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## Cultural Legacy: Iranian Vice President lauds Pakistan's heritage

**Aamina Suleman**  
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Punjab: Pakistan has a beautiful cultural heritage, commented Iranian Vice President Muhammad

Mohandis Bokel in the visitors' book during his visit to Lok Virsa at Shakarparian on Friday, said a press release issued by Lok Virsa.

"We pray for the success and prosperity of Pakistan and its great people," he said.

The vice president was received by officials of Lok Virsa to the tunes of traditional drums and famous folk songs.

Later, the vice president, who is accompanying the Iranian president in his current official visit to Pakistan, visited the Heritage Museum. The official was im-



pressed with the museum's link passage presenting Pakistan's historical cultural relations with Iran.

He was informed that both countries share commonalities in most of the crafts, cultural artefacts and architectural heritage, such as weaving, miniature, painting, calligraphy, metal, brass, blue tiles, mirror work and marble intarcia.

*Courtesy: Express Tribune*

## Pakistan's 1st Female Master Scuba Diver!

**Muhammad Ali Asif**  
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Karachi: Her world is mysterious, her friends are rainbow-bright and her passion runs deep; meet Rosheen Khan, Pakistan's first female diving instructor.

In 2009, Rosheen Khan became the first female Scuba diving instructor in Pakistan after undergoing training in Thailand. Rosheen, a PADI Master Scuba Diver Trainer (MSDT), is originally from the province of Balochistan.

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## Groundbreaking: AJK's longest bridge to facilitate commuters, revive tourism

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Mirpur: Prime Minister (PM) Yousaf Raza Gilani was present in Mirpur on Monday, where he laid the foundation stones of two development projects, most notably the Rs 4.23 billion Hazrat Meeran Shah Bridge.



August 2014.

The bridge, approximately seven kilometres in length, will be the longest bridge in Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) and will connect Mirpur city with Islamgarh town. It is being constructed in the wake of the Mangla Dam Raising Project and is expected to be completed by

It is expected that the bridge will reduce the distance between Mirpur and Islamgarh from 23 to seven kilometres, besides opening up new avenues for tourism in the area. Apart from that, the bridge will also reduce the travelling time between Mirpur and Kotli district.

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## Pakistan Day being celebrated with great fervour

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Karachi: The Pakistan Day is being celebrated with great enthusiasm and zeal through the country on Friday.

The celebrations were initiated by 31 gun salutes in Pakistan's capital city Islamabad whereas, 21 gun salutes took place in the provincial capitals. Special prayers for the prosperity of Pakistan were held all over the country after the Fajr prayers.

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## Pakistan wins contract for InfoDev mobile software lab

**Zaid Raees Dhedhi**  
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Karachi: In a move that would help spur the already booming development of IT content, Pakistan has beaten off competition from regional countries to bag World Bank's contract for setting up a research lab for mobile software development including apps, The Express Tribune has learnt.

World Bank's division InfoDev planned to establish five mobile software

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**Pakistan sees the light on solar power for energy**



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From mosques, to homes and streets, Pakistanis are increasingly seeing the light and realising that year-round sun may be a cheap if partial answer to an enormous energy crisis.

Pakistan needs to produce 16,000 megawatts of electricity a day but only manages 13,000 megawatts, according to the Pakistan Electric Power Company.

The shortfall means that millions endure electricity cuts for up to 16 hours a day, leaving them freezing in winter and sweltering in summer while hitting industry hard, exacerbating a slow-burn recession.

Voters say it is their biggest single concern, secondary to the war against Al-Qaeda and



the Taliban, and so the government has been increasingly vocal about redressing the problem as it eyes elections within a year.

"I think all our friends are encouraged to understand the real energy crisis that is in Pakistan. We can't afford to be selective of where we receive our energy supply from," Foreign Minister Hina Rabbani Khar said this month.

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**NED students launch Pakistan's first Formula car!**

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Karachi, March 23rd: What a way to celebrate Pakistan Day! Students of NED University of Engineering and Technology held their Media even for the launch of Pakistan's first Formula-style car as part of the Formula SAE Competition.

Formula SAE (Society of Automotive Engineering) is an international competition between engineering students involving the design, construction and dynamic testing of an open-wheel racecar. NED University is the first engineering institute in the country to have introduced Automotive Engineering.

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**Pakistani student success in online world mathematics competition**

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LAHORE: General Secretary of JI women wing, Dr Rukhsana Jabeen expressed immense pleasure on the success of Pakistani students in Online World Mathematics Competition, which was held in Australia.

She said it is the moment of honour and pleasure for every Pakistani that our children have performed outstandingly despite all the odds. Entire western world is trying to portray Pakistan as a failed terrorist state, but these kids have once again proved that Pakistanis can outperform anyone in the world in the field of education.

Dr Jabeen said that if the government provides support to our younger generation, Pakistani students can achieve many more landmarks like this. Pakistan have immense talent which is continuously shown by the likes of Arfa Kareem, Moosa Feroz and many others but it's deplorable that government is not taking any measures to support intelligent Pakistani students of poor areas.

Dr Jabeen congratulated the families of position holders and wished them best future ahead.

*Courtesy: The News*

**EDITOR'S NOTE**

This issue has very interesting stories, such as success of a Pakistani student in online world mathematics competition. We are trying to promote talent of Pakistan through Positive Post. If any of you have talent, write to us we will accommodate it, if it is news worthy. Our continuous efforts are lauded by our readers, who are our source of strength.

## A 9-year-old novelist from Lahore



Zaid Raees Dhedhi  
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March 27, Lahore: Aiman Waheed, a nine-year-old girl from Lahore, has written and published a 64-page novel

titled "The Dangerous Pet" which is available in the local market.

According to her family, Aiman has always been into reading books and completed her novel in a span of four months.

"I kept jotting down my ideas in the form of points. And when I started writing, the story just went with the flow," the young author said.

The sixth-grader has already started working on her next novel which would be a mystery story.

*Courtesy: Express, Tribune*

## A rickshaw that wants your trash

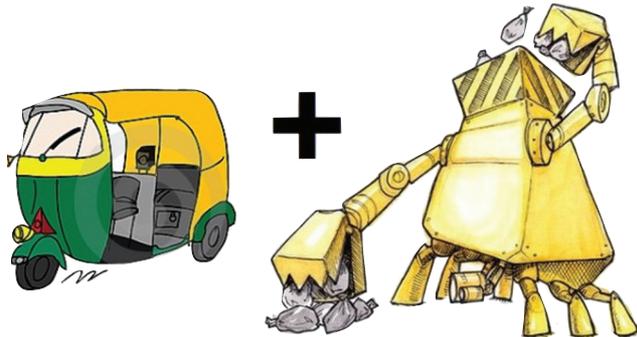


Faizan Keeriyoo  
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Karachi: The rick-saaf is a combination of a rickshaw and a garbage truck that can collect waste from those hard to reach places where the onus is generally left to the scavenger.

areas."

The prototype Husain's company Autocom has designed takes a rickshaw and adds a steel container that can take up to 200kg. This, then, operates through hydraulics with an independent power pack that uses a separate car battery, which doesn't put any strain on the engine or fuel consumption. He adds



Khayam Husain's own neighborhood and his work in Sindh's flooded areas with the Karachi Relief Trust inspired him to find solutions for waste management. "... I wanted to design a vehicle that could get into small

that it is a simple system that can be operated by virtually anyone.

The prototype takes a rickshaw and adds a steel container that can hold up to 200kg

*Courtesy: Express, Tribune*

## Over 4,000 children say no to drugs



Muhammad Ali Asif  
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Karachi: The Foundation for a Drug-Free World (FDFW) recently launched its 10th international competition 'Poster/Drawing/Presentation 2012'.

The first position in the first category was bagged by Rameez Ali from Islamabad; second by Mohammad Shahzaib Shoib of the Army

Public School & College (APS&C), Saddar, Karachi; and third by Talha Shahzad of the APS&C, Kharian Cantt. The first position in the second category was bagged by Natalia Ashraf of the APS&C, Malir Cantt and Faisal from the Children's Cancer Hospital; second by Kinza Hanif of the Karachi Grammar School; and third by Aimal Farooq of the International School of Choueifat, Lahore.

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## CIE Outstanding Achievers 2011

Muhammad Ali Asif  
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Karachi: Pakistan's got no dearth of talent. Despite the instable socio-political situations in Pakistan, its burgeoning youth - truly talented, motivated and hardworking is ready to set benchmarks of excellence across the world.

On the local and even on the International platforms, they have set traditions for the world to follow.

In CIE 2011, 18 proud Pakistani students brought laurels to the nation by setting world records in the respective subjects in GCE O level exams.

While these youngsters have the talent to set new benchmarks for the world, none had actually thought they deserved to be there where they stand.

Ghufran Rafique, (Additional Mathematics - Happy Home School), Samarah Tariq (Arts- Happy Home School), Sumbul Syed (English Literature- St. Patricks High School), and Muaz Omer Sidat (Computer Studies- The City School, Darakhshan Campus) are among those 18 students who have set world records in CIE 2011.

These aspiring students who are the ambassadors

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## Pakistani Classic Cars Website Drives A Passion

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A Pakistani classic cars site has turned a hobby into a passionate exchange for classic car restorers and lovers of open roads. PakWheels.com is one of the fast growing website devoted to all things auto where fans swap stories and laugh over jokes from their trips, speeding classic cars down deserted highways in bandit territories around Pakistan. Abdul Haseeb Awan, 23, an electrical engineer and businessman, drove from the cool hills of the capital Islamabad down south



through the breadbasket of Pakistan, then through desert to Karachi, swinging southwest to the port city of Gwadar on the glittering Arabian Sea. The website introduced him to friends when he moved from the northwest to study in the purpose-built capital, often likened to “a living graveyard” because of its limited entertainment. After a lifetime restoring Volkswagen Beetles, Khalid Mehmood, 49, says his business today thrives on online recommendations. Another enthusiast, driving a Mitsubishi Pajero, joined Mirza and other friends on the 650-kilometre coastal road heading out of Karachi along the Arabian Sea and into Balochistan. Despite traditional clubs in major cities, Internet forums increasingly facilitate interaction and allow car enthusiasts to swap experiences. Digging out vintage cars from junk yards, restoring them to their former glory and hitting the tarmac is a growing passion for enthusiasts tapping into the chat rooms of Pakistan’s busiest websites.

Courtesy: The Nations

Contd. NED students



Being the pioneers, they will be the first team to compete in an international competition of such stature which will be judged by the racing industry’s most prominent engineers and consultants, including Bill Mitchell, Doug Milliken, Claude Rouelle and Jack Auld.

Courtesy: Dawn News

Contd. CIE Outstanding

of Pakistani youth, have the will and resolve of not only excelling in their respective fields but also to dedicate and devote themselves to contribute towards their country's success.

Courtesy: The News

## Pakistani honoured with UN Global Educator Award

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The 7th Annual United Nations Conference on Teaching Peace and Human Rights concluded on Friday with renowned educationalist Parveen Kassim, Chairperson International Schools Educational Olympiad and Principal Karachi High School, winning the Global Educators’ award from Pakistan.

Gathering teachers, administrators, future leaders and non-governmental organizations on a single platform to acknowledge leadership in education from across the world, the two day conference run by global education motivators, teachers and educators served to highlight the role of educationalists from Karachi, Pakistan; Chennai, India; Burnaby, Canada; Mexico City, Mexico; Manila, Philippines and the US, whilst highlighting inspiring initiatives worldwide towards promoting and teaching peace within the classrooms.



Nominated for her notable contribution over the last two decades towards bridging distances, and gathering stu-

dents from Pakistan and across the world including youth from India, UK and Australia on a single platform to boost shared learning, competition and healthy interaction through the yearly educational meet hosted by Karachi High School, every year, the global educator’s award is a tribute to Parveen Kassim’s commitment to promote innovation in education in Pakistan by extending learning across borders and beyond the realms of the classroom.

Further acknowledged for Karachi High School’s active partnership with the British Council’s Connecting Classroom initiative aimed at forging lasting partnerships amongst schools in the UK with others around the world, Parveen Kassim won laurels for Pakistan at the conference for breaking geographical barriers by promoting peace and instilling a sense of camaraderie, trust and understanding between young people from all across the world.

Courtesy: Dawn

# ENTERTAINMENT



## A fashion week cast in iron



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March 23, 2012: With the commencement of the calendar event that is Showcase 2012, the internationally acclaimed magazine Hello! launches its operations in Pakistan and features collections off the ramp within its editorial spreads with a supplement magazine that will cover the full four-day event. Live streaming of the fashion event is also available on its website. It features 29 Pakistani and seven foreign designers.

Socialites and buyers were in large attendance on the opening day of the event. They included Zahir Rahimtoola, Zeba Hussain, Zeenat Saeed, Shobha Ispahani, Freiha Altaf, Rehana Saigol, Huma Amir Adnan and Fareshteh Gaiti-Aslam.

The segment saw models made by Depilex wear elaborate headgear and attired in silks and chiffon paneling and trimmings in shades of chocolate brown, olive green and mustard gold with metal shields and exotic carvings and embellishments worn by models including Fawzia, Mehreen Syed, Maha, Ayyan, Rubya Chaudhry, Zeba, Gia Ali, Iffi and Abbas Jaffri. It was by far the best that the evening had to offer.

London-based Danish Waqeeel showed his menswear with strong street fashion and influence by the classic designs based in London and larger Europe.

Asian Institute of Fashion Design stu

dents Ayesha Anees, Amina Jauhar, Anum Akhlaq, Birjees and Karin Yazdani showed their take on black ensembles and highly experimental wear that is typical of fashion students.

Wardah Lawn showed its take on high Spring/Summer 2012 fashion before Pakistan Institute of Fashion Design graduate Irfan Ali impressed all and sundry with his take on festivities and colour of Punjab with his version of the festival of Jamat. The segment had interesting ear wear crafted out of fine coloured yarn and footwear embellished with the same material.

Sanya Maskatiya's Cruise Pret collection focused on the figurative Mithila art found in Bihar in India and the southeast of Nepal with digital prints and earthen shades coupled with modern cuts.

Hira Lari showed her Nostalgia collection while Sri Lankan designer Ajai Vir Sing's resort wear Arugam Bay in vivid colours and fabric was based on the tropical vacation destination that is also popular as a surfing destination.

Finally, Nida Azwer showed her Parinda collection that drew inspiration from the designer's fashion journey with nature-inspired motifs which included the tree of life, the phoenix and birds. It also featured screen printing with zardozi work together, which is the designer's signature style on a base of saffron, navy blue and emerald green.

Courtesy: Dawn News

## Pakistan's first art magazine



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Karachi, March 10, 2012: It was in December last year that William Lawrie, the co-owner of a gallery in Dubai, was so inspired by a Pakistani art catalogue that he decided to visit the country to check out its art scene.

I have seen thousands of catalogues in my life but the one on Rising Tide at Mohatta Palace struck a chord," he said. "The very next morning I decided to come to Pakistan."

He spoke at the launch of ArtNow, the country's only bilingual online magazine on contemporary art. Although the magazine has been in print for six months, its official launch took place on Friday at Port Grand.

A jubilant and excited editor-in-chief, Fawzia Naqvi, said that the aim of the magazine was to highlight young and upcoming artists and to create a space for Pakistani artists in foreign galleries. "We want to portray Pakistan's positive image on the international front," she said.

Lawrie also praised the art studies in Pakistan. "I think the standard of art education is high in the country," he said. "What the National College of Arts (NCA), the Indus Valley of Art and Architecture are doing is great."

Courtesy: Express Tribune

The Secret to getting there is to know where you're going

## Mustafa Kamal positive about Bangladesh touring Pakistan

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March 27, 2012: Mustafa Kamal, the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) president, has said he will work with PCB chairman Zaka Ashraf at the ICC level to return international cricket to Pakistan. Kamal was speaking in Islamabad, after meeting with Pakistan's Interior Minister Rehman Malik to discuss security issues regarding Bangladesh's proposed tour in April.

Although no formal decision was taken at the meeting, the delegation from Bangladesh was briefed about the security arrangements the Pakistan government would make and Kamal was optimistic about the limited-overs series going ahead. The delegation will inspect facilities in Lahore and Karachi before returning home on March 5 to submit a report to the Bangladesh government.



"Now I am here to make a commitment that both Mr Zaka and I will work together to make things right at the ICC level," Kamal said. "We have our endeavour and always will work hand in hand to convince our other colleagues in the ICC to bring back cricket to Pakistan at the earliest."

Courtesy: Dawn

## Gul Ahmed Honoured

Waleed Chohan  
BS 39 3416

Karachi: Gul Ahmed Textiles (Pvt) Limited was recently honored at the coveted 8th Pakistan France Business Alliance (PFBA) Trade Performance Awards for being the highest volume exporter. This annual ceremony is an important landmark in the corporate

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## British varsity team positive about Pakistan

Aamina Suleman  
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LAHORE - A 14-member British University cricket team has reached the city on a weak long tour to play a couple of matches against the Pakistan under-19 and some local teams. The arrival of the British youngsters has also dispelled the impression in the west that the Pakistan is not a safe country to visit and that has also agreed by the captain of the British University team.

Intikhan Alam, director NCA, said thanked the visiting team and underlined the PCB keenness to host an international team. "The PCB is doing great efforts to bring cricket back to Pakistan. PCB chairman Zaka Ashraf is very keen to see international teams playing in Pakistan against and everyone is trying its best in this regard," said Pakistan's former captain. Kamal, one of the members of the team who assembled players from different universities including MCC and

army, said: "When you the picture from outside in the media it is distorted in many ways until you come to the country and see for yourself what is going on and then realize there is nothing to worry about and its only the hype and propaganda."

"Secondly we are here as a charity. We raise money for charity and also as a

good will gesture between Britain and Pakistan. We raise money for education in countries like Afghanistan.

"The main reason is not just cricket but an angle to show that Pakistan really needs cricket which is the most important thing in the country. (By depriving Pakistan of cricket) it is like taking oxygen out of the country. "The best thing I could do to gather cricketers from different organizations, the MCC, the Army, the charity to come to Pakistan and see for themselves that things are good here in Pakistan," he added.

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**Contd. Over 4,000 children**

The FDFW is a non-profit organisation headquartered in Los Angeles and dedicated to the eradication of illicit drugs. The Foundation is also working for the cause of promoting drug-free life among the youth. Its Pakistan chapter was opened by Director/Trustee Judi Shervell in 2009 and Sewani was made the Pakistan Co-ordinator to launch activities of FDFW in the country.

*Courtesy: The Naion*

**Contd. Pakistan's 1st female**

Rosheen is now the Director of Training at the Karachi Scuba Diving Center and now trains diving enthusiasts in Pakistan.

*Courtesy: The Naion*

**Contd. Pakistan sees the light on solar power**

At the time, she was referring to Pakistan's determination to build a pipeline and import gas from Iran, regardless of US threats of sanctions, but the message was clear: on the energy front, Pakistan needs any help it can get.

Arif Allaudin, who heads the Alternate Energy Development Board, would like to see more of that help coming from renewable sources, saying there was a 2.4 million megawatt potential for solar energy alone in Pakistan.

Niaz Ahmed Kathia, director of private company Alternate Energy Systems, said abundant and free sunshine was the answer to Pakistan's energy woes.

"Energy is our biggest issue, more than terrorism, and if we replace our one million tubewell pumps with solar ones, we can save 7,000 megawatts," Kathia told AFP at the demonstration of a solar well in the capital.

The majority of Pakistan's tubewell pumps, which pump out underground water, run on the strained national grid or on diesel power.

**Contd. British varsity**

Rob Galamore, who is from the British Army, said that his perception about Pakistan was clear and positive. "We have seen nothing since we are here. I feel more safe here than in London. James, vice captain of the visiting team, said that they are under no illusion that they are going to be facing a very tough opposition. "The Pakistan team would be at the end of their season so their skills would be better honed and we would have just half a day to acclimatise so we are under no illusion. We have good talented players in our team and feel its going to be tough and we would try to give our best.

The visiting team will be

playing two matches against the PCB under-19 on April 4 and 6 and on April 3 (today) they will open up their tour with a 25-overs match against Aitchison College cricket team. The British Universities Cricket Team arrived here on Monday to play two one-day games against PCB U-19 Team and both the matches are day games and will be played at Gaddafi Stadium. "We have also arranged several other tours for the team so that they could interact with the people and know for themselves that Pakistan is a save country to visit and play cricket," said Intikhab.

*Courtesy: Dawn*

**Contd. Pakistan wins InfoDec**

development research labs across the world including one in the Saarc region, the official said. India and Sri Lanka were also shortlisted for the region but Pakistan was picked as the final destination.

The business plan focuses on combining arts and science schools under the umbrella of PSEB. "We proposed that we will bring these two communities together for content-based applications," a PSEB official who requested anonymity. "Our plan inspired them and we won the grant to set up the lab, he added.

PSEB is leading the project while Indus Valley School of Arts and Architecture, National College of Arts, and University of Engineering and Technology (UET) are among the implementation partners, the official said. The lab will be setup at UET, he added.

*Courtesy: News*

**Contd. Groundbreaking:AJK's**

Speaking on the occasion, the PM said the welfare of people in Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) is the top priority of the government.

In addition to that, he held the groundbreaking ceremony of a new campus of Mirpur University of Science and Technology, which will be built in Jari Kass at an estimated cost of Rs1.56 billion. The project will be funded by the Higher Education Commission and the AJK Council.

*Courtesy: Express Tribune*

There is no pretence that solar power is the only answer, but this month the prime minister ordered the government to provide solar electricity in remote villages far from the national grid.

The government described renewable energy as the "investor's choice" and said the private sector has offered to produce 1,500 megawatts a day.

In the mountains of Kashmir there is no gas pipeline and in the cold winter months electricity bills are prohibitively expensive.

In Azam's hometown of Muzafarabad, the capital of Pakistani-controlled Kashmir, solar panels light up a public park and mosques.

Solar street lights are also being installed slowly in cities such as Rawalpindi, Lahore and Karachi.

Pakistan's first on-grid solar power station, capable of producing 178.9 kilowatts, began test operations in Islamabad this month with a grant of \$5.4 million from the Japan International Cooperation Agency.

"It is a seed for thousands more solar power plants," Senator Rukhsana Zuberi, a former chairperson of the Pakistan Engineering Council told AFP.

This winter Pakistan suffered a two billion cubic feet a day shortage of natural gas — usually the mainstay of millions delivered to homes and industry via pipelines — sparking protests and forcing factories to lay off labourers.

The trouble is remedial plans are only at an embryonic stage.

"We plan to promote the use of solar geysers as the gas shortage is becoming acute," petroleum and natural resources minister Asim Hussain said.

"The gas companies would install solar water heaters at consumer premises and deduct the amount in installments in the gas bills," he added.

Power generated during sunlight hours can be stored in deep cycle lead acid batteries to power lights, radios, televisions and fans at night.

*Courtesy: Dawn*

Sometimes a big step is safer; you can't cross a ditch in small jumps

**SPORTS**



**Pakistan become Asian champions**



*Muhammad Ali Asif  
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Dhaka: Pakistan recorded a dramatic two-run victory over Bangladesh in a sensational final to win the Asia Cup one-day tournament for second time here at the Shere Bangla National Stadium on Thursday.

Earlier, they had become the Asia Cup champions in 2000.

It was looking that Bangladesh, playing the final for the first time in Asia Cup history, would win the title. They played extremely well – first restricting Pakistan to 236-9 in 50 overs with their accurate bowling and alert fielding and then batted with determination to reach very close to the winning target but lost the match just three runs short.

Chasing 237, the hosts needing nine runs in the last over, finished at 234-8 in 50 overs.

Their main scorers were allrounder Shakib Al Hasan (68) and opener Tamim Iqbal (60).

Tamim with Nazimuddin (16) provided a sound start making 68 for the first wicket and later Shakib and Nasir Hossain (28) added valuable 89 runs for the fourth wicket partnership.

For Pakistan, paceman Aizaz Cheema grabbed three wickets while fast bowler Umar Gul and off-spinner Saeed Ajmal each finished with two wickets. (Courtesy: The News)

Earlier, Bangladesh captain Mushfiqur Rahim won the toss and invited Pakistan to bat first, who set a moderate target of 237 runs for the hosts.

Wicketkeeper-batsman Sarfraz Ahmed top scored with an unbeaten 46, followed by Mohammad Hafeez (40), Shahid Afridi (32), Umar Akmal (30) and Hammad Azam (30) as no other batsmen could not enter into double figures.

*Courtesy: Dawn*

**Contd. Gul Ahmed**

calendar as it recognizes and honours the leading Pakistani manufacturers and exporters to France.

Gul Ahmed Textiles Director Ziad Bashir received the prestigious award from His Excellency Philippe Theibund, the Ambassador of France to Pakistan for securing first position in the Home Textile Category for 2010-11. The ceremony was well attended by Pakistan's business fraternity.

This is more than just a trophy for Pakistan's leading textile mills.

*Courtesy: Daily times*

**Suhaila Muhammadi – An inspiration for all International Women's Day Special**



*Neha Saqib  
BS 37 3181*

March 11, 2012: A young girl from a highly conservative society, Suhaila Muhammadi, has defied all odds by going her own way, realizing her dream, and proving everyone wrong. At 17, Suhaila is a martial arts champ, with 35 gold medals under her (black) belt. Her message: "there is no field in which a man can venture and a woman can't". Here's her inspiring story.

*Courtesy: The Nation*

**Contd. Pakistan Day being**

In Lahore, the Pakistan Air Force's squad took charge at the Iqbal's mausoleum.

Governor Sindh Dr Ishratul Ibad and Sindh Chief Minister Qaim Ali Shah along with other cabinet's officials paid tribute at the Quaid's mausoleum.

On March 23, 1940, a resolution was passed which negated the concept of United India and recommended the creation of an independent Muslim state.

Hence, it was on the basis of this resolution that in 1946 the Muslim League decided to go for one state for the Muslims, instead of two.

*Courtesy: Dawn*