.

"If Modi is listening, [he should know that] justice brings peace and injustice spreads confusion.

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"Let's rid ourselves of this problem," he told Modi, referring to the Kashmir dispute. "So we can live like humans." "Imagine the happiness that will spread and how we will be able to pull people out of poverty.

"I have hope that this is the beginning. One day our relations with India will be such that would have been had the issue of Kashmir been resolved in the beginning (at Partition).

Kamyab Jawan's start-up program to engage 100,000 students for new technologies



Prime Minister Youth Affairs Programme (PMYAP) has planned to launch 'Start-up Pakistan Programme' under 'Kamyab Jawan Programme' engage 100,000 students to learn new technologies. According to an official source, the objective of the said programme was to train one million students from different universities and technical colleges across the country.

He said that the programme would provide support to all universities and vocational training centres in developing capacity in incubation services which will offer students to start their own business.

The official said that the programme would provide essential funding to Higher Education Commission (HEC) and National Vocational and Technical Training Commission (NAVTTTC) to accelerate the expansion of Business Incubation Centres (BICs). HEC's BICs will provide 500,000 trainings in entrepreneurship and would provide blended incu-

bation for all HEC accredited universities across the country to graduate 5,000 start-ups from BICs, he said.

He said that NAVTTTC would also provide training to 500,000 youths in entrepreneurship and blended incubation for top 300 technical training centres across country.

The programme would also engage overseas Pakistanis from developed nations to empower young technology entrepreneurs, provide guidance, open markets, and invest their intellectual and financial capital.

Source - *The News*

Turkey to establish Centre of Excellence in Tourism and Hospitality in Pakistan

Pakistan and Turkey on October 8 agreed to establish a Centre of Excellence in Tourism and Hospitality Management in Islamabad.

The project was given final shape during a meeting between Shafqat Mahmood, Federal Minister for Education, Professional Training and National Heritage and Dr Serdar Çam, Deputy Minister for Culture and Tourism of Turkey in Ankara, a message reaching here said.

Both sides also explored further opportunities for collaboration in ed-



ucation, technical training, culture and tourism sector.

Briefing the Turkish dignitary about the potential of the tourism sector of Pakistan, Shafqat Mahmood

said domestic tourism in Pakistan reached its peak during the current year but stressed the need for more efforts to attract more foreign tourists.

He also conveyed his gratitude to the people and leadership of Turkey for standing by Pakistan on issues of its core national interest, particularly the Kashmir issue.

He also assured Pakistan's support on issues that concerns Turkey.

Source - *Pakistan Today*

11-year-old Pakistani boy sets new Guinness World record

An 11-year-old Pakistani boy has set a new Guinness World record by identifying the most number of countries in one minute.

Karachi's Aima'az Ali Abro set the record last month by identifying most countries from their outline in one minute.

Most countries identified from their outline in one minute

Who	What
AIMA'AZ ALI ABRU	57 TOTAL NUMBER
Where	When
PAKISTAN (KARACHI)	08 OCTOBER 2019

The most countries identified from their outline in one minute is 57 and was achieved by Aima'az Ali Abro (Pakistan) in Karachi, Pakistan, on 8 October 2019.

"The most countries identified from their outline in one minute is 57 and was achieved by Aima'az Ali Abro (Pakistan) in Karachi, Pakistan, on October 8, 2019," a post by Guinness World records website stated.

Pakistan jumps 28 spots on World Bank's ease of doing business ranking

Pakistan landed among the world's top 10 business climate improvers for its ratification of six regulatory reforms pertaining to business regulation, according to the World Bank's Doing Business 2020 study. A statement issued on October 24 highlighted Pakistan's efforts in bringing improvements to the business climate in the country, which earned it a jump by 28 places to a global ranking of 108. The previous year Pakistan had stood at 136. "This rise is significant and made possible by collective and coordinated actions of Federal Government and Provincial Governments of Sindh and Punjab over the past year," said Illango Patchanath, World Bank Country Director for Pakistan.

Pakistani Classic Cars Website Drives A Passion



A Pakistani classic cars site has turned a hobby into a passionate exchange for classic car restorers and lovers of open roads. PakWheels.com is one of the fast growing website devoted to all things auto where fans swap stories and laugh over jokes from their trips, speeding classic cars down deserted highways in bandit territories around Pakistan. Abdul Haseeb Awan, 23, an electrical engineer and businessman, drove from the cool hills of the capital Islamabad down south through the breadbasket of Pakistan, then through desert to Karachi, swinging southwest to the port city of Gwadar on the glittering Arabian Sea. The website introduced him to friends when he moved from the northwest to study in the purpose-built capital, often

likened to "a living graveyard" because of its limited entertainment. After a lifetime restoring Volkswagen Beetles, Khalid Mehmood, 49, says his business today thrives on online recommendations. Another enthusiast, driving a Mitsubishi Pajero, joined Mirza and other friends on the 650-kilometre coastal road heading out of Karachi along the Arabian Sea and into Balochistan. Despite traditional clubs in major cities, Internet forums increasingly facilitate interaction and allow car enthusiasts to swap experiences. Digging out vintage cars from junk yards, restoring them to their former glory and hitting the tarmac is a growing passion for enthusiasts tapping into the chat rooms of Pakistan's busiest websites.

Muhammad Asif again wins World Snooker Championship

FAISALABAD: Newly-crowned world snooker champion Muhammad Asif, on November 9, became the first Pakistani player to clinch two World Snooker titles but he is still waiting for his prize money promised by the past federal and provincial governments for his first World Snooker title seven years ago. Veteran snooker player Mu-



hammad Yousuf also became the World Snooker champion in 1994. Another Pakistan player Muhammad Saleh managed to reach the final of World Snooker Championship in 2004 but he lost the title clash against India's Pankaj Advani.

It may be noted here that in 2012, the then federal sports minister Mir Hazar Khan Bijarani had announced to give Muhammad Asif Rs one billion for winning World Snooker title but he failed to materialize his words.

Pakistan beat India by three runs to qualify for ACC Emerging Teams Asia Cup final



Pakistan restricted India to 264 for eight in 50 overs. Photo: ACC

Pakistan on November 20 qualified for the final of ACC Emerging Teams Asia Cup 2019 after beating India by three runs in the first semi final in Dhaka.

Pakistan — who were defending a total of 267 — restricted India to 264 for eight in 50 overs, as Pakistani bowlers displayed great control on nerves and outstanding death-overs skills. India looked grounded towards the chase, scoring 215/5 in 40 overs. The Men in Blue needed 53 from the last 50 deliveries. They continued to sail smoothly until the 45th over, after which Pakistani bowlers started to dent India's progress.

India needed 26 off of the last five overs to win, however, Umer Khan sent Shubham Sharma back to pavilion and brought Pakistan back in contention. Ammad Butt increased the pressure on Indians and conceded just two runs in the 47th over, before Umer got one more wicket which put India on back foot in 48th.

Pakistan had to defend eight runs from the

final over but Ammad Butt showed superb skill and conceded just four runs. He also took a wicket, which restricted India to 264. Saif Badar and Mohammad Hasnain got two wickets apiece.

Haider Ali and Omair bin Yousuf added 90 runs before the Pakistan's first wicket. Photo: ACC

Earlier, Haider Ali and Omair bin Yousuf added 90 runs before the first wicket, after Pakistan opted to bat first at Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium.

Omair smashed two sixes and stroked three boundaries for his 97-ball-66 while Haider Ali scored 43.

Saif Badar remained not out after scoring 47 off 48 deliveries as Pakistan closed the innings at 267/7.

Pakistan's opponent in the Saturday's final of ACC Emerging Teams Asia Cup will be decided after the second semi final between Afghanistan and Bangladesh on Thursday.

Source: Geo.tv

Hamza Ali Abbasi quits show business

Actor and host Hamza Ali Abbasi, currently starring in drama serial Alif and all set to appear in the upcoming high profile Bilal Lashari epic, The Legend of Maula Jatt as the antagonist, in a new video post stated as much.

Hamza will now use his fame, gathered through films like Main Hoon Shahid Afridi, Waar, Parwaaz Hai Junoon and Jawani Phir Nahī Ani and through drama serials like Mann Mayal, Pyarey Afzal and the on air serial Alif – which he signed because of its theme – to talk about religion.

Throughout the video, for a change, he spoke about himself but didn't pull anyone else down. What



was hypocritical though is that Hamza did say he may return after a longer period if a project comes along. But this was expected behavior.

As a liberal who is followed by many, Hamza has the potential to change minds in a myopic, extremely conservative Pakistan.

However, while it is his right to speak his mind as he does on more occasions than memory can place it, taking a shot at awards that had been given to him by various platforms was unnecessary.

Nonetheless, one can always hope that Hamza speaks about religion and spirituality to a nation that is becoming increasingly intolerant.

'HUMANITY OVER POLITICS'

Raveena Tandon hails Pakistani for saving Indian flight from disaster

Iconic Indian actress Raveena Tandon hailed a Pakistani air traffic controller on Monday for his heroics in saving a Jaipur flight from disaster.

According to LiveMint, the air traffic controller helped guide the flight from India's Jaipur to Muscat through an air traffic emergency.

Tandon took to Twitter thanking the Pakistani citi-

zen, "When humanity wins over politics. Pakistani air traffic controller saves a Jaipur to Muscat flight from disaster."

One-hundred and fifty passengers were on-board the aircraft, the report said. The plane was flying over Karachi when it was caught in the middle of a weather pattern with lots of lightning that could

have resulted in catastrophe.

After lightning struck, the plane dropped down from an altitude of 36,000 feet to 34,000 feet almost immediately.



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— Raveena Tandon
Bollywood Actress