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Editorial NOTE

Student motivation is a student's desire to participate in the learning process. It is the meaningfulness, value, and benefits that an academic task has to the learner. It is also defined as a student's drive from within which guides, activates, and continues a behavior over time. It is simply a student's willingness, need, desire, and compulsion to participate in, and be successful in the learning process.

Motivation is the key to a student's school success and is the driving force behind successful learning. In order for a student to be motivated, they need to have a positive attitude towards learning. Many factors affect a student's motivation to learn, such as their interest in the subject, their fear of failure, why the information is useful to them, a general desire to achieve, their self-esteem, and self-confidence.

There are two types of motivation. They are; intrinsic motivation and extrinsic motivation. Many a times, what happens is; due to repeated failures, many learning disabled (LD) students lack intrinsic motivation, which is a student's desire to learn for the sake of learning. Intrinsic motivation is important for the student so that they may gain personal joy in learning new concepts. Since most LD students lack intrinsic motivation, parents, teachers, and schools must provide extrinsic motivation in order for learning disabled students to be successful in school. Extrinsic motivation is an almost tangible, if not in fact a truly tangible object that a student works toward. Extrinsic motivation is important for the student to gain parent and/or teacher approval, good grades, and rewards.

Primary concern to most students when entering college or university is their ability to achieve, succeed and acquire their diploma. Many universities now offer success guides to students with the hope that students will benefit from these guides. A successful student funnel will encourage students to find intrinsic motivation and adopt learning strategies that support a self-managed approach.

A self-managed approach is one where students have control over the courses they take and the manner in which they study. This approach does not suggest teachers do not involve themselves with students; rather it suggests the role of the teacher is to offer students skills that help them organize their coursework and encourage them to create a plan of action that motivates them on an individual level. Many students feel they have a limited ability to succeed. Thus, it is the teacher's role and the role of the student to help encourage the student and suggest this feeling is false and then helps the students identify their personal motivational triggers.

Once a student understands what motivates them, they are more likely to change their behaviors and their beliefs about their ability to succeed. Also important to include in a student success direct are strategies that will enable students to learn how to manage time effectively, especially when they are involved in multiple activities or extracurricular activities while attending the academic centers'.



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Letter to the editor

Hello Ed,

It has been an amazing experience till now. You made every month, an absurd and informative. I thank you for wonderful stories especially the section wise advice; beating the stress of studies, apart from this the rest of the stories were also excellent.

Ali Ahmed

Hey Ed,

It is a wonderful experience to read your magazine, it is perfect for students. From the first page to the last page, everything is so good. You are doing a good job. I read your magazine very frequent to get myself amazed. I would love to see my letter in your magazine.

Imtaiz Sheikh

Hey Informal,

Your magazine way too educating, I have never seen any magazine carrying such level of information. Your cover story was very attractive. You give us information on many topics that are commonly related education. Keep up the good work.

Osama Butt

Hi Eddy,

Your magazine had everything that a student needs; such as wise advice, health, world, local school events, and gadgets. I really like your magazine and after reading one month's issue, I am always looking for the next one.

Mehr Sher

Hi Informal,

I've been reading your magazine from 3 months and I must say that I liked it a lot! All the stories are unique and interesting and I really liked the selections of the topics in this issue. Just do the same as you are going and Keep it going!

Umer Ajmal

Hi Editor,

I just want to say that your magazine is very informative yet interesting! It assists me in learning and getting some outside the box information at the same time. Your cover story "Education and Poverty" was an eye opener for us and for the many people out there. Your last issue is packed with exciting new stories, and information.

Arslan Ali

Hey Editor,

I have really enjoyed reading informal. I think informal is the best magazine for the youngsters. Or I may say, not only for kids but their parents too. Moreover, I love the topic selection. And I must say your material is interesting every time. I would request and love to see the poster section too.

Ayesha Idrees

Hello,

You are doing a marvelous job! I liked stories such as; the cover story, places to visit in Pakistan, and review on angry birds. Your magazine is always eye grabbing and interesting content of the magazine pushes us to read the whole of it.

Hina Salman

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We received too many letters from our valued readers every month through mail and e-mail, however, due to shortage of space we are publishing only few selected letters.

In the Memory of APS MARTYRS

Pakistan has been confronting the most exceedingly bad sort of terrorism from the most recent couple of decades. Consistently, the objective executing, suicide besieging and the arranged killings are making the frightful and heart blushing features of the news papers. The whole picture of this supposed Islamic state has been discolored as the world perceive. Pakistan as the supporter of Terrorism and all the Pakistanis around the world are labeled as the terrorists. Pakistan has been confronting weapons and bombs for so long that it has been thought there is more extreme end to these life taking practices. It has turn out to be frequent to the point that even the kids take it as ordinary typical routine when they hear such news.

Three years back, a group of terrorists' attacks in and around Peshawar in the most recent one year ought to give genuine interruption to the idea. The most exceedingly bad sort of terrorist assault seen in the historical backdrop of Pakistan that has let the individuals to cry their hearts out even subsequent to listening about this loathsome episode is the terrorists' assault on a military run school in Peshawar, a northwestern Pakistan city of Peshawar. On a melancholy cool Tuesday morning, a gathering of firearm men raged the lives of instructors in the most merciless way. 126 lives were taken in Army Public School as formally reported.

This makes it the most noticeably bad sort of assault that hit the nation in years. The greater part of the casualties was comprised of the most guiltless animals of the earth and blossom of paradise that is the respectable understudies

of the schools. The terrorists did murder the 126 honest understudies as well as they really took the lives of 126 families who lost their future trusts and there reason f living when they saw their kids' dead bodies in white garbs swung to red. Tahir Ali, as he came to gather the body of his 14 year old child Abdullah said, " My child was my fantasies and my fantasies has been executed"

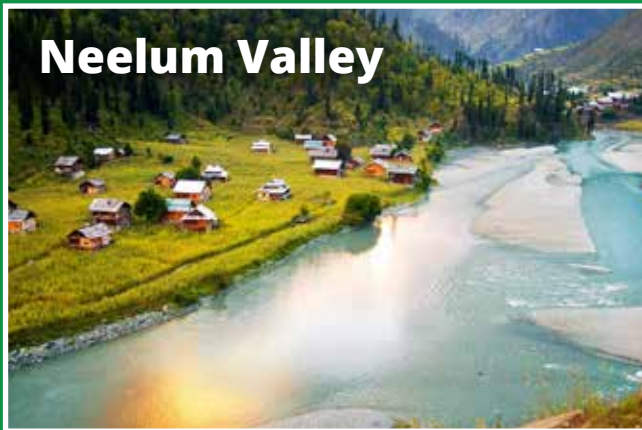
A large portion of twelve firearm men entered the school from no place at an early hour in the morning and began terminating no place at an early hour in the morning and began terminating haphazardly. Despite the fact that the armed force fighters landed in time and there was trade of flames for quite a while however this couldn't ceased the terrorists from accomplishing for what they came. Inside of two hours, they killed various educators and understudies in the most exceedingly bad way. The photos of the school a while later demonstrated to it as a modify house as opposed to an instructive foundation. The Prime pastor and other real identities of foundation sentenced the episode and raced to Peshawar to express their backing.

This killing has filled the hearts of all school going Pakistani kids and Parents with stresses and outside apprehension that their lives are not spare even at their school. Subsequently, it is the opportune time for the administration and armed force to control the terrorist's attacks and drive all the terrorists of Pakistan for good.

"APS Martyrs are the Real Victors and Defenders of Pakistan"



Places to Visit in PAKISTAN



Neelum Valley

Neelum Valley is a 144 km long bow-shaped valley in Azad Kashmir Region. The Valley is situated at the North & North-East of Muzaffarabad (The Capital of Azad Kashmir). Running through the Lesser Himalaya, the Neelum River valley has excellent scenic beauty, panoramic views; towering hills on both sides of the noisy Neelum river, lush green forests, enchanting streams and attractive surroundings make the valley a dream come true.

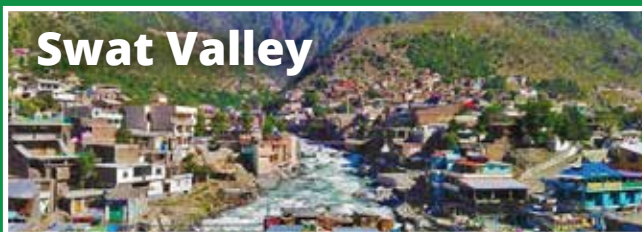
Neelum valley is one of most attractive place for tourists due to its famous lush greenery, springs, streams, lakes and hilly and sloppy mountains. Some of its famous places like Athmuqam, Kutton Jagran, Karen, Neelum, Ratti Galli, Baboon, Noori top, Sharda, Sharda Fort, Sharda University (The Oldest University of Sub-Continent) Kel, Surgon, Halmet, Taobut and many more.



Hunza Valley

The Hunza Valley is a mountainous valley in the Gilgit-Baltistan region; It was formerly a princely state. The Hunza valley is situated north/west of the Hunza River, at an elevation of around 2,500 metres. The Valley has three Regions - Upper Hunza (Gojal); Center Hunza and Lower Hunza.

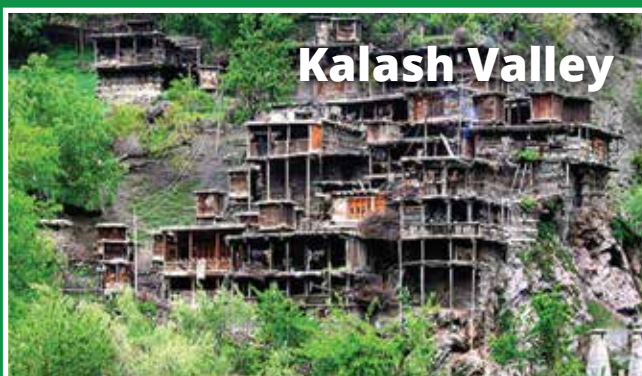
Hunza valley is the most beautiful place to visit and have many places to see. These beautiful places also include "Hoper Glacier".



Swat Valley

Swat is a valley and an administrative district in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province, Pakistan. It is the upper valley of the Swat River, which rises in the Hindu Kush range.

Swat Valley, Mini Switzerland of Pakistan has much attraction for visiting such as Mahodand Valley & Lake, Natural Ushu Valley & Ushu Forest, Malam Jabba (Famous ski resort in Swat Valley), Madyan, Swat & Kalam Vallies, Bonir, Der and many other naturally beautiful sites.



Kalash Valley

Kalash Valley is one of the major tourist attractions in Pakistan. This is situated in the Chitral district of Pakistan. This valley has a historic background but its history has controversies. Kelash is actually a very old Greek civilization. The people belonging to this civilization are called 'The Kelash'. Belongs to old tribes and have their own religion and culture. This valley has a unique and amazing culture. The People here live in small villages which they built on the hill sides. These villages are at the banks of the streams and rivers. People construct their homes with rough shaped logs. People of Kalash are cheerful, they celebrates many festivals like Uchal Festival, Phoo Festival and Chomos Festival. There are many attractive sites for visiting.



Kaghan Valley

The Kaghan Valley is a beautiful valley in the north-east of Mansehra District. It attracts many tourists from not only Pakistan but also from the whole world. Lying in lower Himalayan mountains range, the Kaghan valley, famous for its bewitching splendor and natural beauty, is one of the most charming tourist resorts in scenic Hazara division. There are many beautiful and attractive spots like Shogran, Jared, Naran, Lake Saiful Muluk, Lake Dudipat Sar, Lake Lulu Sar, Babusar Pass and much more to do.



Invention Story of BALL-PEN

Every invention has a story which sizzles right behind the scenes. Ball Pen is also one invention, which though is of huge importance, yet not many know where it originated from.

The history of the pen can be traced back to 1880s, when the first patent on a ball pen was issued to John Loud. This leather tanner attempted to make a writing object with which he could write on the leather he tanned. The pen, he had invented, constituted of a rotating steel ball as the tip held in a socket. It could write on the leather as intended by Loud. However, the invention proved futile for others as it proved way too coarse and messy for letter writing; so was disapproved commercially. The original patent lapsed with the failure of this invention on the grounds of practicality and usability.

In the beginning of 1930s, along with his brother Georg, a chemist, Biro began with the experiment of a pen that would not need to be refilled and at the same time would not smudge the pages too. The concept revolved around a ball which was used on the tip of the pen and as this pen was moved on the paper, the ball would rotate pulling the ink from the cartridge. This time, the design of the pen was acclimatized with practicality and hence, the two brothers used a sealed reservoir which would store the ink inside the pen. In terms of consistency too, the ink was changed to thicker and quick drying ink. As the designing flaws were bid goodbye, Laszlo Biro was issued a patent to the pen in the year 1938. It could well be summed up, that even though Laszlo was not the first inventor of a ball pen; he was however, the successful inventor of a working design of ball pen which is now universally acceptable.

The story doesn't end here; in the year 1943, the two brothers began their quest for getting their invention worldwide recognition as well as financial support. They moved to Argentina and discovered someone who willingly financed the

Biro pen and in no time, a factory was started to manufacture more ball pens. The ball-pen was initially advertised as the only pen which could write even under the water. There were demonstrations witnessed by huge audiences, plenty of those who longed to write with the ball pen under the water. The company led by Biro became the leading producers of ball pens. The British soon caught wind of it and fascinated by the qualities of the ball pen, they bought the patent. The company was thus, sold to BIC Corporation who started producing and supplying pens to the Royal Air Force. Biro pens were considered highly useful for the pilots as they could write even in the pressure of high altitudes. This was also a major breakthrough for the ball pen that faced huge rivalry from the fountain pen as initially it was marked as a useful and fashionable accessory, but then being used at high altitudes added to the technological specification of the pen.

Today, ball pens are manufactured in almost every country. What goes in their making is also a well defined geographical needs criterion to ensure that the ink viscosity and tip tolerances are as per the environment, where the pens are meant to be used. The present scenario is such that the market is flooded with pens in unlimited varieties, designs and colors. It is a "choose as you may" situation for the users. Ranging from handcrafted ball pens to simple and sober ones, you will find them all in a variety unimaginable. Ever wondered, such a small item has given the world so much. A small invention has now become an indispensable part of our lives. It might not be the most technologically high-end instrument, but probably one of the most essential ones, one we can't do without. How many times have you complained your pen got stolen? That is just because a lot of us need them in our everyday lives. Whether to a student or a business man, pen is highly useful tool.

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Dissecting the Education System

In Pakistan, education is a federal as well as provincial function. There is a Ministry of Education at Islamabad, which formulates the policies and plans at national level. It involves the provinces in the formulation of national education policies and plans. The provinces develop their own plans and execute according to their situations and available resources in the light of national education policies.

Educational system of Pakistan has its own good and bad sides, but when we compare it with the educational systems of other countries; shows its flaws, and how it is distressing students' temperament and performance.

Educational system is responsible for creating such institutes which can develop students into honorable citizens, which have multi-dimensional thinking, skills in their respective fields, have morality, sense of right and wrong and have keenness to gain knowledge. If we compare our education system with Japan, America and China, we may clearly see that how the rate or quality of education is directly related to the development of a country.

State	Pakistan	USA	China	Japan
Government spending on education (GDP portion)	2.17%	5.26%	1.91%	3.78%
Average years of schooling of adults	3.9 (Ranked 75th)	12 (Ranked 1st)	6.4 (Ranked 45th)	9.5 (Ranked 13th)
Compulsory Education duration	5 Years	12 Years	9 Years	9 Years
Literacy rate	57%	99%	99%	99%

Pakistan, USA, China and Japan Educational System Figures

From this data it is quite clear that educational system of Pakistan is not doing well in any state. Pakistan should raise its educational standards for the people and also try to establish such institutes in which people can learn importance of being rightly educated and what actually is meant by it.

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The other key roles and responsibilities like policy formulation, teacher training, and budget allocation to district governments to a large extent are still with the provincial governments.

At provincial levels, the administrative head of the Education Department is 'Secretary' or in certain cases there are two secretaries: one for schools, designated as 'Special Secretary (Schools)' and the other 'Special Secretary (Higher Education)'. They are supported by a number of additional and deputy secretaries and other staff.

In UK, on the other hand, education is the responsibility of each country. In each country, there is a separate institution which deals with all the affairs of education, though the role and functions differ more or less. For example, in England, there is a Department for Education and Skills; in Wales, Welsh Office; in Scotland, Scottish Executive Education Department (SEED); and in Northern Ireland, the Department of

Education. There are some other bodies in each state like Training and Development Agency (TDA) in England; there is no such agency in Scotland, rather General Teaching Council (GTC) undertakes all such functions. Each country is responsible for framing its own policies and plans.

In Pakistan, the education system is three-tier: elementary (grade 1-8), secondary (grade 9-12), and tertiary or higher education, after 12 years' schooling. Elementary education is split up into primary (grade 1-5) and elementary/middle (grade 6-8) and is catered in primary and elementary schools. Education is not a compulsory or statutory requirement, even at primary level in Pakistan, and hence has resulted in low literacy rate and participation rate at all levels. This can be seen from that over 5.5 million children (age group 5-9) are out of school (Government of Pakistan, 1998).

In primary or elementary schools, the children are usually enrolled at the age of five; but this is not statutory as in England, or even like Scotland where though children entry is at the age of five, but not statutory like England. In Scotland, as Matheson (2000) states unlike England, there is rarely a hard and fast cut-off dates for the so-called 'rising fives'. In the rural schools of Pakistan, children sometimes join a primary school at the age of six or even more. In some countries of the UK, primary level is further split up into two stages like in England and Wales, the six years primary is split up into Key Stage 1 (year 5-6) and Key Stage 2 (year 7-11). In Scotland, primary education lasts for seven years, as Matheson (2000) states 'The Scots always have to do seven years primary school and there are no middle schools as compared to the English having, in general, six years of primary except where there are middle schools'.



Secondary education in Pakistan lasts for four years (grade 9-12). It is catered in government secondary and higher secondary schools; most of these schools have middle classes as well. In all the provinces almost the same types of schools and colleges exist to cater secondary classes. In the UK, secondary schools generally cater education of age group 12-16 or sometimes 12-17 or 18 wherein students join A-Levels.

Higher education in Pakistan starts after the completion of grade 12. It is carried out in universities, colleges and other such institutions. The universities and degree awarding institutions are autonomous but are characterized by their respective provincial governments and the Higher Education Commission Pakistan. In the UK, like Pakistan students on the completion of secondary education enroll in universities or other general or professional colleges. The degree programmes vary in duration across the different countries.

In China, Japan and America the common thing they do is; they try to develop the practical ability in a student, even for the kids of early ages they have special games by which they can learn how to do things practically and in Pakistan there are no such activities. Instead a system is created in Pakistan which does not allow the student to do any creative thing.

It may not be possible for the government at the moment to implement uniform education

system in the country, but a uniform curriculum can be introduced in educational institutes of the country. This will provide equal opportunity to the students of rural areas to compete with students of urban areas in the job market. Since majority of Pakistani population resides in rural areas and the access to education is a major problem for them, it seems feasible that a balanced approach for formal and informal education be adopted. Government as well as non-government sector should work together to promote education in rural areas.

The government should take measures to get school buildings vacated which are occupied by feudal lords of Sindh, Balochistan and Punjab. Efforts should be made to ensure that proper education is provided in those schools.

The federal government is paying attention to the vocational and technical training, but it is important to make the already existing vocational and technical training centres more efficient so that skilled youth could be produced.

Since education is a provincial subject, the provincial education secretariats need to be strengthened. Special policy planning units should be established in provinces' education departments for implementation of educational policies and formulation of new policies whenever needed. The provincial education departments need to work out financial resources required for realising the compliance of Article 25-A.

Federal Government should play a supportive role vis-à-vis the provinces for the early compliance of the constitutional obligation laid down in Article 25-A. Special grants can be provided to the provinces where the literacy rate is low. Pakistan is not the only country which is facing challenges regarding promotion of literacy and meeting EFA and MDGs commitments. Education remains a subject which is paid least attention in the whole South Asian region. UNDP report 2014 suggests that there has been an improvement in other elements of human development such as life expectancy, per capita income and human development index value (in past 3 years); but there has been no progress in the number of schooling years. The expected average for years of schooling in 2010 was 10.6 years but the actual average of schooling remained 4.7 for all South Asian countries. In the year 2013 the expected average of number of years increased to 11.2 but the actual average of years of schooling of South Asian countries remained 4.7. Regional cooperation mechanism can also be developed to promote literacy in South Asian region. Sharing success stories, making country-specific modifications and their implementation can generate positive results. ■

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Understanding the Value of Education

Education is an essential part of intellectual freedom, and one of its main values is improving how students view, exist in and participate in the world. Because education is a social event for most people, it encourages sharing of ideas and experiences among students, which helps students become better members of the community by teaching morals, ethics and community responsibility. Without education, for example, students would be unable to understand the benefits of volunteering.

In addition, education helps encourage students to educate themselves and seek out information. It provides students with the opportunity to learn about many different things, including art, sports, math, literature and history, so that the students are able to discover what interests them. This gives them the basic building blocks needed to succeed in life later on through a career and further education.

"The whole purpose of education is to turn mirror into window"

Illiteracy has the taste of arsenic, especially if

one is at receiving ends. That accused person would know the value of education more than anyone else but of no use to him. Education is considered among some hot topics in world which are under headings of educational problems, its values and benefits. Experienced citizens believe that a person can get education only if he knew its values because it is useless to get education without knowing its importance. Education is our passport to the future for tomorrow belongs to people who prepare for it today.

Education gives you a value in society which leads in success and winning your goals and aims of life. Through education it is possible to bring discipline and determination in your everyday life. Discipline in your work, in your talk and overall manners, all comes from education, this is the reason that educated people differ from uneducated ones. Education if done with attention, favors a person to be determined in his actions and personality, this together makes a person self-responsible and accountable. He learns his responsibilities and considers himself to be accountable before his responsibilities. Such practical approach makes him honest with

build-in qualities of integrity, authenticity and truth.

Education plays a vital role in shaping tomorrows' leaders. Not only can we become a better nation by acquiring the skills necessary to be productive members of a civilized society. Increase knowledge to actively achieve and meet challenges that can produce changes in which are productive for attaining business innovations, political and economic objectives.

Our world is constantly changing and it requires a society that is well versed in understanding the problems deriving from culture differences and tolerance of one another's beliefs and perceptions. We are dealing with systemic problems in education, economic, government, religion and culture differences.

The quote from Gottfried Wilhelm Leibnitz, "Make me the master of education, and I will undertake to change the world" explains it all. If we are to change the world simply because we have and continue to acquire the education necessary to increase knowledge; we must never forget education along without the practice of inducing what is learned is not enough to produce attainable results favorable to sustain a society in the 21st century. We must become the voice of the people by getting involved to make a difference in the world by putting into motion what we have learned.

In a society, adopting justice and fairness in your decisions is the most highlighted fact. To form a society or to live with a society means to fairly play and for this count getting education is the only option for a person. Wisdom and ethical application of knowledge to life is taught through education and in addition to this social conscience and mutual respects is also among the lessons of education. It can be noticed that an educated person seeks for more knowledge, this desire of learning and to have more education is only possible if you have a strong equation towards education and when you know the value of education.

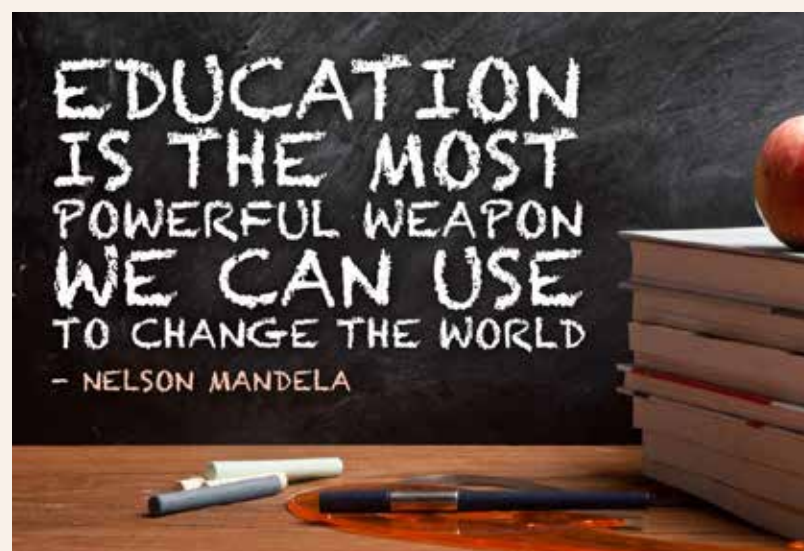
"Study without desire spoils the memory; it retains nothing that it takes in."
(Leonardo da vinci)

The basic principle of value of education come the value of humanity, which aims to determine individual's rights and duties. Education sources to specify our space in society and our role in that sphere. Education is considered as a blessing because there are many countable people that are not blessed with it. Education holds a great value in your life; it adds sequence to your achievements and makes a simple person to differ from one another. Education provides a clear and broad vision that help to

see things with broader aspects. Apart from all this education helps to gain a better imagination or dreaming. This may sound so weird but it is true that educated imagination or educated dreaming leads us to attain success in life. There is a great difference between educated aims and uneducated aims.

Education reduces poverty in a number of ways. One way is by creating employment opportunities for educated people. Through employment, one is able to afford a decent living. Education helps to increase economic security, create income opportunities and improve livelihoods of the economical disadvantaged by providing sustainable environmental management mechanisms. Education further alleviates poverty through skills acquired in the learning process. Skills such as carpentry, plumbing and masonry are relevant in non-formal economies. One can acquire these skills through technical and vocational training.

Education is the only means of alleviating poverty, improving people's health and increasing economic growth. Improving literacy levels in marginalized societies will go a long way in improving human living standards. Education is very important and highly valued in today's society; it is also necessary for success in life. Education is supposed to provide students with the necessary skills that prepare them for the world of work later in life. The education system also serves to teach individuals the values and morals of society. Government should pay serious attention to education and support it economically although this is sometimes not the case. Students must be equipped with knowledge and skills which are needed to participate effectively as member of society and contribute towards the development of shared values and common identity; the education system serves this purpose. ■



Interesting Buildings

World Wide



Nick-named The Dancing House, Prague's Nationale-Nederlanden building was designed by Croatian-Czech architect Vlado Milunić and Canadian-American architect Frank Gehry. This architecture forms an unusual dancing shape thanks to 99 concrete panels, each a different shape and dimension. It's proved so popular that the building now features on a gold 2,000 Czech koruna coin issued by the Czech National Bank.



The Lotus Temple is a Bahá'í House of Worship in New Delhi consisting of 27 structures resembling petals of the lotus flower that open onto a central hall around 40m high. It has nine sides, nine doors, and can accommodate 2,500 people. Its surface is made of white marble from Mount Pentelicus in Greece, the same marble used to build the Parthenon. Since its completion in 1986 it has become one of the most visited buildings in the world, attracting over 100 million people.



Cologne Cathedral is a High Gothic five-aisled basilica, the construction of which began in 1248 and stopped in 1473, before the building was complete. Work did not resume until the 1800s, and it was finally finished in 1880. Later work follows the original medieval plan faithfully. It is renowned as a Gothic masterpiece and houses many works of art as well as the tombs of 12 archbishops.



A masterpiece of Islamic architecture, the Dome of the Rock is a 7th century building, located in Jerusalem. Built by Caliph Abd al-Malik between 687 and 691, the octagonal plan and the rotunda dome of wood are of Byzantine design. The Persian tiles on the exterior and the marble slabs that decorate the interior were added by Suleiman 1 in 1561. The oldest extant Islamic monument, the Dome of the Rock has served as a model for architecture and other artistic endeavors for over a millennium.



One of the most imaginative houses in the history of architecture, this is more sculpture than building. The façade is a varied and harmonious mass of undulating stone that, along with its forged iron balconies, explores the irregularities of the natural world.

Talk With Sundus Mughees

Sundus Mughees is right now associated with University of Central Punjab (UCP) as the member of permanent faculty. Sundus is known for her English skills and her pleasurable equation with her students.

Q. How were you as a child?

Ans. I was confident, social and quite active. To sit at a place for long was the worst punishment for me but whenever I had to, play with dolls and make over them was my obsession. Like all other children, my imagination was rich. I used to read storybooks, watch dramas and later fabricate my own stories by making myself, the protagonist and execute them with my cousins and friends.

Q. What are your views about your up-bringing at home?

Ans. I experienced comparatively a strict environment than my cousins and friends did. My mother put her best efforts for my quality education and because of this, I guess, I was tamed well. No matter what, I used to behave well and respect all others. I was and still am, careful about my language, etiquettes and conduct towards other.

Q. How were you as a student?

Ans. I was savvy with respect to studies, and I always remained in top 5 but I never put efforts to excel extraordinarily. Instead of striving to be at the top, I preferred to be an all-rounder; for that I remained an active participant in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities.

Q. Why you decided to be in a teaching profession, or it was just luck by chance?

Ans. Teaching as a profession is in my blood. My mother was a teacher and she inspired me to a great extent. I guess if I was a doctor or an engineer or in showbiz, probably I would have been excelled to a level where I could teach. I find it so addictive, soothing and excitingly enjoyable. Definitely it's a mindful pick!

Q. What makes your persona different than other teachers in field?

Ans. Perhaps students are more comfortable with me in sharing their ideas, thoughts and sometimes their personal life. They often visit me for no obvious reason. A teacher should have

a pleasant welcoming personality; he/she should be a good listener, observer and at times a counselor other than being knowledgeable and courteous.

Q. How is your equation with your students?

Ans. I'm in pretty good terms with my students. While on campus, I never happen to sit alone. They often invite me or visit me. I'm amused when they discuss or imitate me.

Q. What is your point of view on the current education system of Pakistan?

Ans. It requires serious attention. We are following the conventional patterns and methodologies which no longer work. It is alarming! Besides, our cramming system restricts even kills the creativity. As far as education is concerned, I would recommend a shift in our perspectives, approaches and teaching methodologies. Encouraging the students to think and choose their tracks and careers independently without any fear and pressure and later facilitating them with latest technologies and proper guidance may help us to fix the flaws of our educational system.

Q. You are a teacher and a student additionally, which part is tougher than the other one?

Ans. No track is easier but yes experience and knowledge pave the way and facilitate a being. Teaching is super fun. I prefer interacting directly with innovative minds than going for bookish stuff.

Q. Which type of students you like the most?

Ans. Curious and challenging with a spark

Q. Any message for people out there?

Ans. Conventional ways of teaching should be replaced with new teaching techniques and pedagogies. If students are interested in technology and various gadgets, knowledge should be transferred through these gadgets, and studies should never be imposed.



7 Quick Tips for a Healthy Body

1 Eat a small handful of raw seeds and/or nuts every day. If you're going to buy anything from the supermarket to snack on, let it be raw seeds and nuts, do not go for the chips and cookies.

2. Eat fresh fruit two times a day. Vary the color of the fruits: think red, green and orange for example, and alternate between grapes/berries, apples/pears and oranges/mandarins.

3. Many of you eat out most of the time, so it's important that you order right. As a rule of thumb, always fill half your plate with vegetables, and a quarter each of protein and good carbohydrates. Make sure you choose vegetables in a variety of different colors (green, red, orange, yellow).

4. Choose good sources of protein, and try to include oily fish such as salmon and tuna two times a week. Avoid red meat as much as possible; keep it to once a week (or less), and choose very lean cuts.

5. Chew your food well, until it becomes soft and almost liquid. This will help enormously with your digestion, and you will eat less.

6. Be conscious about your water intake! It's your most vital nutrient, so make sure you consume 6-8 glasses of water a day. Cut your coffee and soda intake, and replace it with tea and vegetable juices. At a business lunch, for example, you can order a Virgin Bloody Mary instead of a diet Coke, and tea instead of a coffee.

7. Avoid sugary and rich/fried food, and keep away from the bread and butter basket at restaurants, save the calories for real healthy food.



Choose Health



Review on Ludo Star

Play your childhood favourite board game Ludo with various international rules. Enjoy the latest modern design. Ludo STAR is best ludo game. Ludo STAR is an interesting game in which you can play with your friends. The game includes four players' red, blue, and green, yellow. Are your friend's kings of Ludo? Just find it out.

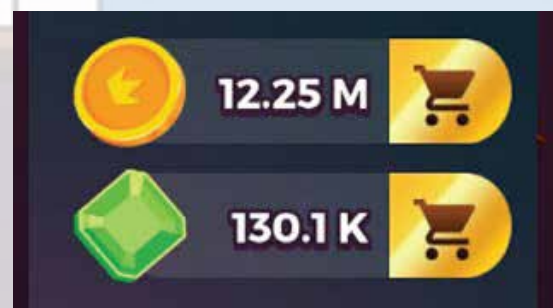
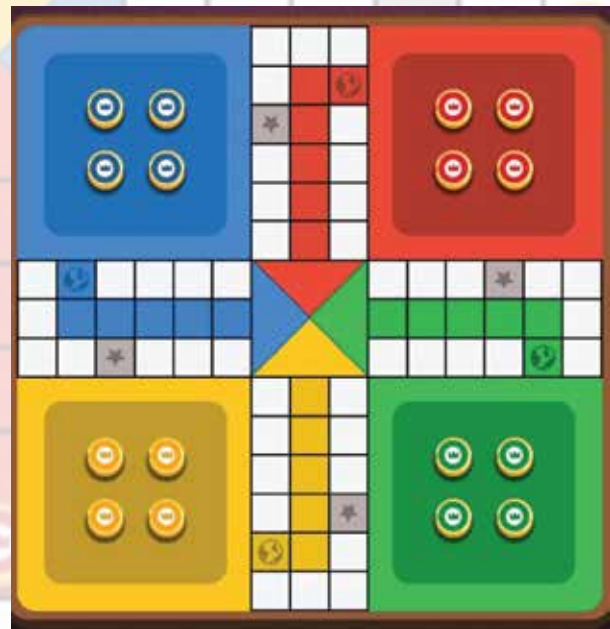
Features:

- Login with Facebook and invite friends to play with you
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- Read FAQs for general problems
- New setting to hide your online status
- UI/UX Improvements
- Many bug fixes



Door of Awareness Conducted its 3rd Annual Dinner in Lahore

Door of Awareness (DOA), conducted its 3rd Annual Dinner in Lahore. The program started with different acts played by the children of DOA schools. All the acts were performed very well and got lots of appreciation from guests. The chief guests of the program were: Mr. Zafar Mueen (VC Punjab University), Dr. Amjad Saqib (Chairman Akhuwat), and Masarrat Misbah - famous beautician and founder of "Depilex Smile Again" were the guests of honor, while Mrs. Ruba Humayun (Chairperson DOA) overlooked this program. The program was moderated by Prof. M.A. Ruffuf and Mrs. Ayesha Najam. Individuals attended the event, praised the concerns of "DOA" and appreciated the efforts of students for their performance.



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COCO



Directed by: Lee Unkrich, Adrian Molina
Writing Credits: Lee Unkrich, Jason Katz, Matthew Aldrich
 Adrian Molina
Screenplay: Adrian Molina, Matthew Aldrich

Coco is a 2017 animated music fantasy movie, produced by Pixar Animation Studios and released by Walt Disney Pictures. Based on an original idea by Lee Unkrich, it is directed by Unkrich, and co-directed and co-written by Adrian Molina. The story follows a 12-year-old boy named Miguel who accidentally visits the land of the dead where he seeks the help of his musician great-great-grandfather to return him to his family among the living.

The concept of the film is based on the Mexican holiday of Día de Muertos. The screenplay was penned by Adrian Molina and Matthew Aldrich, and the story by Unkrich, Molina, Jason Katz, and Aldrich. Pixar began developing animation in 2016. Unkrich and some of the film's crew members also visited Mexico for inspiration. Composer Michael Giacchino, who had worked on prior Pixar animated features, composed the score.

Coco premiered on October 20, 2017 during the Morelia International Film Festival in Morelia, Mexico. It was released in Mexico the following week, the weekend before Día de Muertos, and became the highest-grossing film of all-time in the country. It was released in the United States on November 22, 2017 and has received highly positive reviews, with critics praising the animation, vocal performances, musical score, emotional story and respect to Mexican culture.

Plot

Twelve year old Miguel Rivera lives in the small, fictional Mexican village of Santa Cecilia. Miguel dreams of becoming a musician like his idol Ernesto de la Cruz, a popular singer-songwriter and film star who died when he was crushed by a bell in a live concert in 1942. However, because Miguel's unknown great-great-grandfather left his family to achieve his musical dreams and failed to return, the Riveras has banned music for generations, causing the only relative Miguel likes to be his great-grandmother Coco, who has not objected to music. On the Day of the Dead, after Miguel inadvertently damages Mama Imelda's ofrenda with his great-great grandfather's face ripped out, he finds a bent section of the photo revealing that his great-great grandfather used a

guitar similar to de la Cruz, causing him to believe that he is directly related to the musician.

When his grandmother Elena destroys his guitar he hid from his family after discovering that he is attempting to participate in a talent contest, Miguel leaves. Looking for a way to participate in the talent contest, Miguel infiltrates de la Cruz's mausoleum to steal his guitar and use it in the contest. After strumming it, Miguel becomes invisible to the living except for Dante, a street dog he previously befriended. In the cemetery, Miguel meets his skeletal deceased relatives who are surprised that he notices them. They believe this is related to Imelda's inability to cross to the world of the living and they take Miguel to Land of the Dead, an afterlife dimension where the deceased people come from to visit their relatives on the Day of the Dead.

There Imelda, Miguel and the rest of the Riveras discover that the reason Imelda cannot cross is because her portrait disappeared from the damaged ofrenda. Miguel has to leave before sunrise or he will stay there forever as a skeleton, but he can immediately be sent back with a relative blessing using a petal of Aztec marigold; Imelda agrees to let Miguel go back home and implores him to abandon his musical ambitions. Miguel refuses, leaves his family and meets up a lonely and forgotten jokester named Héctor. Miguel says that de la Cruz is his only family, and Héctor agrees to help him find de la Cruz so he can return without giving up his dreams; in exchange, Miguel agrees to put Héctor's portrait in his family's ofrenda for him to cross the bridge.

Héctor helps Miguel get a guitar from one of his friends, Chicharrón, to enter a musical contest where the prize is an entrance to de la Cruz's palace, and Chicharrón disappears because living people have forgotten him. Héctor also paints Miguel's face as a skeleton so he can walk free in the city without being discovered by his family. They go to the contest, and win it just as Imelda and the rest of the family find Miguel after tracking him down with Imelda's spirit animal alebrije, Pepita. An argument between Miguel and Héctor takes place when Héctor discovers Miguel could have returned to his home all the time. In response, Miguel leaves Héctor and Dante and soon befriends de la Cruz at his palace.



AREEJ GORAYA

DELICIOUS PIZZA

ROSES ARE RED, SAUCE IS TOO. I BAKE A DELICIOUS PIZZA AND NONE OF ITS FOR YOU.

If you are prolonging for a healthy food today, my eyes are on you.

Everybody is health conscious these days & eats less.

To obtain nutrients, Pakistani consumers take multi-vitamins or increase the intake of meat, dairy products, fruits & vegetables to stay healthy. It is important to take calcium, iron, vitamin- D, vitamin B12 & other essential nutrients. Majority of the population is worried about their diet plans. To maintain a healthy & balanced diet, one should eat moderate amounts of foods containing fats, proteins, carbohydrates, minerals, vitamins along with Non-Starch Polysaccharides & drink plenty of fresh water. Eat to live, don't live to eat.

Secondly, Food should not be under-cooked as well as over-cooked. Right temperatures & looking after food while cooking on hob is also very important. Thus foods can be cooked by different methods to interest you for example:

Baking, Roasting, Grilling, Frying, Boiling, Simmering, Steaming

Pressure cooking.

You don't need silver fork to eat good food either. Apparently there are people who eat when they are hungry & stop when they're full. You are the boss of that dough so bakers gonna bake. BAKE BAKE BAKE . . .

Using one of the method like "Baking" there is a delicious recipe of "Pizza":

Ingredients:

Dough making:

2 cups plain flour

2 oz butter

2 tsp yeast

1 cup luke warm milk

Topping:

1 cup cooked chicken or sausages

1 pkt pizza cheese

1 capsicum, 2 tomatoes

Olives

Sauce:

2 tbsp oil

2 Onions

1 tsp garlic

1 small can of tomato puree

Seasoning:

salt

Chilli powder

oregano

Sugar

Bayleaf

Method:

For Dough making:

Sift the flour, rub in butter.

Separately put yeast in flour, add sugar & milk in a measuring glass cup, cover it & leave it to ferment for 15 minutes. Grease a plastic bag. Put yeast mixture into the rub in flour & add the rest of the milk. Make a sticky & elastic dough. Put into greased bag & leave it for 45 minutes.

For Topping:
Chop onions, capsicum, olives & tomatoes, keep aside. Grate cheese.

Pizza sauce:

Heat oil, add onions, garlic, tomato puree & seasoning. Simmer for 5 mins.

Roll the dough on a pizza pan. Spread cooked tomato mixture.

Sprinkle cheese & vegetables. Preheat oven at 200°C for 5 minutes. Bake for 20 minutes.



Crusty Garlic Bread

INGREDIENTS:

- 60g butter, softened
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 1 part-baked white baguette (about 150g)

METHOD:

1. Put the butter in a bowl, add the garlic and mix well. Spoon the butter out onto a sheet of cling film and roll up to make a sausage-shaped log. Chill for 10 minutes
2. Heat oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6. Slice the baguette into about 12 slices but not all the way through, leaving the base intact to hold it together.
3. Remove the cling film from the butter and thinly slice on a chopping board. Press each butter slice between the slices of bread.
4. Wrap the baguette in foil, place on a tray and bake for 5-6 minutes, and then peel back the foil. Cook for a further 4-5 minutes to crisp up.

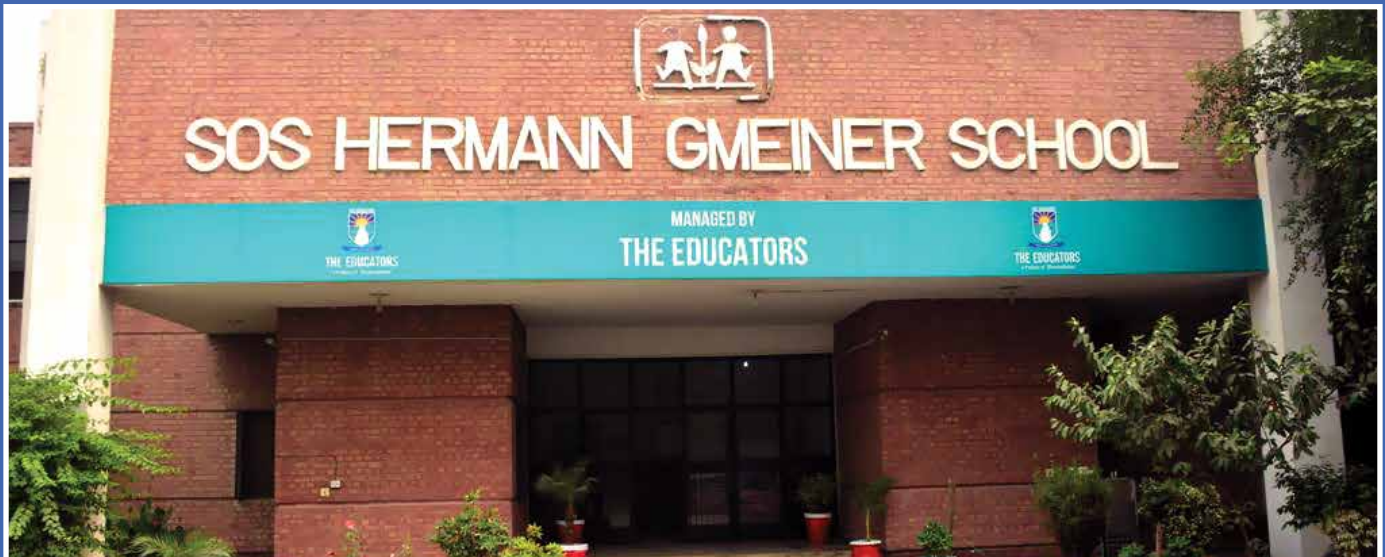


9th Lahore International Children's Film Festival 2017

"The Little Art" in collaboration with "Cinepax Cinema", presented 9th Lahore International Children's Film Festival 2017, after 8 days successful shows in Karachi where thousands of children's, young people and their families were extremely entertained by world's best 111 films from 34 countries in different languages .On the occasion Jean-François Cautain (Ambassador of European Union to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan) Appreciated the efforts of managing team and applauded the visitors.

Lahore International Children's Film Festival (LICFF) is one of the largest children's film festivals in the Pakistan inclusive for all children irrespective of their socio-economic backgrounds. The festival offers a diverse slate of programming from Pakistan and around the globe, using the power of film not just to entertain children, youth and parents but also to foster new ideas, cultural values and complex issues facing young people today.





Samsung Creates another Smart-School at SOS Village Lahore

Samsung Electronics, the global technology leader has collaborated with SOS Childrens' Villages, for the construction of Smart-classes in 9 major cities, to uplift the standard of education in under privilege communities. The Samsung Smart class at SOS Hermann Gmeiner School has been established in the SOS Village at Ferozepur road, Lahore.

SOS Childrens' Villages have been selected to manage these smart-classes at strategic locations, due to their high credibility and performance in providing superior quality education, accommodation and a healthy environment to nurture the inherent talents among the deprived segments, especially the orphans.

Samsung Pakistan has invested millions of Rupees for establishment of smart classes and upgrading of these school premises. The upgraded institutions are then operated by the SOS Village with qualified teachers, in accordance with high academic standards, to achieve the defined objectives, while ensuring complete transparency. Hence, free education is being provided to thousands of deserving and under privilege students.

The Managing Director of Samsung Pakistan, Mr. Y.J. Kim stated that; "Being a socially responsible enterprise Samsung pursues a generous human-development program. This smart-class initiative is designed to foster modern education in under-developed regions, by supporting the endeavors of prolific organizations like the SOS Villages. Samsung is making this vital social effort to accelerate social, educational and economic progress in the country".

SOS Children's Village is a global organization that focuses on family-based, long-term care of the less fortunate children, to give them a chance for a better tomorrow, so they can contribute towards nation-building. This way, Samsung is sharing its success with the communities.



BEACONHOUSE COLLEGE CAMPUS GULBERG

Beaconhouse College Campus Gulberg, hosted the first edition of Pandora, a multi category extravaganza with 20 sub categories, where more than 30 institutions participated. The event literally became the talk of the town owing to its Fashion Show, DJ Night by DJ Bahoo, Concert (Jabbar Abbas, Coke studio fame) and Music Competition. In addition to that, participants had a great time competing in other categories like Science, Business, Arts, Law Moot, Crime Scene Investigation, Gaming, Debates, Literature, IT and various other categories. The event was indeed the mightiest of this season getting the most positive feedback from all the participants.



Chinese Heritage Delegation Visits COMSATS University

Chinese heritage delegation visited COMSATS University Lahore. The Chinese delegation met the local internet service providers including COMSATS ISP, Superior Connections and others. The Chinese delegation and COMSATS University director shared suggestions regarding Pakistan-China Heritage Museum.



CM Reviews Progress on Educational Reforms Program

Punjab Chief Minister Shehbaz Sharif has said that enrolment target of every child of the province will be achieved till 2018 through hard work and commitment. While presiding a meeting, which reviewed the progress on educational reforms program under Punjab Schools Reforms Roadmap, he said that achievement of the targets fixed for promotion of education was the collective responsibility and effective measures would have to be taken in this regard. The chief minister said that it was national responsibility to achieve targets of "Parho Punjab Barho Punjab Program."



NUST Stands among World's Top 150 Young Universities

The National University of Science and Technology (NUST) stands among the top world 150 young universities in a ranking unveiled by The Times Higher Education (THE). NUST, founded in 1991, has 9,808 students with a 7.8 student-staff ratio. Of its total enrollment, three percent of the students are international whereas female-male ratio is 27:73.



Govt to Distribute Tabs among Students of Class 5, 8

Punjab Schools Education Department (SED) will award tabs (tablets) to students of class 5 and class 8 over performance in their annual examination. SED has prepared a list of 54,000 students and 2,400 teachers, who are teaching science subjects to class 5 and class 8. However teachers of others subjects are likely to be ignored in the distribution of tabs.



UOB, SED Signs MoU to Help Underprivileged Schools

University of Balochistan (UOB), as well as the Secondary Education Department Balochistan (SED), has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the improvement of the research as well as academic activities. As per the issued press release of UOB, "Following the commitment, the University of Balochistan showed that how happy it was to adopt the Government Girls Middle School, Lower Karez and Government Boys High School, Lower Karez, Sariyad road, though also promising support to them as per their requirement."



KIPS School Johar Town

Deputy Director KIPS school Ms. Zahrah Khawar had an interaction with faculty of KIPS schools Johar Town, regarding forthcoming R&T session. She discussed in detailed the modus operandi of R&T conduction and her expectations from faculty.



KIPS School Main Campus

KIPS students of grade 4 and 5 (Literary Society) visited Children Library Complex on an educational trip. Students found this trip very informative; read many books and other informative material.



University of Karachi Introduces Online System for Admissions

For the very first time in the history of Karachi University, an online system for the admissions has been introduced. The registrar of University of Karachi (KU) Dr Munawwar Rasheed announced the entry test will be based on online admissions in the undergraduate and postgraduate degree programs (morning), doctorate of pharmacy (morning as well as evening programmes), and doctorate of physical therapy (morning program) as well as the visual studies department for the academic session 2018.



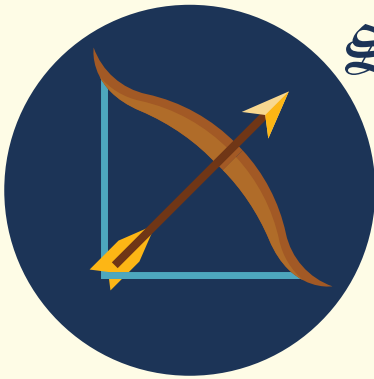
Indo-Pak Dubai Baseball Cup

Pakistan Baseball team arrived at Allama Iqbal airport after winning the Indo-Pak Dubai Baseball Cup series received by Sheikh Mazhar Ahmad, Secretary PFB. Baseball is still in the infancy stages in Pakistan, where leagues are few and far between and games are played on soccer fields. The sport got its start in the country in 1992, when Syed Khawar Shah founded the Pakistan Federation Baseball.

Making Pakistan Proud

Brilliant Pakistanis are making the country proud of their superior performances worldwide. Recently, three young enthusiasts, including Haroon Yasin, Hassan Mujtaba, and Mahnoor Syed, have won the Queen's Young Leaders Awards 2018. The Queen's Young Leaders Programme discovers, celebrates and supports exceptional young people, aged 18-29, from across the Commonwealth which is an intergovernmental organization of 52 member states that are mostly former territories of the British Empire.





Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21)

Strengths: Generous, idealistic, great sense of humor

Weaknesses: Promises more than can deliver, very impatient, will say anything no matter how undiplomatic

Sagittarius likes: Freedom, travel, philosophy, being outdoors

Sagittarius dislikes: Clingy people, being constrained, off-the-wall theories, detail

Curious and energetic, Sagittarius is one of the biggest travelers among all zodiac signs. Their open mind and philosophical view motivates them to wander around the world in search of the meaning of life. Sagittarius is extrovert, optimistic and enthusiastic, and likes changes. Sagittarius-born are able to transform their thoughts into concrete actions and they will do anything to achieve their goals.

Like the other fire signs, Sagittarius needs to be constantly in touch with the world to experience as much as possible. The ruling planet of Sagittarius is Jupiter, the largest planet of the zodiac. Their enthusiasm has no bounds, and therefore people born under the Sagittarius sign possess a great sense of humor and an intense curiosity.

When Sagittarius-born visualize something in their minds, they will do everything they can to achieve this. They always know what to say in a given situation and they are great salespeople. Sagittarius favors different tasks and dynamic atmosphere. Jobs such as a travel agent, photographer, researcher, artist, ambassador, importer and exporter suit this free-spirited person.

The fun-loving Sagittarius enjoys making and spending money. Considered to be the happiest sign of the zodiac, Sagittarius does not care much where it will earn the following money. They take risks and are very optimistic. They believe that the universe will provide everything they need.

Free-spirited and Spontaneous:

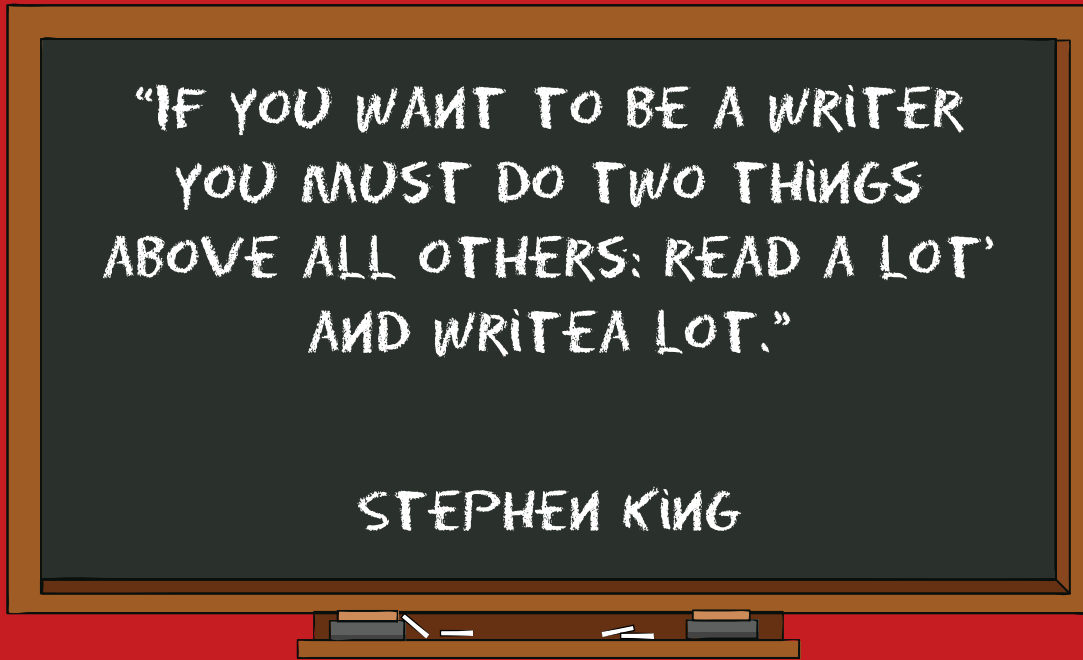
But sometimes trying to tie down these free-spirited individuals is frustrating for those around them. Sagittarians are happiest on the move - exploring new cultures and ideas and many are attracted to occupations related to travel, the media, outdoor work and philosophical pursuits. In love, their catch-cry is "don't fence me in". But once they find a partner who understands their need to retain their own sense of self and identity, Sagittarians can be the most big-hearted, generous and fun-loving companions of all.



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Attractive Gadgets



PlayStation VR

PlayStation VR's family-friendly appeal begins with the fact that it works with any PS4. There are already 40 million PS4s in homes around the globe, and new one sets you back as little as \$300. In addition to the full \$500 kit, there is a pared-down \$400 PSVR setup for people who already own the camera and Move sticks.

Technically, it allows you to roam around a virtual space up to 6 feet wide by 10 feet deep, but most of the games Sony made available for us to try were designed to be used while seated or standing pretty still.



HP's 13.3-inch Spectre x360

The x360's glass-top trackpad is responsive, and the keyboard has a satisfying tap. Forward-facing speakers by Bang & Olufsen are among the loudest I've heard in a small laptop. And it has both the familiar USB port and new USB-C with Thunderbolt 3.

Flip around the x360's aluminum body and you've got a touch screen tablet. And with Windows Hello, you can log in just by looking at the camera.



DJI Mavic Pro

DJI has not scrimped on the specs: the Mavic Pro is equipped with a stabilized 4K camera and visual navigation system, with a 4.3-mile range and 27 minutes worth of flight time. The footage captured can be viewed in 85-degree video using an accompanying set of goggles. This drone has been built with a new Flight Autonomy system that boasts five cameras, GPS and GLONASS navigation systems, a pair of ultrasonic range finders, and 24 computing cores. The new system can navigate and plan routes for the Mavic Pro, which allows it to avoid obstacles with or without the help of satellite signals. The drone is even semi-autonomous in some intelligent flight modes, and will avoid most obstacles at speeds up to 22mph.



Cozmo Robot

Cozmo's looks are deceiving. This cute, plastic toy tractor may look run of the mill, but when it springs to life, it's like nothing you've ever seen.

You power Cozmo on by connecting to it via an iOS or Android app. The robot's cartoonishly big blue eyes open slowly, blinking as if it's waking from a long nap. Its tank tracks roll as it leaves the charging cradle. And its head, which looks like an old tube TV, nods upward. It's looking around to see if it recognizes anybody.



Google Pixel

The Google Pixel is an excellent flagship phone that's only let down by mediocre battery life and the still-developing Assistant. If you can stomach the price point, the Pixel is a breath of fresh Google air in a world of Android over-complication. Google Pixel still has the best camera on any phone and that makes it instantly appealing. The photos captured by this dinky, chunky phone are sublime and unmatched even by the LG G6 and Samsung Galaxy S8.



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