



Malala nominated for 'Children's Nobel Prize'



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Pakistani schoolgirl Malala Yousafzai has been nominated for the World Children's Prize in Sweden for her crusade for education rights for girls.

Liv Kjellberg, 15, a member of the international prize jury, said Malala is a child herself and she stands up for girls' rights to education in not only Pakistan, but also the world. According to Dawn News, Malala was last year nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize and won the European Union's Sakharov human



rights prize for her fight for the right of all children to education.

The 16-year-old, who lives in Britain following extensive medical treatment, was shot by the Taliban in 2012 for her

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Pakistan signs CASA-1000 agreement to import electricity



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Pakistan, Afghanistan, Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan have signed an agreement CASA-1000 which will enable Islamabad to import electricity to meet its energy needs. Federal Minister for Water and Power Khawaja Asif represented Pakistan in the meeting. Under the agreement Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan will provide 700 megawatt electricity to Pakistan via Afghanistan.

Courtesy: The News

Free medical camps in Peshawar



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Doctors at four medical camps held under the 'Sehat Ka Insaf' programme on Monday examined more than 3,000 patients, officials said.

"The camps are being held on every Monday where people are provided free diagnostic services as well as medi-



cines," they said. Majority of the patients suffered from acute respiratory tract infection, urinary tract infection and anaemia.

Officials said that camps were organised in Malakandher Shinwaro Kallay, Urmar Bala, Hazarkhwani and Akunabad localities.

A total of 3,474 patients including women and children were examined by the doctors, officials said. They added that the camps would continue as part of PTI's Sehat Ka Insaf programme under which children were also vaccinated against nine vaccine-preventable childhood ailments.

Officials said that a total of 457,583 children were administered oral polio vaccine during the campaign on Sunday last.

Courtesy: Dawn

Tourists witness Dir festival



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The two-day Dir Snow Sports Festival ended amid colourful festivities here on Wednesday at the snow-covered Shahi town situated near Pak-Afghan border.

The festival was organised by the Pakistan Army in collaboration with Sarhad Rural Support Programme. Besides local people, a larger number of tourists also watched snow rugby and volleyball, paragliding, tug of war, race, judo karate and other such competitions besides a

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EDITOR'S NOTE

People tend to be generous when sharing their pessimism, fear, and ignorance. And while they seem quite eager to feed us their negativity, one should bear in mind that sometimes the diet we need to be on, is a spiritual and emotional one. We should be cautious with what we feed our mind and soul. We should try to surround ourselves with positivity and people who radiate positive energy at all times. This will not only benefit us, but its impact will also grow on society as a whole. Fuel yourself with positivity and let that fuel propel you into positive action.

This issue will inform you about Malala being nominated for yet another award, a helpline set up for women, a variety of important education sector related news including Pak-Turk students organizing a social exhibition and the 'Adopt a School Program' launched by Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and news about Sultan Rahi's statue being added to Madame Tussauds.

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The forgotten values: PakTurk School students expose the wrongs in our society



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Students of the PakTurk International School organised an exhibition, titled the Third Eye, at the school's Gulshan Girls Campus on Wednesday. Over 300 students participated in the exhibition and worked in teams to produce the art pieces.

The art pieces featured in the exhibition reflected the forgotten values that once formed the fundamental basis of a society, explained the school's senior vice-principal, Anbreen Tariq. "It is about the things spoiling our society." She added that the 'Third Eye' aimed to highlight those values that the society does not see or place much importance on anymore.

Students of both the junior and senior sections participated in the exhibition,



with the works incorporating a mix of colourful mediums. At the exhibition, the students stood by their respective art pieces, clamouring for attention as the visitors went from one piece to another, appreciating the students' intellect and thoughtfulness.

A group of students from grade two had worked on a project about time. The piece they came up with was a cage with a clock and a Barbie doll inside it. "This shows that we can't hold time," explained

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Children's festival begins with a day dedicated to teachers

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Around 2,000 teachers from both private and government sector schools attended the first-ever Teachers' Literature Festival, held as part of the three-day 11th Children's Literature Festival that kicked off at the Arts Council on Thursday.

The highlight of the day was a session called 'Teachers' Voices', which focused on factors that promote or inhibit reading and creativity in classrooms. During the session, which was moderated by Swaleha Alam Shahzada, Zubeida Mustafa, Bernadette L Dean and Nargis Sultana, teachers aired their experience-based opinions over ways to inculcate healthy reading habits among children and develop their interest in books.

Talat Ahmed, who runs a Montessori in the city, believed that characters such as Harry Potter had helped immensely in pulling children back towards books. "This is a good sign and we must build on it by developing our own literary characters that can garner similar interest from children," she said.

The headmistress of a public school lamented that teachers spot errors and lacunas in published textbooks all the



time. However, she said, it is quite hard to find publishers if they want to come up with their own versions of a comprehensive textbook. "Textbook boards should facilitate teachers and make it easier for them to write and get their own textbooks published," she urged, while also advising teachers to be more creative in classrooms and make learning enjoyable for children.

Other sessions at the festival, which has been organised by Idara-e-Taleem-o-Aagahi and Ameena Saiyid of the Oxford University Press in collaboration with the Open Society Foundations (OSF) and Karachi Youth Initiative (KYI), included book launches, dramatic readings and workshops on creative writing and other subjects.

The Arts Council itself did not look less than a story book, with various sections decorated in different themes of classic and popular literature and given names such as Daastan Sraa'aay, Shah Abdul Latif Bhitai, Kitab Ghar, Talism-e-

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Nawaz, Zardari launch Thar coal power project

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Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and former president Asif Ali Zardari Friday jointly performed ground-breaking of the US 1.6 billion dollar Thar coal power project to help the country meet its energy needs.

— a joint venture between Engro Powergen and Government of Sindh.

Prime Minister Sharif, in his address, said the launch of the project along with Zardari, had sent a message across that the political leadership should be united when it comes to the devel-



The project, scheduled to complete in 2017, will initially provide 660 MW of power for Pakistan's energy starved industrial units.

The project will be carried out by Sindh Engro Coal Mining Company (SECMC)

opment of the country.

He said this political trend must be set in Pakistan now and the leaders need to think about the country first regardless of their differences.

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COTHM students win bronze and silver medals

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Teams of culinary arts students of COTHM won silver and bronze medals in International Istanbul Gastronomy Festival 2014 in Turkey. Thirty four international teams were contesting from Europe and other regions of the world.

The CEO of COTHM, Ahmad Shafiq, led the teams of students to participate in the competitions. He expressed his delight on exceptional performance of the teams. He said it is a matter of great national pride for us that as Pakistanis we repre-



sented our country at an international forum and competing on such forums will play a vital role in promoting the Pakistani cuisine internationally. He said, we are indebted to the overwhelming professional support and co-operation from the hospitality industry of Pakistan which enabled us to showcase our brilliant youth internationally.

Courtesy: The News

KP to launch 'adopt a school' programme

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The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Elementary and Secondary Education Department is planning to launch a campaign for seeking support of the expatriate Pakistanis and well-off people in the country to adopt government schools and fund provision of missing facilities there, according to official sources.

They said that the individuals and donors would be requested through a proper campaign inside and outside the country for adoption of the schools where the government could not provide the needed facilities in its limited resources, said the sources in the education department. For this purpose, the Elementary Education Foundation (EEF), Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, has specifically devised 'adopt a school' programme.

Initially, four components of the missing facilities have been selected to be ensured in the schools, which include construction of additional classrooms, boundary walls and washrooms; provision of drinking water; establishment of computer labs; and provision of computer teachers.

Of the total 28,472 government schools in the province, 10,340 are without electricity, 7,554 have no drinking water facility, 4,904 lacks boundary wall and 3,941 schools are

without washrooms, according to the education department data.

The sources said that the programme would be launched as a pilot project in five districts, including Pe-



shawar, Mardan, Abbottabad, Nowshera and Dera Ismail Khan.

Later, it would be extended to other districts. The officials said that 50 schools lacking the required facilities had been selected in each of the five districts.

The officials said that 'adopt a school' programme would be launched by end of March during a ceremony where Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf chief Imran Khan would be chief guest.

The EEF would hire an information technology firm for developing a web page, and videos and pictures of the schools lacking facilities would be uploaded on it for information of the donors and individuals who could provide support to the respective schools.

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Helpline for women set up

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A helpline has been established for women to register their complaints about harassment or domestic abuse, announced Sindh Minister for Women Development and Social Welfare Rubina

Qaimkhani.

She said that the helpline (111-623-937) would provide women with a platform to register their complaints without any fear and would also create awareness of the new anti-harassment law.

Courtesy: The News

Youth Festival: Special athletes compete in educator sector games Data Ganj Bakhsh Town dominates

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Education sector athletics competitions of the Punjab Youth Festival were held at the Punjab Stadium.

Saifullah of Jallo Park Boys School won the 100-metres race. Azhar Ali stood second and Haider Ali was third. In the 200-metre race, Usman Ali was first, Jabbar Saddique second and Azhar Ali third. In the 400-metre race, Muhammad Ijaz Khan of Islamia High School at Khazana Gate won the first position, Jabbar Saddique was second and Mahboob Ali stood third. In the 800-metre race, Muhammad Farooq of Attoke Awan School took the first position, followed Aaqib Afzal of Model Town School and Jaffar Ali. In the 1,500-metre race, Muhammad Shahbaz of Attokey Awan School stood first, Mazhar Ali was second



and Abbas Akbar was third. Muhammad Azeem was the winner of the long jump contest. Hassan Raza was second and Aaqib third. In the javelin throw, Ibrar Ali stood first, Muhammad Farooq was second and Abbas Ali stood third.

In the shot-put contest, Arslan Mushtaq was first, Ali Ahmed was second and Waleed Asif was third. In girls' competitions, Sabiha Mush-taq took the 100-metre title. Komal Ishtiaq and Muneeba were second and third in the race. In the 200-metre race, Muneeba stood first, Farah and Tahira were second and third, respectively. In the 400-

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Fifth edition of Karachi Literature Festival begins

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The 5th edition of Karachi Literature Festival (KLF) began in Karachi at the Beach Luxury Hotel on February 9, which had 100-plus sessions featuring 200 speakers from 11 countries.

Over 180 Pakistani and 34 international authors, poets and academics graced the Festival.

According to Ameena Sayyid and KLF director Asiffarrukhi awards were given to authors for three different prize categories: KLF-Coca-Cola Best Non-Fiction Book Prize, KLF-Embassy of France Prize, and KLF Peace Prize.

The panel of judges for the prizes included some of Pakistan's most eminent critics, writers and scholars, who short-listed three books for each prize category.

Proceedings on the opening day commenced with a discussion with MoniMohsin; a session titled 'The Power of the Fourth Estate'; and a session on Faiz. Followed by a conversation with Mustansar Hussain Tarar; a session with Bushra Ansari; a session on 'Literature and Music in Pakistan' with Tina Sani, Zeb Bangash, and Sar-mad Khoosat as panellists; readings by Intizar Hussain with the launch of Silver Jubilee edition of his novel Basti, and a conversation with Rajmohan Gandhi. The first day will end with a Mushaira.

Important sessions on the second day of the festival included 'Contemporary Fiction at Home and the Diaspora'; 'New Voices in Sindhi Poetry'; 'Shayer e Awam: Habib Jalib'; 'Glitter of the Silver Screen'; 'Qawwali Music and the Sufi Poetry Tradition'; conversations with Kamila Shamsie,

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Horse & Cattle show returns to Jacobabad after 10 years

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The 144th Horse and Cattle Show was inaugurated in a colourful ceremony attended by several hundred people in the city's Exhibition Ground.

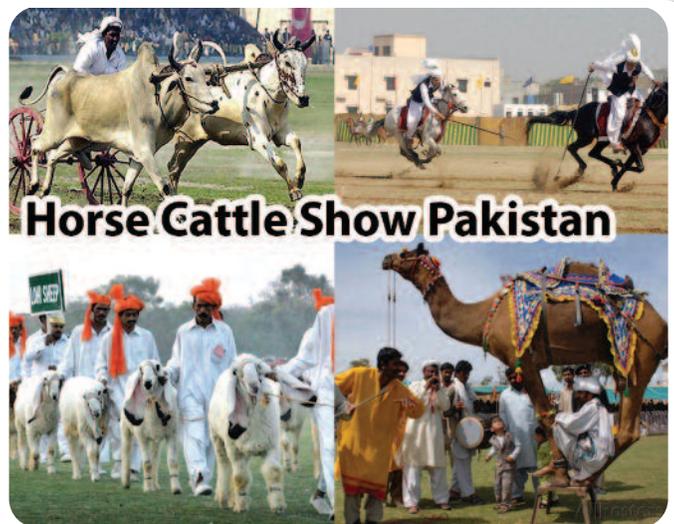
Once an annual feature used to be held in Jacobabad regularly, the show could not be organised over the past decade.

The event was also hit by a major setback when Sindh Chief Minister Syed Qaim Ali Shah, who was supposed to inaugurate the show could not make it due to bad weather. Accordingly, PPP MNA Mir Aijaz Hussain Jakh-rani, Shab-bir Ali Bijarani and Dr Sohrab Sarki jointly kicked it off. The other prominent figures who

attended the ceremony included MNAs Mir Aijaz Hussain Jakh-rani and Shabbir Ali Bijarani, provincial minister Mir Mumtaz Ali Jakh-rani Larkana Commissioner Sa-eed Ahmed Mangnejo, Jacobabad Deputy Commissioner Sardar Ali Jamali, senior police officials, PPP activists Sardar Mohammad Panah Odho, Abdul Sattar Brohi, Mir Liaquat Lashari, Mir Farooq Khan Jakh-rani, Mir Ghulam Abbas Jakh-rani, Ali Khan Jakh-rani, Bahadur Mugheri, Shoukat Ali Ghunio and other elite of the area.

Various departments and Industrial, agricultural and commercial concerns had set up their stalls in the Exhibition Ground.

A large number of horses and



cattle of varying breeds brought by their owners to the show from Sindh and Balochistan was put on display. Visitors took keen interest in the breeds and their presentation.

Speaking on the occasion, MNA Aijaz Jakh-rani regretted that the show could not be

held for 10 years for one reason or the other but now when things have been set straight, it would hopefully be held regularly.

He noted that the event in the past proved to be a significant source of knowledge and entertainment remarkably

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'Fashion Pakistan Week' kicks off in Karachi

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The wait for innovative fashion lovers of Karachi has been ended with the start of the sixth-edition of the 'Fashion Pakistan

cover up their bare skin – an essential ingredient for making these garments a commercial success. A wide array of smart cropped coats in digital prints, embroidered long jackets and free-flowing colourful capes accompanied every de-



Week' (FPW) 2014 on Wednesday, ARY News reported. Sixth Edition of FPW comprises 24 Fashioner Designer promoting new style and customary with a mix of established fashion crop, a few commercial labels and a group of budding fashion students presented a mix of silhouettes – traditional and western in Karachi. Models swayed down the ramp in off-shoulder maxis, knee-length shift dresses, and sleeveless kurtas, wearing cropped coats, capes and long jackets to

signer's show. The three-day fashion week in Karachi will help Pakistan's culture and fashion to stand along with global standard as well it will attract foreign buyers. In order to courage the participants Pakistan Fashion Design Council has announced to award participants with different titles including 'Emerging Talent', 'Diamond Designer Award' and 'Best Collection Award'.

Courtesy: ARY News

Sultan Rahi's statue to be featured in Madame Tussauds

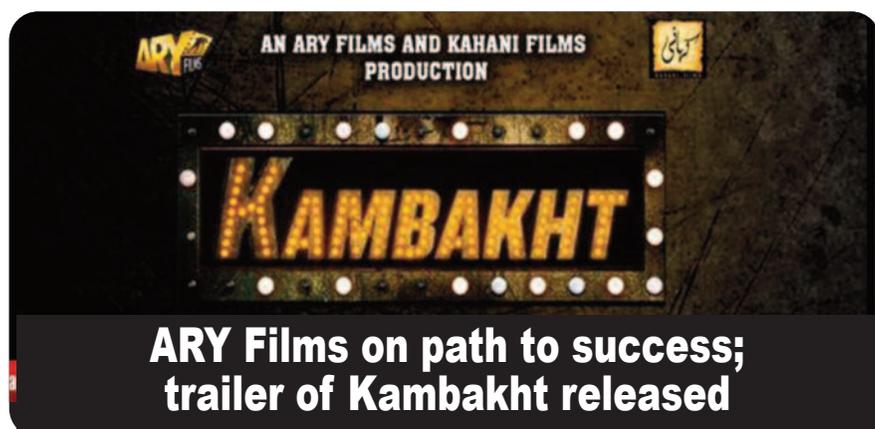
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Wax statue of Pakistani Punjabi actor Sultan Rahi is likely to be added in Madame Tussauds next year, ARY News has learnt. According to details after receiving various requests from people each year, management of Madame Tussauds is considering the addition towards the end of the year when they plan for the 2015 wax-works. Furthermore, they have, as a result, added Sultan Rahi's ICI in their 'figure request list' which is a great news for the Pakistani legend.



Sultan Rahi, one of the leading and most successful actors of Pakistani and Punjabi cinema has won 160 Film Awards. He was appeared in 813 films in his career including 703 plus Punjabi and 100 Urdu films. Maula Jatt, Sher Khan, Chan Veryam, Kaley Chore, and The Godfather, Basheeraa and Wehsi Gujjar were some of the most successful movies of his career.

Country: Pakistan Today



ARY Films on path to success; trailer of Kambakht released

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Following a roaring success of 'Main Hoon Shahid Afridi' and 'Waar', ARY Films in collaboration with Kahani Films released on Friday a trailer of its upcoming comedy and action flick 'Kam-

bakht', ARY News reported. The film is directed by Hamza Ali Abbas. ARY Films have earlier produced super-hit movies like 'Main Hoon Shahid Afridi' and 'Waar' for its audience. Almost half of the production of 'Kambakht' is completed and it will be screened across cinemas this year.

Courtesy: ARY News

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He thanked Zardari for inviting him to the ground-breaking of the project and said it was a matter of satisfaction that "we all are together and have the same priorities".

Prime Minister Sharif termed the Thar coal project a big national development project and suggested that the coal for all projects in Gaddani should be supplied from Thar.

He said the government was working on several power generation projects including hydel and nuclear generation.

The prime minister also said the recently launched nuclear power project in Karachi would generate 2200 MW, while the Dasu, Diamir and Bunji dams on Indus River would generate 15000 MW electricity. He said the Thar coal project would eventually produce 6600 MW of power.

The prime minister said three power projects would complete in 2017, including the Jhimpir Wind Power project in Thatta, CASA 1000 and Tarbela Dam upgradation.

He said efforts were afoot to import Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) and pledged that in a year and a half, the country's gas shortage problem would be addressed.

Prime Minister Sharif said the project will usher in an era of prosperity and development for the people of Tharparkar.

He also seconded former president Zardari's suggestion for setting up an industrial park in Thar that would generate employment for the people. He said the federal government would contribute in its development.

Zardari said the day's event would convey a message to

the next generations of the country that the politicians need to sit together to work for the development of the country.

He said the project, initiated by Benazir Bhutto and later pursued during his government, had finally seen the light of day.

Chief Minister Sindh Qaim Ali Shah said the project would bring about a big change in the lives of the people of Tharparkar, Sindh and the entire country.

He termed the coal as gold for Pakistan and said the electricity generated would be used to help run the industrial units of the country and generate employment.

The project in Block-II of Tharparkar District is spread over an area of 79.6 square kilometres. According to a feasibility study, the project is commercially viable and has no significant environmental threats and social implications.

In its first phase, the project will develop a coal mining and power project with a capacity of 3.8 million tonnes per annum and 660 MW.

Subsequently, the mine will be expanded to a coal capacity of 6.5 million tonnes per annum to support a 1300 MW power plant.

In the second phase, it is planned to expand mining project to 13.5 million tonnes and 19.5 million tonnes, with a power generation capacity of 2400 MW and 3600 MW.

The Thar coal field has an estimated lignite reserves of 175 billion tonnes, equivalent to the total oil reserves of Saudi Arabia and Iran combined and can be used to produce 100,000 MW for 200 years, according to the data available by SECRC.

Courtesy: The Nation

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one of the students, adding that the idea behind the piece was that one's time on Earth is limited and must be appreciated as it could not be bought or prolonged.

The event also included games and various activities for the students and visitors, including food stalls serving both traditional Pakistani and Turkish dishes. One of the most attractive features of the event was the traditional dance. One group, dressed in traditional Turkish dances, performed a traditional Turkish dance while a second group performed a Sindhi folk dance, showering rose petals among the audience as they swerved along the floor with clay urns. Aynur Pazarci, the vice-principal of the junior section, explained

that though there weren't many Turkish people in Karachi, the school continued to spread the Turkish language and culture. "After sixth grade, the students are taught Turkish and in one year, they are quite fluent at it. There are three to four thousand common words between Turkish and Urdu so it is not difficult for the students to learn the language," she said.

What sets the school apart from others in the city is that, apart from teaching the Turkish language, the students are taught the importance of moral values. The exhibition was a testimony to the fact that the students were aware of the many issues faced by society as well as their repercussions.

Courtesy: Express Tribune

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Hoshruha, Tot Batot, Autaaq, Tota Khanani, Shahi Guzar Gah and CLF Dhaaba.

A lively and colourful session on the 'Art of Reading with Expression' was also conducted by Imrana Maqsood, Seemi Zaidi and Zambeel Dramatic Readings.

Asif Farukhi held a workshop on creative writing while a session on the 'Use of New Media in Classrooms' was also conducted. Other events included a comprehensive session on 'Teacher's Education and Literature' by Shahid Siddiqui, a literary session on 'Mobilising Living

Heritage From Our Literature', 'Transformational Teaching and Introduction to Teaching as Leadership' by Teach for Pakistan and 'Teachers' Katcheri: Discussion on Teachers Duties and Right to Education.'

Moreover, a number of books including Layla aur Munni Gudia, Laddu Paidia Hua, Tasweeri Kahani Silsala, Something Black and White, Suraj the Tiger Cub, Magical Tale About Pakistan, Dotty the Unique Zebra, The Book of Little Stories and Big Dreams and Peace were also launched at the festival.

Courtesy: The News

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magic show. Several stalls selling handicraft and other local items also attracted the visitors.

Former federal minister Najmuddin Khan was the chief guest while Col Ghazi was also present on the occasion. Mr Khan said that the festival would send a positive message about Dir that it was a

peaceful area.

He said that organisers of the event had done a commendable job by holding the sports festival. "Such festivals not only provide entertainment to residents, but also play role in promoting tourism by attracting tourists," he told the concluding ceremony.

Courtesy: Dawn

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The officials said that the estimated cost of each missing facility would be displayed on the website. Answering a question, one of the official said that an individual or a donor agency could provide support for even a single facility like construction of washrooms in a school.

They said that every school would have an identity code on the website and by clicking it the entire data of the respective school could be seen.

They said that a separate bank account would also be opened for transfer of the donated money, which would be

spent through the parent-teacher council (PTC) of the respective school. The fund would be directly transferred from the bank to the PTC account.

The officials said that on completion of construction work such that of additional classrooms, the pictures and videos would be shared with the adopters through the website to ensure transparency. Besides, engineers would be hired for monitoring of construction work, while the donors would be issued a certificate for adopting a particular work.

Courtesy: Dawn

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The 18-year-old will return home in the wee hours of February 28, after the end of his event Karim continued practising in Sochi along with other athletes.

On another note, Karim observed that many alpine skiing events do not take place in Pakistan due to a lack of facilities, but he hopes that things will change.

"We don't have big tracks for Super G or downhill skiing, but we can have slalom, giant slalom, biathlon and parallel slalom events. Hopefully when I get home, I'll start training again if there is enough snow or else I'll get back to physical training."

Putin says Russia's Sochi

'risk' paid off President Vladimir Putin acknowledged Monday that Russia had taken a risk in hosting the 2014 Olympic Winter Games in Sochi, but said that the country had succeeded in showing off a different face to the world. After a build-up dogged by concerns over Russia's human rights record and an alarming race against the clock to finish construction on time, the Games themselves won gushing praise from the International Olympic Committee.

"We all took a risk, not just the Russian side but also our friends from the IOC," said Putin. "However, they believed in us and took certain risks on to themselves."

Courtesy: Express Tribune

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outspoken views supporting education for girls in Pakistan.

The World Children's Prize, also known as the 'Children's Nobel Prize', was founded in 2000 and aims to raise awareness of children's rights in 60,000 schools in 110 countries through educational programmes, the report added

Courtesy: Express Tribune

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attended by a huge number of women and children, besides men.

He appreciated efforts by Jacobabad DC Sardar Ali Jamali and SSP Farooq Ali Jamali in making the show a great success, and urged the media to play its due role in promoting such mega events in this remote town of the province.

Courtesy: Dawn

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metre race, Fariha Ijaz stood first, Muneeba was second and Fatima was third. In the 800-metre race, Khadija Rana was first, Maria Hayat was second and Iraj Akhtar was third. In the 1,500 metre race, Komal Zulfiqar was first, Tanzeela Faisal was second and Mariam was third. In the long jump, Shinawar Abdullah was first, Sabeeha Mushtaq stood second and Roma was third. In the javelin throw contest, Amna Azmat was winner, Munazza Shaukat was second and Naureen Aslam was third. In the shot-put contest, Momena Asrhad took the first position, Rashida Zahoor was second and Faiza Khalid was third. As many as 522 special children took part in athletics, basketball, football, and motor activity training programme (MATP) events. MPAs Mian Naseer Ahmed, Lubna Faisal and Hina Pervaiz Butt were present on the occasion. Aleeza, Suleman and Attequr Rehman of Rising Sun Institute DHA took the top three positions in MATP contest. In

the young athletics event, Tayyaba of Rising Sun Institute Mughalpur took the first spot while Hamza Sabir of DHA Campus was the runner-up, followed by Amal Saeed of the same campus. Athletics competitions were held in three categories. The 50-metres race was won by Habib. Uzair Shaukat and Afzal took the second and third positions respectively.

Hussain Niaz won the 100-metre race followed by Saad Ali and Usman Saleem. Saad Yousuf won the long jump contest. Umair Zubair and Faisal finished second and third, respectively. In the football championship, Rising Sun Institute DHA beat the Mughalpur branch. Rising Sun Institute DHA also took the basketball title. Mat wrestling trials will be held at the Punjab College of Commerce on Saturday (February 8). Arm-wrestling trials and bodybuilding contests will be held at Nishtar Park Sports Complex Gymnasium Hall.

Courtesy: Express Tribune

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Uzma Aslam Khan, Zehra Nigah, and Raza Ali Abidi; dramatic storytelling by Nadia Jamil; and Dastangoi by Danish Hussain, Darain Shahidi and Mahmood Farooqui.

Highlights of the third day included sessions on 'Baloch Literature and Landscapes'; 'Karachi: From Stone Age to Cyber Age'; 'Bringing Down the Gender Walls'; 'Drama and the Small Screen' with Haseena Moin, Sultana Siddiqui, Shakeel, Seema Taher Khan and Attiya Dawood as speakers; conversations with Ashis Nandy, Navid Shahzad, Mohammed Hanif, Amar Jaleel, and Abdullah Hussain; Readings by Zia Mohyeddin; 'Chulbuk Chori' a play by The Spies Theatre; screenings of Sharmeen Obaid-Chi-

noy's films; kathak performance by Nahid Siddiqui; and a concert by Laal.

The festival included launches of about 28 books including Dr Rajmohan Gandhi's book Punjab: A History from Aurangzeb to Mountbatten, The Kashmir Dispute 1947 by A.G. Noorani, I'll Find My Way an anthology of short stories edited by Muniza Naqvi, The Rest is Silence: Zahoore-Ilkhaq: Art and Society in Pakistan, Jazeera Sukhanwanan by Ghulam Abbas, Delhi by Heart by Raza Rumi, The Prisoner by Omer Shahid Hamid, Urdu Afsanay by Hasan Manzar, and What's Wrong with Pakistan? By Babar Ayaz.

Courtesy: Dawn



Pakistan win second blind cricket T20 series

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Pakistan has won Inter loop Pakistan-India Blind Cricket T20 series 2014 defeating India by nine wickets in the second Twenty 20 match played at Iqbal Stadium here on Sunday. India batted first after winning the toss and scored 208 runs for seven wickets.

Ketan Patel top scored with 72 and Ganesh was the second best with 27 runs. Haroon and Idrees from Pakistan shared a wicket each. Pakistan chased the target of 209 runs with an ease losing only one wicket in 16.2 overs. Zahid Mehmood scored his maiden century and remained not out on 104 runs off 57 balls while Nisar Ali made 55. Zahid Mehmood was declared man of the



match. DCO Noorul Ameen Mangel, CPO Dr Haidar Ashraf, Rana Afzal MNA and Syed Sultan Shah Chairman PBCC distributed prizes among the players. Pakistan with this win gets an inaccessible lead of 2-0 in three-match Interloop T20 series. The third and concluding T20 match of the series will be played on Monday (February 17) at Iqbal Stadium.

Courtesy: The News

Misbah aims to defend Asia Cup title

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Captain Pakistan Cricket team Misbah-ul-Haq said his team will try its best to defend the Asia Cup title, which is scheduled to start from Feb 25, ARY News reported on Friday.

Speaking to media in the Qaddafi Stadium, Misbah said no team was pushover in the Asia Cup, adding confidence of players was also high for the upcoming tournament.



All the teams are favourite in the Asia Cup and especially Bangladesh will be dangerous in its home condition, said Misbah.

Pakistan skipper said the combination of players was well set. To a question, he said he will continue playing until he is fit.

The team will fly Bangladesh tonight (Friday night). Pakistan will play Sri Lanka in the opening match on February 25, 2014.

Courtesy: ARY News

Winter Olympics: The Games have led to a new beginning, says Karim

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Pakistan's sole athlete in the Winter Olympics Muhammad Karim dubbed his overall experience in Sochi 'a life-changing one', after the mega event came to a close.

Karim finished 71st out of 109 skiers in the giant slalom competition. He clocked ahead of Indian athlete Himanshu Thakur and also managed to better Pakistan's record at the Winter Olympics.

For the Pakistan skier, the Games have changed him as an athlete; the teenager feels that watching other sports and players has also been a great help.

"Being among so many great athletes has opened my mind," Karim told The Express Tribune. "It makes you think about the standard that you need to achieve. It's like a new beginning."

'Closing ceremony a moment of pride'



Karim was also overwhelmed with what he saw at the closing ceremony, and feels proud that he represented the country.

"I'll never forget the feeling when we marched with Pakistan's flag at the closing ceremony," said Karim. "There was a sense of pride. Besides that, I really enjoyed the extinguishing of the flame towards the end."

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