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## President signs education bill



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President Asif Ali Zardari signed 'The Right to Free and Compulsory Education Bill-2012' at a ceremony

held at the Chief Minister's House in Karachi.

The bill, which recognises the right to free and compulsory education for all children aged between 5 to 16 years, has become a law after the President's assent.

PPP chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari,



Sindh Governor Dr Ishratul Ebad and Chief Minister Syed Qaim Ali Shah were among those who attended the signing ceremony.

Courtesy: Dawn

## Pakistani stocks continue upward trend with third straight record high



Syed Muhammad Ahsan Khan  
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Pakistani stocks on hit a record high for the third straight session, driven by a rise in cement and bank shares.



The Karachi Stock Exchange's (KSE) benchmark 100-share index surged as high as 16,844.21 in intraday trading.

It closed at 16,824.55, up 0.89 per cent or 148.85 points.

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## 'Japan to shift units from India to Pakistan': Ambassador Hiroshi



Aqsa Jabbar  
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The Bharti Unions are a serious impediment to manufacturing in India. Even Tata had to face major issues and he had to move his plants to different states.

"A manager was killed in a riot at Suzuki's Indian subsidiary. Some say the caste system played a part, but discontent stemming from the recession and inflation may have also been a factor."

Now Japanese firms wanting to safeguard their chances of success are in the process of moving their plants to Pakistan. This was stated by the Japanese Ambassador to Pakistan Hiroshi. He said that many big Japanese investors are seriously planning to shift their units to Pak-



istan from India due to strong workers unions culture in India.

Ambassador Hiroshi was speaking at the Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI). Hiroshi said that the business environment in Pakistan is far better and it is a safer place as far as working conditions are concerned. He said that the economy and infrastructure development are the priority areas and Japan government is focusing on them.

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## LCWU announces scholarships



Syeda Warda Ahmed  
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The Lahore College for Women University (LCWU) has announced scholarships for its students belonging to remote and unprivileged areas. The scholarship committee chaired by Vice Chancellor Dr Sabiha Mansoor decided that the students from Interior Sindh, Punjab, FATA, Northern Areas and KP would be the beneficiaries of 20 scholarships.

Courtesy: The Nation

**EDITOR'S NOTE**

*There is no dearth of Positive feelings and like wise Positive news. This we have seen in the last year and will InshaAllah see in 2013. Positive News which build the image of Pakistan are in abundance which you can see while reading the new issue of "Positive Post". We are trying to generate Positive thinking among the masses through our Publication, to some extent we are successful but we have to go a long way in motivating the masses for adopting more Positive approach.*

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**Pakistan, Korea sign six agreements**



Ameer Hamza Asif  
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Pakistan and Korea inked six accords dealing with modernisation of Pakistan Railways, construction of LNG terminal and cooperation in banking sector, in a bid to further solidify bilateral ties.

The signing of agreements in various sectors came during President Asif Ali Zardari's state visit to the Republic of Korea, during which he met his counterpart and had several meetings with the CEO's and heads of various top companies.

President Zardari who witnessed the signing of almost all the Memorandums of Understanding urged the Korean investors to benefit from Pakistan's generous incentives. Korean counterpart Lee Myung-bak also witnessed the signing of two



accords at the President's Office.

The ceremony at the Cheong Wa Dae in Seoul, following the summit level talks between the two sides, was also witnessed by members of the Pakistani delegation including Minister for Water and Power Ch. Ahmad Mukhtar, Minister for Commerce Makhdoom Amin Fahim, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Malik Amad and the leader of PML-Q Chaudhry Shujaat Hussain.

A major breakthrough came in the area of  
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**Improvement of facilities at Wagah border**



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Interior Minister Rehman Malik asked the finance ministry, National Bank of Pakistan, Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) and Federal Bureau of Revenue (FBR) to improve facilities for visitors availing visa-on-arrival facility at Wagah/Attari.

He was chairing a follow-up meeting to implement visa policy agreed between India and Pakistan.

He directed the National Bank of  
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**India and Pakistan sign visa accord**

Aqsa Jabbar  
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India and Pakistan sealed an agreement to ease tough visa restrictions for travellers, as they move slowly to rebuild relations that soured in 2008 when Pakistani militants attacked Mumbai.



The accord was signed in New Delhi by India's home minister and his Pakistani counterpart, weeks before the two cricket-loving nations play their first series in India since the attacks that killed 166 people.

'This is not only historic but this is a step forward for the two countries in the progress of peace,' said Interior Minister Rehman Malik during a three-day visit to New Delhi.

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## Dr Fouzia Saeed awarded battle of Crete Award



Adnan Qayyum  
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After a four-decade-long struggle for women's rights,

Dr Fouzia Saeed received her due recognition, when she was awarded the "Battle of Crete Award" by the Washington Oxi Day Foundation for her commendable work in the field.

In an award ceremony held at the Willard Intercontinental Hotel, US Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues Melanne Verwee lauded Saeed's struggle for women rights, saying she had set an example of courage and commitment to women's advancement.



The social activist while addressing the audience acknowledged the support she had received from her country and said, "While the United Nations has made some efforts to change its work environment, I am proud of my country for recognising this scourge. I am proud of my parliament for making two laws to make sexual harassment a crime and I am proud of my federal and provincial Governments for implementing it."

*Courtesy: Dawn*

## Work on Reko Dig to begin soon



Sara Jilani  
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Baluchistan Chief Minister Nawab Aslam Raisani would

inaugurate work on Reko Dig copper-cum-gold project in Chaghai district, for which Rs8 billion have been set aside in the budget.

A three-member tribunal of International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), comprising Dr Klaus Sachs, Lord Hoffman and Mr Stanimir A Alexandrov, has allowed Government of Balochistan and Dr Samar Mubarakmand to carry out mining and smelting project in the area, rejecting the plea of Tethyan Copper Company



(TCC) regarding urgency and irreparable loss.

The board of governors of Balochistan Cooper-Cum-Gold Project, decided to initiate work at the project at a meeting, presided over by Nawab Raisani.

The meeting decided to establish a mining institute in Dal Bandin to provide training to local youth in mining and make them able to work in the Reko Dig project.

'Hundreds of trained youths  
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## Nusrat set to become first female opposition leader in Sindh



Sumair Bhatti  
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Nusrat Bano Seher Abbasi of the Pakistan Muslim League-Functional was nominated as leader of

the opposition in the Sindh Assembly, when lawmakers belonging to four of the five opposition parties in the Sindh Assembly submitted an application in the assembly secretariat for her notification.



There appeared no hitch in her appointment as leader of the opposition as she has the support of 14 of the 18 MPAs in the joint opposition, including four non-signatory legislators of the PML-Like-minded.

When a notification designating her as  
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## GOVERNMENT HELPS IN CNG CRISIS



Sehar Nadeem  
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The Supreme Court of Pakistan ordered on Thursday for the cancellation of licenses of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) stations refusing to conduct an audit, DawnNews reported. A two member bench of the apex court headed by Justice Jawwad S. Khawaja resumed the hearing over the CNG pricing formula.



While giving his remarks Justice Jawwad S. Khawaja said that the issue pertaining to CNG pricing was dragging and that the nexus between the CNG station owners and Ogra was evident.

During the hearing counsel for Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra), Advocate Wasim Sajjad told the court that a crises had erupted after the Supreme

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## Plan to promote participation of women in politics



Muhammad Uzair Bhatti  
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The civil society organisations have launched a programme to develop a culture of participation and accountability among the public through different activities.

The programme titled 'Voice and accountability' is supported by UK aid with Aurat Foundation, South Asia Partnership Pakistan, Strengthening Participatory Organisation and Sungi Development Foundation as its partners in about 41 districts of Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

In this connection an event was held, wherein civil society organisations were told about the need for making the programme a success. "The programme would focus on political and social participation of women, promoting accountability so that people can hold authorities of health and education departments responsible for their negligence," said Shabina Ayaz while giving details of the programme.

*Courtesy: Dawn*

## Girls leave boys behind

Muhammad Uzair Bhatti  
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Female students have again considerably outnumbered the male in the fresh admissions to the public sector medical colleges of Punjab for the session 2012-13, it is learnt.

According to the data available with Dawn, out of total 2,942 students who secured admissions on open merit seats for the session 2012-13 at the public sector medical institutions of the province, 63.3 per cent were female while 36.7 per cent male, showing a visible gender-wise difference.

The data was compiled by the admission section of the University of Health Sciences under 'MBBS Admission Statistics 2012-13'.

The figures showed continu-

ity of the trend being witnessed for the last many years that the medical profession had become preferred choice for females as compared to the male students.

A senior official of the varsity said the girls' considerably larger share in the admissions to the state-run medical institutions was one of the factors behind shortage of doctors at the government hospitals.

Explaining the dynamics of this situation, he said, "Only 10 per cent of the female students admitted to various state-run medical institutions joined the medical profession after securing their MBBS degrees while the rest either left before or after completing the house job".

This showed that in majority of the cases medical degree

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## PM presents Rs 50m to Sultana Foundation



Deepak Kumar  
BS40 3503

Prime Minister Raja Pervez Ashraf presented a cheque

of Rs 50 million to Chairman Sultana Foundation, Dr Naeem Ghani, at the Prime Minister House, in Islamabad.

The Prime Minister had announced this grant to the Sultana Foundation, a non-governmental Organisation, while laying foundation of Justice Yusuf Saraf Center for Research, Rehabilitation and Mainstreaming Children at Sultana Foundation on November 17, 2012.

The Prime Minister appreciated the contribution of the Sultana Foundation in the field of education, especially for those who could not afford it. Paying rich

tributes to the welfare services of Sultana Foundation, the Prime Minister said, "Those working for the welfare of humanity are an asset of the nation." The Prime Minister expressed the hope that the organisation would continue playing its role in the field of education and other lofty fields of



public welfare. The Prime Minister especially appreciated the leadership of Dr Naeem Ghani and expressed the hope that under his supervision the organization would grow further.

*Courtesy: The Nation*

## Students given solar bulb to end darkness

Ameer Hamza Asif  
VS41 3646

Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif has said that Punjab government had utilised unprecedented funds for the development of education sector and equipped the youth with the latest knowledge.

He said that young generation was a national asset and it would have to transform Pakistan in accordance with the ideals of Quaid-e-Azam and Allama Iqbal. He said that no obstacle was too big if one was determined enough and the youth through their hard work and talent would have to make Pakistan a donor country instead of a bagger country.

He said that there was a need to make 'Zar Baba and Forty Thieves' leave the country of corruption for achieving the goal of progress and prosperity. He

said that Punjab government had given cash prizes of Rs 550 million to position-holder students of the whole country during the last five years He said continuation of the policies was essential for the continuity of educational process of millions of children



of the nation. He said Punjab government was making strenuous efforts for people and welfare of the masses. He was addressing Toppers Convention-2012 at Alhamra Cultural Complex.

Congratulating the position-holders, their parents and teachers, the CM said that he was very happy to attend this function arranged for their encouragement. He also welcomed the talented students

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## Hina lauds envoy's efforts to promote Pak- Brunei cooperation



M. Asad Rasool  
BS38 3299

High Commissioner for Brunei Darussalam, Colonel (Retd)

Haji Abdul Jalil Bin Haji Ahmad, paid a farewell call on the Foreign Minister in Islamabad. Foreign Minister Hina Rabbani Khar appreciated the efforts of the high commissioner in promoting cooperation between the two countries.

Jalil thanked the foreign minister for the support and warm hospitality extended to him during his stay in Pakistan. He said the during his eight years stay in Islamabad, he had always worked for the strengthening of relations between Pakistan and Brunei Darussalam.



The foreign minister expressed gratitude for the generous assistance extended by Brunei Darussalam for the victims of the 2005 earthquake, as well as the floods victims in 2010. She also thanked the government of Brunei for the construction of the foreign service academy hostel, which will remain a living symbol of cooperation between the two countries. The foreign minister also congratulated His Majesty King of Brunei Darussalam for assuming the chairmanship of ASEAN for 2013.

*Courtesy: The Nation*



## Reaching Above And Beyond 'Fine Art'

Muhammad Asad Rasool  
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While creativity is unanimously noticed or recognized by most people, talent and skill is still a rather controversial topic. If caught in this debate amongst art students, slowly walk away and shut the door behind you. It never happened. Tons of frizzy curls, jarringly bright



clothes, countless piercings, perhaps an alarming scar?... These are just a few of the stereotypical images that flash to one's mind when picturing an art student; it is safe to say that outsiders anticipate a rather strange species of human beings upon entering the art schools of Pakistan.

However, while traversing around the Indus Valley Fine Art Thesis Show of 2012, one is struck by relatable the work is. Unconventional, exploratory and personal are unquestionable features of the work, the sheer range of materials used by the graduating class is just a microscopic projection of how diverse the exhibits were. As soon as the guests poured into the campus ground, flashes of sunlight reflecting off colossal mirrors caught the attention of many, and while some examined the immaculate strips of glass cut and placed together, others whipped out their camera experimenting with the awesome reflection features. Glittering through the lawn and creating the illusion of the sea reflecting upon its surroundings, its proud creator, Rameez Rehman gives his viewers a huge smile and is more than happy to show his work off. Breaking away from horizontal and vertical pieces of glass, Rameez displays a series of painted/chalk pieces which illustrate his process of playing with illusions and reflections.

Using the concept of size to her advantage as well, is Anum Jamal. Located in the Indus Valley Gallery.

*Courtesy: The MAG*

## Ali Zafar Named 2nd Most Desirable Asian man

Syeda Warda Ahmed  
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Pakistani pop star turned actor Ali Zafar has been named as one of the Good-looking Asian men on the planet. The crooner is second only to Indian actor Hrithik Roshan who has been declared as the sexiest Asian man on the planet by a weekly magazine published from London which releases the list every year.

Roshan beat Ali Zafar who was the surprise runner up. Salman Khan finished third and last year's runner Shahid Kapoor came fourth.



Showbiz expert and Pakistani origin journalist Asjad Nazir, who puts together the list every year, told The News that Pakistan has always had world class talent, but it is only that the world is seeing this.

"Dashing Ali Zafar is a great ambassador for Pakistan and someone who is representing his country really well. Fans from different continents voting for him shows that that the world is now looking at Pakistan and that is a great thing."

Asjad added that Ali Zafar is one star who ticks all the boxes, who is a terrifically talented singer, actor and musician. "The fact that he is good-looking and a devoted family man has added to his appeal with fans around the world. I think he will go from strength to strength in Bollywood and wouldn't be surprised if Hollywood comes calling," said Asjad Nazir, who intends to promote more Pakistani talent and hopes they will get in touch. "Whether it is music, films, fashion or music, this is an exciting time for

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## Higher Education Commission has Approved Pakistan Technology Council.



Hira Aijaz  
BS42 3733

Higher Education Commission has approved Pakistan Technology Council.

Approval for establishment of the council was given in the 27th session of the Higher Education Commission. The council would also approve the degree programmes of universities. The commission would also render its services in order to promote information technology. Apart from this, Pakistan Engineering Council and Business Computing and Pharmacy are already working in the country

*Courtesy: Dawn*

## To promote peace, jeweller wants to gift flags made of precious stones

Deepak Kumar  
BS40 3503

A jeweller in Rawalpindi makes country flags with precious stones what he says is an attempt to highlight the significance of peace and harmony in an interconnected world.

Kaleem Shehryar, 50, has been working on the flags for the past three years in his spare time in the drawing room of his house, putting in all the money from his own pocket.

He has designed 17 flags with diamonds, rubies, emeralds, pearls, lapis lazuli, opal, golden topaz and black zircon set in gold, silver, copper and bronze.

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## Government allows another 500,000 tons sugar export

Hira Aijaz  
BS42 3733

Pakistan has allowed another 500,000 tons of sugar exports, the government said, bringing the total to 1.2 million so far this year, as it seeks to generate foreign exchange for state coffers and revenue for cash-strapped mills.

Pakistan returned to the export market earlier this year for the first time since 2009 and is becoming a significant exporter in Asia after Thailand. Its mills often sell abroad at a discount, which can exert downward pressure on global prices.

The latest tranche of exports has no quantitative restrictions on individual mills, but exporters need to ship quanti-



ties within 90 days after registering for exports, a government statement said.

"For the government and for mills, allowing exports was necessary. The government needs foreign exchange; mills need cash to pay farmers," said Muhammad Najib Balagamwala, chairman of Karachi-based SeaTrade group.

*Courtesy: The Express Tribune*

### Contd. Nusrat Set to become...

leader of the opposition is issued, Ms Abbasi would become the first woman leader of the opposition in the parliamentary history of Sindh.

The application, received by acting secretary Muhammad Farooq Buriro, was signed by parliamentary party leader Jam Madad Ali, Marvi Rashdi, Dr Rafique Bhanban, Ali Ghulam Nizamani, Qazi Shamsuddin Rajar, Rahim Bux Bozdar and Rana Abdul Sattar of the PML-F, Abid Hussain Jatoti of the National People's Party, Amanullah Mehsud of the Awami National Party and Shaharyar Mahar of the PML-Q.

Jam Madad Ali, who led the team filing the application, said: "Our party has nominated a woman lawmaker as leader of the opposition, which is a message to all others that the party gives due recognition to all those committed to ameliorating the lot of the people from its platform."

Ms Abbasi on the occasion thanked Almighty Allah and the party leadership for her nomination as leader of the opposition and said she would try her best to come up to the expectations of her colleagues. She pledged to continue to raise both women's and the common man's issues.

Nusrat Bano Seher Abbasi is a law graduate and master's in Economics from Shah Abdul Latif University Khairpur. A lawyer with 12 years of professional practice, she was returned to the assembly on a seat reserved for women.

Born in Rohri, Sukkur district, she married Advocate Shabbir Raza Abbasi and shifted to Khairpur and started her legal practice with her father-in-law Allah Bux Abbasi.

She was introduced to the late Pir Pagar in 2000 and was elected president of the PML-F women wing of Khairpur district.

*Courtesy: Dawn*

### Contd. Japan to shift units from India

He said that "Japanese businessmen are being motivated for establishing business with their counterparts in Pakistan." He said "Japan will continue to provide technical assistance to Pakistan as we believe that this country has a great potential for the future."

*Courtesy: Dawn*

### Contd. Pakistan wins first Bacha Khan

India with 44 points remained third with one gold in 66kg by Visal Singh, two silver in 55kg and 74kg and two bronze medals in 60kg and 84kg.

Sri Lankan wrestlers won six bronze medals in 55kg, 60kg, 66kg, 74kg, 96kg, and 120kg while Bangladesh got fifth position with three bronze medals in 84kg, 96kg, and 120kg.

*Courtesy: Dawn*

### Contd. Pakistan handball team won

India and Pakistan have also qualified for Asian men's IHF Challenge Trophy being held in 2013.

In their group fixtures, Pakistan overcame Afghanistan 33-27 and downed Nepal 36-26 to qualify for the semi-finals.

Meanwhile, Pakistan women's team secured fifth place after winning the match against Afghanistan 31-13.

*Courtesy: Dawn*

### Contd. Improvement of facilities at Wagah

Pakistan to set up counters at Wagah for receiving visa fee in Indian/Pakistani currency.

He said there was a need for immediate establishment of foreign currency exchange counters at Wagah/Attari.

He asked the Federal Investigation Agency and Federal Bureau of Revenue to expand immigration/customs staff at the border.

*Courtesy: Dawn*

### Contd. Girls leave boys behind

was considered just a means to secure a better groom for the girls having such qualification, he said, adding the practice had flourished to the extent that a coinage, 'medical marriage' was being used for it.

The official further said many parents preferred medical education for their daughters for being heavily 'subsidised'. "The Punjab government spends Rs 3 million on complete medical education of each student admitted to a public institution", he said. The official said private medical colleges were charging around Rs 600,000 as annual tuition fee from each student.

This difference could also be witnessed at the newly-established Gujranwala Medical College which admitted 81 girl students and only 19 boys out of total 100 admissions this year.

*Courtesy: Dawn News*

### Contd. Asif clinches world snookership

Pakistan. I hope the government takes notice and supports these boys," Sheikh said while speaking to media.

Asif was the third Pakistani to reach the final of the world event and the second one to win it. Before him, Mohammad Yousuf won it in 1994 while, in 2003, Saleh Mohammad was defeated by Pankaj Advani of India.

*Courtesy: Dawn*

**Contd. Pakistan stocks**

The market has hit record highs in seven of the last eight sessions, and was up more than 25 per cent since mid-June.

Fauji Bin Qsim rose 4.08 per cent, or 1.49 rupee, to 37.99 per share, while Lucky Cement was up 2.99 per cent, or 4.30 rupees, to 148.00 per share. Byco Petroleum surged 9.37 per cent, or one rupee, to 11.67 per share.

The market also found support from expectations that the State Bank of Pakistan will cut its discount rate this week after government data showed inflation under control.

In the currency market, the Pakistani rupee strengthened at 96.54/96.59 against the dollar, compared to 96.60/96.65, ahead of scheduled government debt and oil payments, dealers said.

Overnight rates in the money market remained flat at 10 per cent

*Courtesy: Dawn*

**Contd. India and Pakistan**

Under the previous arrangement, Pakistani business travellers were restricted to certain cities, prohibiting their travel from Delhi to the nearby thriving business hub of Gurgaon without permission.

The change will permit visitors to travel to five places now instead of three and some businessmen will get multiple-entry visas, exempting them from reporting to the police.

*Courtesy: Dawn*

**Contd. Govt helps in CNG**

Court ordered for the per kilo price of CNG to be slashed by Rs 30 on Oct 25, and requested the court to order Ogra soon on deciding the price of CNG. Secretary Petroleum Waqar Masood Khan informed the court that the government was concerned over the matter.

*Courtesy : Dawn*

**Contd. Pakistan, Korea sign six agreements**

modernisation of railways. Pakistan, under the agreement, will seek high speed railways, communication systems, signaling, rail stock, modernisation of operation and management, development of logistics parks and freight terminals.

Along with this will be an exchange of construction and maintenance technologies for infrastructure including tracks, bridges, overhead electrifica-

tion and power supply systems.

The agreement was signed by Muhammad Arif Azim Secretary Railways and Minister of Railways of South Korea Kwon Do-young.

President Zardari in his meeting with President Korail Chung Chang-Young said Pakistan desired modern and efficient railways to help meet its growing industrial, agricul-

tural and freight needs.

He said that the current fleet of Pakistan Railways was unable to meet the needs of a growing nation and there was an urgent need to upgrade it.

The president said Pakistan was a prime place for foreign investors as the country's large consumer population promised good profits and lucrative business.

*Courtesy: Dawn*

**Contd. Work on Reco Dig to**

of Balochistan would be provided jobs in the project, the meeting further decided.

The chief minister announced to give scholarships to outstanding students for training in the mining institute.

The experts' team, headed by Dr Samer Mubarakmand was also directed to complete necessary work on the project as soon as possible. It was also decided that recruitment would be made on merit and local people would be given priority.

Nawab Raisani directed the departments of planning and development, finance and mineral not to allow any hurdle in the project and take all steps for making the project viable and result-oriented.

*Courtesy: Dawn*

**Contd. Pakistan wins deaf**

142 off 37 overs with only major resistance came from S Asanka, who made 59 as Mohammad Shakeel of Pakistan finished as main wicket-taker with 3-37 and Adnan Ghani and Zaka Ahmed taking two wickets each.

Earlier for Sri Lanka Asanka also made trouble for Pakistan by taking four wickets for 28 runs while Sanjeewa finished with two wickets 37.

*Courtesy: Dawn*

**Contd. Students given solar bulb to end darkness**

from other provinces. He said that Punjab government had introduced revolutionary reforms in education sector. He said that instead of offering assistance, the federal government opposed Punjab government's educational programme but it was still being continued.

Shabaz said that 125,000 laptops were distributed among talented students last year and this programme was continuing. He expressed the hope that among the recipients of laptops more than 10,000 IT experts would

emerge who would play their role for ensuring a prominent place for Pakistan among developed nations and Pakistan would also become 'Silicon Valley' someday. He said that Punjab government was distributing free of cost solar lamps among boy and girl students at a cost of Rs4.5 billion to enable them continue their studies during power outages. He said that distribution of 250,000 solar lamps was a slap on the face of federal government which had pushed the nation into darkness.

*Courtesy: The Nation*

**Contd. Ali Zafar named as 2nd most desirable Asian man**

Pakistan and the world is watching. I think there will be more world-class talent emerging from the country in the next few years and am looking forward to that," said Asjad.

"I am extremely humbled at the decision of the public, also a little embarrassed as I just can't imagine myself as sexy!

I'm actually someone who's just trying to get by with his battered, bruised and broken tools. So a big thank you to all for this dose of encouragement," said Hrithik Roshan in a statement. Other Pakistanis in the list are British-Pakistani boy band star from One Direction Zayn Malik (12) and Atf Aslam (20).

*Courtesy: The News*

**Contd. To promote peace, jeweller wants to gift flags made of**

"In 2000, my son asked me who these terrorists were and why were they killing people, while watching an incident reported by Pakistani news channels.

"I realised I should do something different to highlight the importance of peace," said

the goldsmith, seated in his house against a flag prepared with precious stones.

"I thought about what I could do. I can only design jewellery and gold ornaments," Shaheryar said. He decided to use his skills as a jeweller to make flags.

*Courtesy: Express Tribune*

# SPORTS



## Pakistan wins first Bacha Khan Int'l Peace Wrestling Championship

Syed Muhammad Ahsan Khan  
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Pakistani wrestlers, after facing some stiff competition from Afghan and Indians on the final day of first Bacha Khan International Peace Wrestling Championship, clinched the top most position with an impressive four gold, one silver and two bronze medals.

Afghanistan, trailing behind with just one point, were declared the runners up.

Commonwealth Games medalist Azhar Husain of Pakistan defeated Prince Arora of India while Basharat clinched gold for Pakistan in 60 kilogramme category by defeating Afghanistan's promising wrestler Kabi Rahimi. Rustam-e-Pakistan, Usman Majeed won gold in 96kg category by defeating Wakeel Hussain of Afghanistan while in the 120kg weight category, Pakistan Champion Muhammad Zaman also overpowered Hameed Khanzada of Afghanistan.

Pakistani wrestlers managed to score 65 points, just one point ahead of the Afghans who got 64



points by winning two gold, four silver and one bronze medal.

In the 84kg fight, Pakistani wrestler Ghulam Hassan lost to Afghan wrestler Noor Ahmadi.

In the 66 kilograms category Indian Visal Singh clinched gold, Afghanistan's Baba Jan Ahmadi took silver medal while Pakistani wrestlers took bronze. In the 74kg category, the tally remained the same.

Afghan players won gold in the 74 and 84 kilograms category, four silver medals in 60kg, 66kg, 96kg and 120kg weights and a bronze in 55kg category.

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## Pakistan handball team won the silver medal in the U21 Asian Challenge Trophy in Kathmandu, Nepal.

Syed Muhammad Ahsan Khan  
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Pakistan handball team won the silver medal in the U21 Asian Challenge Trophy in Kathmandu, Nepal.

India won gold medal while Yemen clinched bronze whereas Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Nepal earned fourth, fifth and sixth places.



In the semi-final of the event, Pakistan defeated Yemen 33-27 but lost the final to India 40-20 as the absence of two key players due to injury during the semi-final hindered Pakistan's performance in the decider.

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## Pakistan at number 4 in ICC Test rankings

Deepak Kumar  
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Despite losing to England 1-2 in the home Test series, India retained their number five position as per the latest ICC Test Championship rankings issued.

Pakistan is now four points ahead of arch rival India whose ratings point dropped to 105, and is now placed at the fourth position.

England, on the other hand, consolidated their number two slot by adding a point after drawing the final Test at Nagpur, thereby winning a Test series in India after a long gap of 28 years.

England now stand just five points behind leaders South Africa who are at 123 points.

Australia are positioned at number three in the rankings. A total of \$3.8 million prize money will be given to the top-4 Test teams after the April 1 deadline next year.

Courtesy: The Express Tribune.

## Pakistan wins Deaf Asia Cup

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Fine batting by Naeem Arshad and Usman Gohar helped Pakistan win the second Deaf Asia Cup, crushing Sri Lanka by 92 runs in the final.

Opted to bat first, Naeem served the team with a knock of 93 and Usman



with an innings of 51 as the home team had piled up 234 for eight in the allotted 40 overs.

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## Asif clinches world snookership



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Pakistan's Mohammad Asif defeated England's Gary Wilson in the final to win the IBSF World Snooker Championship in Sofia, Bulgaria.

Asif, who was unbeaten in the tournament, defeated Wilson 10-8. "Asif worked very hard to win this championship and it is a very big victory, a turning point for the sport in

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