

Positive Post

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December in History

December 24, 1952:
UN Security Council adopts the Anglo-American Resolution on Kashmir urging immediate demilitarization talks between India, Pakistan.

December 31, 1952:
Pakistan National Scouts instituted.

December 22, 1957:
Malik Feroz Khan Noon is sworn in as seventh Prime Minister of Pakistan.

December 7, 1970:
First General elections held. Awami League and Pakistan People Party emerge as leading parties in East and West Pakistan.

December 19, 1970:
Pakistan wins gold medal in Asian Games hockey, beating India 1-0.

December 20, 1971:
General Yahya Khan hands over power to Z. A. Bhutto, who takes over as President and Chief Martial Law Administrator.

December 30, 1973:
Z. A. Bhutto lays foundation stone of Pakistan Steel Mills.

December 27, 1975:
1976 is declared Quaid's Century year.

December 31, 1985:
Martial Law is lifted, amended 1973 Constitution revived.

December 2, 1988:
Benazir Bhutto is sworn in as first woman Prime Minister of Pakistan.

December 12, 1990:
Pakistan becomes 37th country to send expedition to Antarctica.

December 4, 1994: Pakistan regains World Hockey Championship title after 12 years, beating Holland 4-3.

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.

Greenwich beyond Horizons



Greenwich is committed to excellence by producing capable, competent and conscious future leaders across business and social settings. Such a visionary ambition helped it evolve from an institute in 1987 to a University by 1997, recognized among pioneers of private tertiary education in Pakistan. Greenwich University now enjoys the status of an internationally acclaimed institution with services in educational leadership for over three decades, recognized among top ten business schools in Pakistan. Greenwich's focus on harnessing the competence and character of future generations has led to its rise from pioneer to premier in higher education, producing artists, business leaders, composers, musicians, public servants, scholars and social scientists contributing to several aspects of human endeavor. Greenwich's alumni make their Alma Mater proud securing leadership positions at prestigious organizations around the world. Empowered by its charter and stimulated by its vision, Greenwich characterizes a global persona promoting a beyond border approach to education. The internationalization process led to the establishment of an overseas campus, accreditations with reputed

educational entities, and several collaborations with top-notch universities around the world. Greenwich is the only Pakistani university to have established an overseas campus in the Republic of Mauritius - educational and technological hub of the African continent. The Campus is an attempt to mainstream the marginalized Africans in educational leadership, and now hosts students of 11 nationalities from the region. Greenwich University enjoys membership status with premier international educational entities like NAFSA: Association of International Educators, International Association of Universities (IAU), Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU), Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), and International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies (INQAAHE), among others. Redefining horizons, Greenwich's academic partnerships expand across five continents of the world with over 15 high-ranking partners in Australia, Austria, Benin, Canada, China, Malaysia, Russia, Spain, Switzerland, Uganda and the United Kingdom. The partnerships have also been institutionalized through a Global program - enabling students to study part of their degree program with our partners - equipping

the students with world-class education as well as multicultural exposure suiting the requirements of the globalized market. Greenwich's emphasis on the culture of quality consciousness steers its Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC) to adopt international standards in educational quality assurance.

Recognizing the importance of research in national development, Greenwich Research and Development Center (GRDC) and Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC) continue to serve as centers of excellence producing innovative solutions and groundbreaking ideas in business and social

knowledge to inform national and global processes through research and analysis. Greenwich regularly engages with academia and thought leadership through conferences, consultations, seminars and workshops as a permanent feature of its calendar.

Greenwich's emphasis on social transformation continues to expand its horizons beyond the outlook of an academic institution. Recognizing the gulf between academic and policy processes, Greenwich established a policy think-tank Karachi Research Chair - driven for democratization and governance reforms - for policy discourse and analysis. As a gesture of the University's In-



sciences. Greenwich serves as an efficient knowledge-production hub with its research contributions acclaimed across conferences, symposia and fora at the national and international level. Greenwich's international conferences on Sustainable Businesses in 2017, and Globalization in 2018, attracted global scholars to engage with local narratives producing valuable knowledge in the fields of Business and Social Sciences. The University employs ingenuity and innovation to produce local

Intellectual Social Responsibility, the Chair serves as a strategic platform for collective reflection and collaborative action to orchestrate social and policy change. Greenwich also strives to inform global narratives to enhance bi and multilateral relations for Pakistan through cultural diplomacy. Its School of Leadership and Diplomacy equips the graduates to serve as peoples' ambassadors of Pakistan around the world. liament for reimagining Pakistan in 2018.



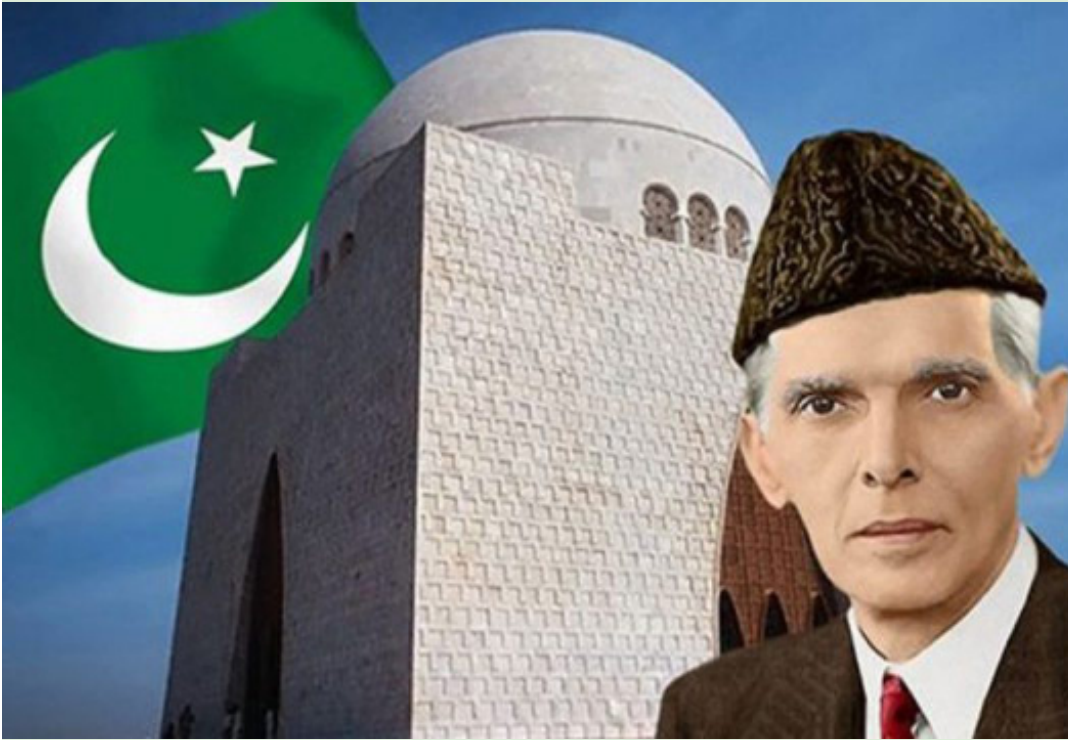
persons' institutions; to supporting orphanages and old homes on a consistent basis. The University's CSR contributions claimed consecutive National CSR awards in 2013 and 2014. The University's unwavering commitment to excellence has earned numerous prestigious awards and laurels, including "Tamgha-i-Imtiaz" - the first-highest decoration for civilians in Pakistan - for the Vice Chancellor and FPCCI Star Brand Award for 2017/18 for Greenwich in the category of Higher Education. Greenwich University continues to advance its mission of producing capable human capital to complement knowledge-based economies in Pakistan, Mauritius and beyond.

Greenwich practices its social responsibility with humility, covering a broad range of activities from sensitization on public issues; collaborative ventures with SIUT and Pink Ribbon; contributions to disaster and risk response activities; environmental protection activities; outreach programs for marginalized schools and students; funding for special

Greenwich University Mauritius Branch Campus



Nation celebrated Quaid-e-Azam's Birth Anniversary



In his message, President Dr Arif Alvi said Quaid-e-Azam was a visionary man who envisaged the separate identity, needs and political direction of the Muslims of the subcontinent. He said the acumen of his foresight and vision can be witnessed even today with the prevailing conditions in India and occupied Kashmir. The President said by paying homage to this Great Leader, we should stand united and re-affirm our faith in his teachings. Prime Minister Imran Khan in his message said the best way to pay homage to the Quaid on his birth anniversary is to adhere to his principles of Unity, Faith and Discipline.

He said the entire world is witnessing the perversion of the so-called secular outlook of the Indian Constitution today with discrimination and brutal actions against different minorities. Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi says today we pay homage to our Quaid, Muhammad Ali Jinnah, who believed in law and justice in a tweet, he said Quaid-e-Azam was a man of great vision who foresaw the importance of two separate nations. **Dawn**

The nation celebrated 144th birthday of Father of the Nation Quaid-i-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah on Wednesday, with renewed pledge to work hard for progress and prosperity of the country. It was a public holiday and national flag was hoisted a top all public and private buildings. The day dawned with Quran Khawani at the Quaid's mausoleum in Karachi.

A graceful change of guards ceremony was held at Mazar-e-Quaid in Karachi this morning. A smartly turned out contingent of Pakistan Military Academy Kakul assumed the guards' duty.

Commandant Pakistan Military Academy Major General Muhammad Ali was chief guest on the occasion. A number of events, including seminars, debates and exhibitions, were arranged both at official and civil society levels to highlight life, achievements and different aspects of the personality of the Quaid. Radio Pakistan also broadcast special programmes, discussions, inter-

views and reports to highlight different phases of independence struggle and the leadership role of Quaid-i-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah.

Sindh Governor Imran Ismail, Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah, representatives of three armed forces and people of different walks of life visited the mausoleum to lay floral wreath and offered their respect and gratitude to the great leader whose unerring

efforts paved the way for a separate homeland for the Muslims of Sub-Continent.

In their separate messages on the birth anniversary of Father of the Nation, the President and Prime Minister have said the recent developments in India and occupied Kashmir have again vindicated the conviction of the great Quaid that the extremist Hindus would never allow Muslim minority to live with respect and dignity.



Dr Atta to received highest 'International Award' of China

Professor Dr. Atta-ur-Rahman will be conferred the highest scientific award of China by the President of China on January 7, 2020.

The 'China International Science and Technology Cooperation Award', for the year 2020 is being conferred on Professor Dr. Atta-ur-Rahman in recognition of his monumental contributions in the field of chemistry. Karachi, A three day International Conference on Applied Research in Business, Management and Economics will be held from January 20, 2020 till January 22, 2020, at Greenwich University, Karachi. Research Papers by Academicians, Scholars, Businessmen and Industrialists and people from Corporate sector will present papers on various



topics. Panel discussions, moderated by specialist, will be held in various sessions. Prominent Speaker from Malaysia Professor Dr. Raja Rasiah and Professors from Bulgaria and

UAE will present their Research papers. Vice Chancellor of Benazir Bhutto Shaheed University Layari, Dr. Akhtar Baloch, Dean Social Sciences, Hamdard University, Asad Larik and

Dr. Imamuddin Khoso, IBA, University of Sindh, Jams-horo will be the Guest of Honours. Diplomats, Educationist, Businessmen and students will be attending the Conference.

ADB, Pakistan sign \$1.3 billion loan agreement



Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Pakistan on Monday struck a loan agreement of \$1.3 billion for budgetary support and reforms of the country. This will help stabilise the foreign exchange reserves of the country, and strengthen Pakistan's slowing economy. Federal Minister for Economic Affairs Hammad Azhar was present on the occasion, while Economic Affairs Division Secretary Syed Pervaiz Abbas and ADB Country Director Xiahong

Yang signed the agreement, according to a press release. Under the agreement, ADB has committed to providing \$1 billion towards the Economic Stabilization Program which aims to improve exchange rate management, strengthen public financial management, restore allocative efficiency of scarce public resources and reduce the social impacts of macroeconomic stability measures, said the press release. Out of the total \$1.3 billion loan, \$300 million have been earmarked for reforms in the energy sector and the Financial Stability Programme. This aims to address energy shortfalls as well as policy related shortcomings in the country's energy sector. The Govt of Pak & ADB have scaled up their partnership today with the

signing of USD 1 Bn special policy-based loan for macroeconomic stability and USD 300 ml for energy sector and financial sector reforms. However, agriculture is expected to recover from weather-induced contraction this year with major incentives in the government's agriculture support package included in the budget for FY2020. The ADB is

committed to achieving a prosperous, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable Asia and the Pacific, while sustaining its efforts to eradicate extreme poverty. In 2018, it made commitments of new loans and grants amounting to \$21.6 billion. Established in 1966, it is owned by 68 members – 49 from the region. **Dawn**



Ecneec approves seven development projects

The Executive committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC) on Monday approved seven de-

velopment projects worth Rs216.4 billion that related to poverty alleviation, education, hydropower project and others. Adviser to the Prime Minister on Revenue and Finance Dr Abdul Hafeez Shaikh chaired the meeting of the ECNEC. The ECNEC considered and approved seven projects put forth by Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives. ECNEC considered and approved the Southern Punjab Poverty Alleviation Project (SPPAP)-IFAD assisted, Revised-III at the total cost of Rs15.52 billion with Rs 7.5 billion as the FEC. Government of Punjab and the International Fund for Agricultural Development are the financiers of the project and the aim of the project is to contribute to reduction of poverty in the Southern Punjab Region through improving the living standards of the people, boosting agricultural production and pro-



vision of infrastructure such as water supply, irrigation, access roads, sanitation and drainage facilities to the population. The project is expected to be complete by 2023. It was briefed to the ECNEC that the main cause of the revision in the cost of the project was the change in the exchange rate. ECNEC also gave approval to “Higher Education Development in Pakistan” (HEDP) Islamabad, at the total cost of Rs12.08 billion with FEC of Rs 7.72 billion to be provided by World Bank IDA Financing. The project has five components; Nurturing academic excellence in strategic sectors, supporting decentralized Higher Education Institutes for improved teaching and learning, equipping students and Higher Education Institutions with modern technology, Higher Education Management Information System and Data driven services and technical assistance. The project is expected to raise the overall quality of Higher Education in the country

with the use of IT services. The “Pakistan Multi Mission Communication satellite system (PakSat-MMI) project”

for the establishment of the Geostationary Communication Satellite and its ground control stations located inside Pakistan, cohosted with the PakSat-IR ground control equipment also got approval by ECNEC at the total cost of Rs 39.7 billion. 15% of the cost of the project shall be finance through Federal PSDP and 85% shall be Chinese Concessional Loan. The project aims to help in increasing mobile density, tele density, broadband internet density, employment generation and quick to establish means of communication over a large geographical area stretching beyond national borders. The project shall complete in 44 months. ECNEC approved the Terbel 4th Extension Hydropower project Revised PC I, at the total cost of Rs122.9 billion. The objective of the project is the expansion of the present capacity of Terbel Dam Hydro Power Project from

3478 MW to 4888 MW (addition of 1410 MW) by installation of three units of 470 MW on the existing irrigation tunnel 4. World Bank IBRD/IDA shall be providing 90% of the financing of the project (US\$692 million) and 10% of the financing shall be done by WAPDA’s own resources. The Project is located at Swabi and Haripur Districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The renewable Energy Development Sector Investment Program (3rd Revised) also got approval by ECNEC at the total cost of Rs12.8 billion with Rs 8.84 billion as FEC. The project shall be sponsored by the Government of Punjab with the financial assistance of Asian Development Bank (ADB).

Deg-Outfall (4.04 MW) and Pakpattan (2.82 MW) at Cantt. The “Evacuation of Power from Wind power projects at Jhimpir and Gharo Wind Clusters” Revised PC-I at the total cost of Rs13.40 billion was also approved by ECNEC. The National Transmission & Despatch Company Ltd. (NTDC) will be the Executing Agency. The main objective of the project is evacuation of 1256 MW power from the Wind Power Plants (WPPs) installed at Jhimpir and Gharo wind clusters for supply of power to respective load centers of DISCO i.e. HESCO through transmission network of NTDC system. The Project shall be financed by KfW (27 million Euros) and NTDC’s own resources. The expected time for the completion of the project is 33 months.

Dawn

Anwar Maqsood reveals the inspiration behind Loose Talk



Pakistan's most celebrated writer Anwar Maqsood has revealed BBC World Service's Hard Talk was the inspiration for his popular talk show Loose Talk.

Loose Talk was a popular comedy programme written by Maqsood and presented by the late Moin Akhtar. Clips from the show are still shared on social media today. In an interview with BBC Urdu, Maqsood said in today's Subcontinent, slapstick comedy has taken over. It isn't the fall of comedy, it's its day of judgment, he said. Maqsood said an artist like Akhtar is born only once. "I told Moin not to even cough on his own, Not to even breath on his own, and in 389 episodes, Moin did

exactly what was written in the script and it could only have been done by a great actor." He advised all authors to stop writing when their pens stop. He remarked that you can lose your audience if you give them everything. "Sometimes, people write or talk without thinking and they later regret it," said Maqsood. He remarked that today, it is easier to write and present comedy than in the past. "The comedians who used to perform are now sitting in assemblies. We all see them daily, listen to them, see their movements, hear their language, see their style, but now I have left this field." He also shared that he still uses a Nokia phone and has to press a green button to answer calls. He said more than 50 people are writing against the government and army on social media using his name.

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Taher Shah is coming up with a new project



The Eye To Eye sensation Taher Shah has just dropped a hint for all of his fans and it looks like he is coming back with a new project. Shah Tweeted on Saturday the news of his return two days before the year end.

The Angel singer teased his fans with a picture of his eyes while saying "coming soon". Shah took to twitter to reveal that his song Angel has won an APEX Award 2017, which is a short film and music video festival held in the United States. Earlier, Shah took to twitter to reveal that his song Angel has won an APEX Award 2017, which is a short film and music video festival held in the United States.

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Pakistani cricketers win hearts by dining with hospitable Indian cabby

In a heartwarming series of events, Pakistani cricketers shared their dinner table with an Indian cab driver after he refused to accept the taxi fare from the players in Brisbane, Australia. The gesture by the cricketers — Shaheen Shah Afridi, Yasir Shah and Naseem Shah among others — was widely lauded on social media after the video of ABC radio presenter Alison Mitchell, in which she narrated the story about the generosity of Pakistani players

to former Aussie pacer Mitchell Johnson, went viral on Monday. Mitchell came to know about the incident after she travelled with the same taxi driver, who drove her to the Gabba stadium in Brisbane for the first Test between Australia and Pakistan. During the ride, she came to know about the players, who were picked up from their hotel in Brisbane and were taken to an Indian restaurant for dinner — where they later treated the cab driver as he

refused to charge them for the ride.



The News

Pakistan won six golds in SAG-2019



Pakistani athletes continued their brilliant run in the 13th South Asian Games 2019 which are in progress in Kathmandu, Nepal, as judokas Shah Hussain Shah and Karamat Ali won gold medals on Monday. While Pakistani weightlifters Talha Talib, Usman Rathore, Muhammad Hanzala Dastgir and Nooh Butt showed impressive skills and won four gold medals. Judoka Hamid Ali, playing in +100kg weight category, won all the league matches against India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Bhutan and Sri Lanka to grab gold medal. Shah Hussain Shah is all set to represent the country in 2020 Tokyo Olympics, as he won all the league matches against India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Bhutan and Sri Lanka with full points to clinch gold in -100kg. He just consumed less than 10 seconds against all opponents in all the fights.

In-90kg judo, Qaiser Khan won silver medal as he lost the final against India. Bisma Khan won silver medal in swimming, Sanaullah got silver in boxing, as he lost the final against Indi-

an boxer, Muhammad Husnain, Beenish Khans, Humaira Ashiq and Amina Toyoda earned bronze medals. Talking to The Nation, Pakistan Judo Federation (PJF) President Col (R) Junaid Alam said: "I was sure that we had golden chances of excelling in Nepal, but I don't know on what grounds, we were almost deprived of representing the country in 13th SAG. I am grateful to IPC Minister Dr Fehmida Mirza, who came to rescue us, as if she hadn't taken personal interest and ordered to ensure judokas participation in Nepal, the



country would have definitely suffered so as judokas. "We are giving our all to ensure Shah Hussain not only represent Pakistan in Olympics, but also trying to send him for every major event so that he may earn valuable ranking points. If players like Shah Hussain won't represent the country in such events, who are sure to win medals, then how on earth we can even think about winning international laurels. I am sure

Dr Fehmida will continue to lend a helping hand to us and in return, our athletes win glories for the country," he added.

In squash team event, Pakistan got off to flying start and beat hosts Nepal, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh, while Pakistani women team beat Sri Lanka 2-1. In the men's first match against Nepal, Farhan Mehboob beat Simha Arhanta 3-0 in 18 minutes, as he won the first game 11-7, second 11-5 and third 11-3. Asim Khan beat Magar Amrit Thapa 3-0 in 17 minutes, winning 11-5, 11-4 and 11-5,



Sumon Md 3-0 in 20 minutes, winning 11-8, 11-9 and 11-9, Asim Khan beat Raju Sri Kumar 3-0 in 14 minutes, winning 11-8, 11-1 and 11-1 and Farhan Mehboob beat Debnath Runny 3-0 in 17 minutes, winning 11-4, 11-2 and 11-3. Pakistani women beat Sri Lanka 2-1. Faiza Zafar beat Issadeen Fathoum 3-1 in 40 minutes, as she lost the first game 5-11, before winning next three games 11-8, 11-9 and 11-5 to give Pakistan 1-0 lead. Her younger sister Madina Zafar hammered Karuppu Yeheni 3-0 in 20 minutes, winning 11-1, 11-2 and 11-6 to give Pakistan an unassailable 2-0 lead, while in the third and dead rubber, Amna Pakistan stand on number four with 32 gold medals, 37 silver, 55 bronze and total 124 medals. IPC Minister Dr Fehmida Mirza congratulated the medal winners and promised to provide them more facilities, so that they may train harder and win more laurels for their country in international events.

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