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First Pakistani woman scales Mount Everest



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The news about the first Pakistani woman summiting Mount Everest spread like wildfire.

Text messages congratulating every Pakistani started doing the rounds only half an hour after Samina Baig reached the top of the highest peak in the world at around 7:30 am.

And by the afternoon, almost everyone was updating their status on the social media and pasting links to images of the 21-year-old mountaineer from the Shimshal valley of Hunza.

Samina Baig sent her brother a message how she had reached Base Camp IV at



the height of 7,900 metres on the South Col between Mt Everest and Lhoste, the fourth highest mountain in the world, after eight hours of hard climbing.

“Samina, Tashi and Nugshi feeling great The weather is windy and cloudy... Worried about weather. If all goes well will leave for summit tonight. Appeal from the nation to pray for us,” Samina Baig said in her last text before her push for the

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PML-N sweeps Pakistani Elections 2013

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Nawaz Sharif's PML-N wins the general elections 2013.

Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) in May 11 elections surprised most political experts by clinching a thumping victory, mainly in Punjab, and is poised to form its

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The road less travelled: From Ismail Goth to Harvard



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The daughter of a driver, Anum Fatima had the courage to follow her dreams.

“If someone had told me ten years ago, that one day I will be going to Harvard, I would have asked them what Harvard was,” stated 23-year old Anum Fatima in a gentle but poised tone.

Seated amidst endless volumes of books in the library at The Citizens Foundation, a place she calls “her second home”, the young achiever de-

scribed her current state of mind as that of ‘nervous excitement’.

Hailing from Ismail Goth, a slum near Steel Town, Fatima is currently enrolled in the MBA programme at Institute of Business Management, Karachi and will be attending the summer school at Harvard

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Top award for Everest climber proposed



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The Alpine Club of Pakistan (ACP) said it will recommend mountaineer Samina Baig's name for the pride of performance and Tamgha-e-Imtiaz awards.

Samina Baig became the first Pakistani woman to scale Mount Everest, the world's highest mountain with a peak at 8,848 meters. Samina completed the climb to the summit with her brother Mirza Ali, who became the third and youngest Pakistani male to scale the mountain.

Talking to APP, ACP secretary Abu Zafar Sadiq said it was a great honour not only for ACP but for the whole nation and for that, he will recommend Samina's name for the two national awards.

“On her return here, ACP will be honouring her with a lavish reception,” he said adding that ACP will be sponsoring Samina for her future mountaineering commitments. He further said that ACP will introduce Samina to women around the country to encourage them to come into the sport of climbing.

Courtesy: Express Tribune

EDITOR'S NOTE

Student life is full of fun, discovery, emotional attachments and stress. But as clichéd as it sounds, it's a preparation ground for all that's later to come in life. Most of us aspire to have successful careers and to achieve something in life. But few of us know what we want to do in our life, or more importantly, what are we good at. As students, we fail to recognise our inner talents, and end up trying to better ourselves in fields that we simply don't have the natural talents for. The trick is to spend time with people who have great observational skills, teachers, parents, friends, and ask them to tell you your strengths and weaknesses. Explore and invest more in your strengths. But perhaps what matters the most is the will to work really hard, avoid tempting shortcuts, and focus more on "learning" than on "earning" in at least the first two years of your career.

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ILO to hold workshop with government

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The International Labour Organization (ILO) will hold a consultative workshop on selected labours laws focusing on child labour and forced labour from May 29 in Islamabad.

The workshop, jointly organised with the collaboration of Ministry of Human Resource Development, would be a tripartite consultation titled "Review of Selected Labour Laws with reference to ILO Conventions focusing on Child Labour, Forced Labour, Freedom of Association and Reporting on International Labour Standards".

The workshop is aimed to build the capacity of the provincial labour authorities to provide technical assistance to comply with the ILO conventions ratified by Pakistan, said a news release issued.

Courtesy: Express Tribune

Strong voter turnout despite the threats of violence



Maheen Farid
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The average turnout for the 8 elections held between 1977 and 2008 was 40%, with the highest being 47% in the 1977 election. Since then fewer and fewer Pakistani voters have chosen to step out and vote on election day. This time the figure was about 55% (according to some, closer to 60%), and this too despite the fact that it was an election with the greatest ever threat to the regular voter. Since about April, the Taliban were reported to have distributed pamphlets in various cities warning people against coming out to vote.

There was a strong fear that voters would be targeted as they lined up at polling booths. And yet over 50 million voters lined up on 11th May, earning Pakistan the label "the world's bravest democracy" from one columnist.

Courtesy: Express Tribune

Senator John Kerry Congratulates Nawaz Sharif

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"The Secretary called Mr Sharif to congratulate him on his strong showing in Saturday's elections, and told him that he looks forward to working with the government as the government is formed in Pakistan,"

"He looks forward to continuing a broad relationship of working together on a number of issues, including continuing to work on counterterrorism. Mr Sharif has indicated that economic development and growth is one of his focuses. But their focus right now is, of course, on forming the government. And once they do that, I'm sure we'll have more substantive conversations with them,"



Mr Kerry would like to travel to Pakistan, she said in response to a question.

"He (Kerry) has indicated that he would like to go. I don't have any trip announcements or dates for you on that. Of course, it would have been a little precarious to go while they were going through the transition, as they've been going through in the last couple of weeks,"

Ms Psaki said the US respects the choice of the Pakistani people, and the US looks forward to engaging with the next democratically elected government when it is formed in the coming weeks.

"It is worth noting as well that we are encouraged to see so many Pakistani citizens get involved in the democratic process. Preliminary reports suggest that these elections had the highest voter turnout in 35 years, with close to 60 per cent voter turnout as compared to 44 per cent in 2008," she said. The United States, she said is aware of allegations of election rigging, but urged the stake holders to resolve it peacefully.

"We are aware of some of these reports

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Students with fuel-efficient cars all set to compete

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There is excitement and fear on Haider Khan's face as Shell Pakistan's team inspects the fuel-efficient car he and friends from the University of Engineering and Technology (UET), Peshawar, have designed.



Khan and his seven team members – all of them final-year mechanical engineering students – make up one of the 13 student teams from eight Pakistani universities, which have registered to compete in the Shell Eco-marathon in Malaysia in July.

The Eco-marathon, an annual event which takes places in Asia, Americas and Europe separately, challenges students to build vehicles that can travel the farthest distance using the least amount of fuel. In other words, the car which travels the most number of kilometers per litre of fuel wins.

Pakistani students face numerous challenges in building the cars, but this July

they will be competing against 137 other teams from 15 different Asian countries and they hope to leave Malaysia as winners.

Five of the 13 Pakistani teams prepared for the event by participating in a launching ceremony at the College of Electrical & Mechanical Engineering (EME) in Rawalpindi. There, the cars performed laps and Shell experts tested the cars for the Shell Eco-marathon's safety guidelines so as to fix any problems before the competition. To Khan's relief, his team's car – a 184 kilogram, 78cc grey four-wheeler

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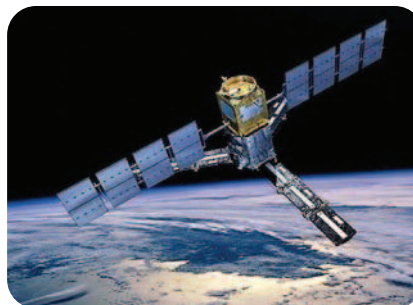
Pakistani techie helps design UAE satellite station

Tayyab Ghani
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The United Arab Emirates (UAE) joined the league of the world's big players in satellite communications in April 2011 by launching its first satellite into orbit – now it has two. The satellites are managed from Yahsat Satellite Tracking Ground Station in the UAE. A veteran Pakistani IT expert, who assisted in network installation of this project, is now aiming for a skilled IT workforce for his homeland.

Built by Astrium of the United Kingdom – a wholly-owned subsidiary of European Aeronautic Defence and Space Company (EADS), a global leader in aerospace, defence and related services – Yahsat is the first ground communications satellite station in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries.

Yahsat Satellite Ground Tracking Station is a flagship project of Texpo, a leading technology infrastructure provider based in Dubai. Texpo's CEO Dr Sarfaraz Alam said, the company was responsible for cable networking installations. This involved sub-communications systems installation based on the requirements of its client Astrium UK Ltd.



Besides that, Texpo also won a tender for e-government in 2006 to evaluate 22 services of different government departments of Dubai, he said.

Born in Karachi, Alam belongs to a middle-class family with the aspiration for quality education to get the best life has to offer. After completing his schooling from Karachi, he moved to the United Kingdom for higher studies.

He founded Texpo in 2000 in the basement of his residence in London while he was a masters' student at Academy of Professional Studies College, an affiliate of Fredrick Taylor International University. In 2003, he completed his doctorate in information technology, along with business, majoring in Advance IT Infrastructure from

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Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi lauds Malala's struggle



Amal Khan
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General Shaikh Mohammad Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, received and applauded Malala Yousufzai, the brave girl who was shot in 2012 in the head for advocating the cause of girls' education in Swat.



Malala, along with members of her family, had stopped over in Abu Dhabi on way to Saudi Arabia to perform Umrah and to thank the UAE government and particularly Shaikh Mohammad for his support during her treatment.

The United Arab Emirates had sent a medical team and an air ambulance to transfer Malala from Pakistan to the UK.

Shaikh Mohammad praised Malala's determination to overcome difficulties and continue to carry forward her noble message even when she was in hospital.

He said it was the duty of everyone to stand by Malala in her mission of promoting the principles of love and peace.

Malala stood with courage against extremists who prevented girls from going to school. "Malala works to promote the values of forgiveness and tolerance," Shaikh Mohammad said.

Courtesy: Gulf News

“Always turn a negative situation into a positive situation”

- Michael Jordan

Acumen invests Rs 86 million in Chitral micro-hydel

Amal Khan
BS37 319

Acumen, a pioneering non-profit global venture firm addressing poverty across Africa and in South Asia, has announced a loan of Rs 86 million to Aga Khan Rural Support Program (AKRSP) to support the creation of four community managed micro-hydel units in Chitral district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

These plants will provide 24-hour clean electricity to remote off-grid communities in Chitral district, a region with limited access to electricity. This is Acumen's first investment in the growing rural en-



ergy sector of Pakistan. "There is a growing need for reliable power in Pakistan's rural communities right now," said Farrukh H Khan, Pakistan Country Director, Acumen Fund. "AKSRP's community-based model has the potential to provide millions with access to an important basic service and revolutionise the way poor Pakistanis access energy."

Courtesy: Dawn

Chinese Prime Minister in Pakistan praises ties, ask world to support Pakistan

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Chinese Prime Minister Li Ke-qiang says his country recognises the positive contribution Pakistan has made to maintain peace and stability, combat terrorism and promote development in South Asia and has urged the international community to give Pakistan full understanding, recognition and necessary support.

In an interview with Pakistani journalists on the eve of his official visit, the PM expressed China's continued and firm support to Pakistan in its efforts to uphold its independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity and achieve national stability and development. "This is what China-Pakistan comprehensive strategic partnership of cooperation is all about."

The Chinese leader also assured that China will not seek hegemony even when it grows stronger. "Having had a full share of sufferings in modern history, we Chinese believe that you should not do to others what you do not want them



to do to you." He said: "In the era of globalisation, interdependence is the basic feature defining state-to-state relations. The law of the jungle is not the way to govern human society; only mutually beneficial cooperation will make the world a better place."

Premier Li said Pakistan-China ties "transcend the changes of the times and politics and represent a fine example of friendly state-to-state interactions." He said China and Pakistan enjoy a long-standing friendship. "It has withstood the test of wind and rain and grown stronger and more vibrant with luxuriant leaves."

Chinese embassy as the prime minister spoke in Chinese language:

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Omar confident of positive approach from new Pakistani leadership

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Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah expressed confidence of warm India-Pakistan relations due to a "positive approach" by the new ruling dispensation in the neighbouring country.



Addressing a public meeting at Chak Mohammad Yar, about 25 km west of Jammu, Abdullah said: "A healthy change in the mindset of politicians in Pakistan towards Kashmir issue and India-Pakistani relations has also been clearly observed during the recent electioneering process in that country."

He hoped that this would materialise in strengthening peace bonds between the

two countries and moving towards resolving all issues across the table, reiterating that the status of India-Pakistani relations have direct bearing on peace and development in Jammu and Kashmir.

"When borders are peaceful and calm, people carry on their life activities smoothly and tension free. Any tension on borders and in relations between the two neighbours

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Pakistani outperforms the globe in ACCA

Tayyab Ghani
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The bright student of the Association of Chartered Accountants (ACCA) – 23-year-old Ahmed Ali from Quetta – tried to sound modest about his academic success during an interactive session with the media at the ACCA Karachi office on Wednesday. But a glow of pride was evident on his face because of his stellar performance in the ACCA's financial management paper in which he remained the best performer globally by scoring 94 marks out of 100.

Officially named F9, the passing rate in the financial management paper was only 43%. In other words, of all the students who took the exam in 170 countries of the world in December 2012, less than half were able to clear it. Among those who passed the exam, Ali scored the highest

marks.

"On the face of it, the paper may seem to have a high amount of calculation, but it is important to understand the underlying concepts behind the calculation. The examiner did not want us to be able to produce a set of numbers, but to evaluate them in the context of the prevailing environment," Ali said while speaking



on the occasion. ACCA is the global body for professional accountants that requires its students to clear 14 papers and complete three years of internship in the field of finance. Ali has so far taken eight exams and scored 80-plus marks in each one of them.

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Pakistani bags prestigious award

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Arif Naqvi, the founder and chief executive officer of the Abraaj Group, has been chosen as one of the five honourees under the 2013 Oslo Business for Peace Award.

Mr Naqvi was given the award at a ceremony in Oslo, Norway, by the Mayor of Oslo, Stian Berger Rosland, and the chairman of the Business for Peace Foundation, Per L. Saxegaard, a press release of the group said.

It said the Oslo Business for Peace Award was awarded after an extensive search conducted jointly by the International Chamber of Commerce, United Nations Development Programme and the Oslo-based Business for Peace Foundation.

The jury for the 2013 edition of the award comprised Nobel Laureates Professor



Muhammad Yunus and Professor Michael A. Spence.

Mr Naqvi is the first Pakistani and the first chief executive from the global private equity industry to have received the award, according to the press release.

The Abraaj Group is a leading investor operating in Asia, Middle East and North Africa, Turkey and Central Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa and Latin America.

Courtesy: Dawn

'Lamha' wins best film award in US

Tayyab Ghani
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Pakistani feature film, Lamha (also known as Seedlings) won the Best Feature Film Award at the DC South Asian Film Festival – where it was the only Pakistani film to be aired.



The award was presented by the Indian Ambassador to the US, Nirupama Rao, to Producer Meher Jaffri.

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Bahria Town bags five property awards in Malaysia

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Bahria Town has won five awards by the Asia Pacific International Property Awards 2013-14 held in Kuala Lumpur, a press release said.

Hundreds of real estate developers and architects had gathered from 23 countries including Australia, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, the Philippines, Taiwan, Thailand, and many others participated in the event.

Bahria Golf City Islamabad won "Five Star Best Property Single Unit" award for the Mediterranean style villas, while the Sheraton Hotel was adjudged "Five Star Best New Hotel Construction & Design," for its innovative design and world class services and facilities.



The Mediterranean styled Bahria Oasis farmhouses project in Lahore was ranked "Highly Commended Interior Design Show Home," for its high quality construction and finishes.

The Bahria Grand, a hotel in Bahria Town got "Five Star Best New Small Hotel Construction & Design," and The Gold Spa & Fitness Club located at the Mall of Lahore was

ranked "Highly Commended Best Leisure Interior," for its world class ambience.

"I am thankful to God Almighty and this is a great honor for the people of Pakistan that our model communities are considered above and beyond the modern neighborhoods in the developed world," said former chairman Bahria Town Malik Riaz Hussain.

Courtesy: Express Tribune

With 'steely' resolve, this iron sculptor fought paralysis to mould his destiny

Sehar Nadeem
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When someone says 'Superman', Christopher Reeve, who portrayed the superhero on the big screen, comes to mind. He met an unfortunate accident which left him paralysed. There is another Super Man in Karachi who met the same fate but was determined to carry on.

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The prime minister said "When it comes to Pakistan, the first word that comes to the mind of the Chinese is "iron brother". To us Chinese, Pakistan is always a trustworthy friend who is as solid as iron. Actually, Chinese netizens refer to Pakistan as Iron Pak. This testifies to the strength of China-Pakistan friendship. In 1986, I led a youth delegation to Pakistan. Wherever we went, in Islamabad, Lahore and Karachi, we were greeted with rapturous welcome. The petals showering on us and brightly smiling faces are still fresh in my memory, as if it happened only yesterday. I will never forget the goodwill of the Pakistani people.

Now back in Pakistan again, I feel very much at home. I find Pakistan a country on the move. I am paying this visit to enhance our friendship."

Courtesy: Dawn

Contd. Kerry Congratulations

of procedural irregularities during polling. We urge all parties and their supporters to peacefully address any election disputes in accordance with Pakistan's constitutional and legal processes.

These irregularities were limited to a very small region that was represented by a very small part of the elected body," she said.

Ms Psaki said the US is looking forward to continuing a broad relationship of working together on a number of issues, including continuing to work on counterterrorism.

"Mr Sharif has indicated that economic development and growth is one of his focuses. But their focus right now is, of course, on forming the government. And once they do that, I'm sure we'll have more substantive conversations with them," she said.

Courtesy: Express Tribune

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named "Octa Mechanica", which does around 65 kilometres per litre (km/l) – passed most of the tests, with a few suggestions from the specialists.

"We learned twice as much by building this car than what we learnt from textbooks in four years of engineering school," he said.

For their car, Khan's team modified a 125 cc bike's engine. They used an aerodynamic, fibre glass body to increase mileage and are also trying to attach an Electronic Fuel Injection (EFI) system for more improvements.

Khan said the inspiration to enter the competition – this is the first time two teams from UET Peshawar are competing – came after seeing other Pakistani teams participate.

The team from EME College has participated in the event for the past three years, each time improving their mileage and performing better in the Asian contest. In order to increase the mileage, we have tried to reduce the car's weight and to minimize friction losses, explained Muhammad Usman, a final-year mechanical engineering student from EME College.

Usman said that the EME's latest car is built from lightweight Aluminium and they have reduced friction in the energy-to-tyre transmission by using unidirectional clutch bearings.

Like Khan's team, the EME car falls under the "Urban concept" gasoline category, one of the two major categories for the Eco-marathon; the other being "prototype" cars. The urban concept cars have to be as close to commercially produced cars as possible while the prototype cars could be more futuristic: three-wheelers and comparatively smaller in size.

Usman, who is managing the

2013 EME college team, said the competition has become a college tradition now.

"The seniors train the juniors not only in technical expertise but also how to get sponsors to fund the work," he said.

Sponsors are important as funding and resources are the two major hurdles faced by Pakistani students.

"There is not much awareness about such innovation in Pakistan and we were disappointed by the response from Pakistani companies when we went looking for sponsors," Khan said. "At times, we had to put Rs70,000 each from our own pockets into the project."

Even when the universities support testing and trials, the urban concept cars cost around Rs400,000 to Rs500,000; the prototypes half as much.

But on top of the research and development work, the teams have to bear airfare for students and freight charges for transporting the cars to Malaysia, Usman said. Adding that they were still looking for a sponsor to finance an even lighter carbon fibre exterior for their car.

Shell Pakistan subsidized some of these costs by awarding six cash prizes to the teams worth Rs 0.9 million altogether – Khan's team and Usman's team won separate awards worth Rs200,000 each for most innovative car and best mileage respectively.

Shell Pakistan Managing Director, Omar Sheikh, said that in addition to bringing recognition for Pakistan on the world stage, the competition also has some direct benefits.

"Such events encourage young enterprising individuals and are also a way for Shell Pakistan to foster innovation in the area of energy," said Sheikh.

Courtesy: Express Tribune

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summit. To the surprise of many in the mountaineering community, Samina Baig summited Mount Everest with twin sisters from India – Tashi and Nugshi Malik – also 21 years old.

Although messages had been circulating that Samina Baig and her 29-year-old brother Mirza Ali had summited Mount Everest together, the Alpine Club of Pakistan (ACP) was still to issue an official statement about it.

"We have confirmed that Samina Baig made history by becoming the first Pakistani woman to summit the world's highest peak at 8,848 metres high. We are still trying to confirm if her brother has also made it to the top," said Karrar Haidri, the executive member of the ACP. Once the news is confirmed, Mirza Ali could be the youngest Pakistani to summit Mount Everest.

Courtesy: Express Tribune

Contd. Lamha wins best film

Jaffri, who is also an actor, also spoke during a panel discussion on independent cinema in Pakistan and India at the festival. While saying that it was difficult to compare the film industry in both countries, she added, "We in Pakistan are standing on the cusp of an emerging independent film scene aided by industry veterans who are beginning to listen to the increased demand by audiences and filmmakers alike to figure out solutions and make space for Pakistani independent films that are already gaining acclaim internationally."

Previously, Lamha has also won two awards at the New York City International Film Festival – the Best Feature Film (Audience Choice) and Best Actress in a Lead Role award, which went to Aamina Sheikh.

Courtesy: Dawn

Contd. With 'steely' resolve, this iron sculptor fought paralysis

As you walk down the sloping pathway leading to Karachi university's visual studies department, a myriad sounds assault your senses – the cacophony of welding machines, hammers knocking hard wood and the chatter of students.

Walk further and you see metallic robots greeting you inside the kingdom of their master Muhammad Ismail, who has been working at the visual studies department for 10 years. He sits on his wheelchair, much like a king on a throne, speaking to an eager audience. He is popular among the department's students, assisting them whenever they get frazzled.

Ismail grew up in a village nestled between Bahawalpur and Multan in Punjab. "My siblings and I would play on the farms. We would make toys from the wet sand," he says. "I left school when I failed in chemistry in grade 10." To help with the finances, Ismail started working as a handy man at his brother's shop, but he wasn't satisfied. "I wanted to get out of the village and see the city." He then came to Karachi, where he toiled at a workshop near Kalapul. So how did he get to KU, making his own iron sculptures and holding exhibitions?

"Indus Valley students used to come to the workshop for their projects. Then one day, a teacher from Karachi University came and offered me a job. I started out as a welding instructor. Then I saw the chairperson of the visual studies department, Durriya Kazi, make a sculpture in just two days." After seeing her, he decided to work on his own sculptures. "I made insects and bees – the movement of their bodies is so hard to capture as they are very small." Ismail knew he was in the place of his dreams. With work going well, he went back to his vil-

lage and got engaged.

Only two months before the wedding, he came back to work. "I was helping a colleague store wood on the roof of my house when the support plank broke and we both fell. He got away with a cut on his foot but I landed on my spine. Next thing I knew, I was paralysed waist down," says Ismail. "We visited every doctor but they all said the same thing – that I couldn't walk again."

"My mother would cry beside my bed but I would tell her it was okay, that it was all God's will. Ms Kazi visited me, asking me to come back to work and I got worried. She obviously didn't mean that they would fire me, but I didn't want to be away for longer," he said. "At first I couldn't move, I was helped on the wheelchair. Then Sir Munawwar – the drawing and sculpture teacher – asked me one day if I wanted to sell my sculptures. He told me there are people who would pay me a lot for my work."

"I believe God has given some kind of talent to every person; some spend their lives without knowing it, some spend their lives working to get there and there are others who are given such opportunities in their lifetime," says Ismail. "These metal sheets are my friends, they talk to me. They tell me if you mould me from here, I will make this shape."

Courtesy: Express Tribune

Contd. Pakistani outperforms

The syllabus of the financial management paper (F9) focuses on ways to raise capital (equity financing, debt financing etc), reasons behind corporate failures, and mergers and acquisitions. Ali said he plans to do internship in either treasury or audit department of a financial services company.

Courtesy: Express Tribune

Contd. The road less travelled: From Ismail Goth to Harvard

University at the end of June. The three-month programme, an initiative by the US-Pakistan Women Council will allow her to attend classes at Harvard University and also provide her with internship opportunities.

Fatima stated that her main motivation to apply for the programme was the opportunity to go abroad.

"I had read case studies from Harvard during my college years, but did not realize what a privilege it was to get admitted there until I saw everyone around me reeling with excitement," she said.

She admitted with a chuckle that even her father, a driver at a private company, did not realise the extent of her achievement until his company owners told him that his daughter was going to attend the same college as Benazir Bhutto.

Fatima attributes her unusual success to The Citizens Foundation and said that her life changed when she enrolled in their school in the ninth grade. Due to limited resources, it would have been impossible for her father to finance the education for Fatima and her four siblings, despite his willingness to see a better future for his

children.

However, she emphasised that TCF had not only assisted her academically and financially but also provided a complete support system, extending counseling to parents and providing guidance through personal crises as well.

"Belonging to a family where I am the first girl to complete matriculation, my interaction with TCF alumni and teachers was the first insight into the world of educated people. I immediately knew that I wanted to be like them," she said.

But the journey was not an easy one. From issues such as finding transport to go to school to adjusting to an English medium curriculum at university, there were several ups-and-downs but Fatima remained undeterred.

Currently, Fatima is gearing up to represent Pakistan and TCF at Harvard, but in the long run she aspires to be a CEO at a multi-national organisation. But before she does that she wants to give back by becoming more involved with TCF in its educational initiatives. It is her way of saying thank you to the organisation that gave her the strength to dream..

Courtesy: Dawn

Contd. PML-N

government in the centre.

According to unofficial results PML-N is leading the National Assembly by a big margin against political parties.

Nawaz Sharif has declared victory in Pakistan's election after unofficial, partial vote counts showed his Pakistan Muslim League-N (PMLN) party with an overwhelming lead over the cricketer-turned-politician Imran Khan.

However results indicate that Mr Sharif's party will fall short of winning a majority of the 272 directly elected national assembly seats, in which case he will have to put together a ruling coalition.

Courtesy: Express Tribune

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disturb peace and tranquility besides telling upon badly on economic activities and development process in the state," he said.

Omar Abdullah said that Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has initiated various initiatives in building confidence between the two countries, and hoped he would continue its efforts towards this end. He also hoped that the new government in Pakistan would exhibit similar friendly spirit towards confidence building and resolving of issues peacefully.

Courtesy: BusinessToday



Aamir Atlas become Asian Champion

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Pakistan's Aamir Atlas Khan brushed aside Kuwait's Abdullah Al Mezayan in three sets to become the first Pakistani in 14 years to win the Asian Squash Championship on Sunday at the Islamabad Sport Complex. Khan triumphed over Al Mezayan after an impressive performance with figures of 11-9, 11-3, 11-8.

Speaking to Dawn.com, Khan said the victory was the result of his hard work and he was happy to have won a title for Pakistan.

"I am very happy and I am sure that after this victory, squash in Pakistan will see better days," Khan said. The twenty-two year old had earlier said that he was using the home advantage to his benefit.



"I knew I had advantage of home glass court and crowd, and I took advantage of both," he said.

Khan had beaten Asyraf Azan of Malaysia 11-5, 11-6, 11-6 in the semi-final on Saturday.

He added that his expectations before the start of the tournament were low because he had just recovered from an injury; however, his goal was to win the Asian title for which he worked hard.

Courtesy: Express Tribune

Bashir "Somchai" Ahmad wins debut fight in Singapore

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PAK MMA founder, Bashir Ahmad made his ONE FC debut against Shannon Wiratchai at ONE FC: Kings and Champions on April 5, 2013 at the Singapore Indoor Stadium in Kallang, Singapore, Bashir won the fight via



unanimous decision becoming the first Pakistani MMA fighter to compete and win on an international stage. He is now 2-0 as a professional MMA fighter and will be making his second appearance later this year.

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U-21 hockey team to leave for Europe

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Pakistan U-21 hockey team will depart for a 16-day Europe tour from Lahore Airport.

"The tour is part of Pakistan Hockey Federation's (PHF) efforts to provide maximum exposure to players before Junior World Cup," said team manager and chief coach Rana Mujahid.

The Junior World Cup is scheduled to be held from Dec 5-16 in India. Pakistan team will play three matches each against Holland and Germany and two against Belgium during the Europe tour.

Talking about importance of the tour in connection with the junior World Cup, he said,

"This is a great opportunity for us to play in Europe as the boys would get invaluable experience on the tour in question. Rana further said that the junior team had already completed two phases of their training and the upcoming tour will further help them



hone their skills.

"We have recently organised a camp in Lahore while another in Islamabad and the Europe tour will further help us," he stated, adding that he expected tough competitions during the tour. Squad: Mohammad Umar Bhutta (captain), Syed Kashif Shah (vice-captain), Mazhar Abbas, Amin Yousuf, Mohammad Khalid, Mohammad Faisal Qadir, Mohammad Rizwan Junior, Mohammad Tousiq, Tasawar Abbas, Ammad Shakeel Butt, Mohammad Kashif Javed, Mohammad Irfan, Mohammad Dilber, Ali Shan, Mohammad Suleman, Mohammad Umair, Mohammad Rizwan, Hafiz Rizwan Ali.

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Brunel University London. He was recently awarded CIO of the Year award by Teradata.

The company started as a software developer but soon realised that businesses were outsourcing their projects to companies in India and Pakistan because of their low costs, Alam said.

Texpo has established itself as a leading IT solutions provider with a client base in the Middle East, Central and South Asia and North America, earning over \$5 million in revenues annually. Texpo is also looking forward to strategic expansion into different regions.

Texpo has also extended its operations to Pakistan by opening a Karachi office three years ago – the reasons for which are not limited to commercial aspects only.

"I have come back to Pakistan for two reasons. I want to create 100,000 jobs in the ICT sector of the country during next five years and serve the country by developing highly skilled IT workforce," Alam said.

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