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# Editorial NOTE

Reading is essential. Did you know that reading is one of the most important skills a child can learn because it would be difficult to master any subject without knowing how to read? Reading is an important skill because it helps us in school, helps to understand life outside of school, and last but not least, it develops one's imagination and creativity.

In the first place, reading helps us in school. Without having the ability to read, it would be difficult to do homework and even participate in sports! If you need information for a school assignments there are many books, websites, and even news articles to read. If you struggle in math, science, social studies, or other subjects, there are many tutoring books that you can get that will help you during school and even over the school break. Reading skills really come in handy!

Reading helps us understand life outside of school. Have you ever wondered about what's around us right now? Like, how the rocks formed and the invention of planes, there is many more to read that you still don't know about. Have you ever pictured about how your future will look like? If you don't have the ability to read it would be nearly impossible to get a job. You wouldn't be able to read numbers, signs, and even traffic lights.

Finally, reading develops ones imagination and creativity. When we read for pleasure, we are able to let our imaginations go wild. Reading gives us all a chance to relax and free our minds from anything else happening, especially after a long busy day away from home. We don't only read books; there are also craft books, cook books, and activity books.

## THE ROOTS OF PAKISTAN'S EDUCATION



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# Letter to the editor

## **Hi Editor,**

Your magazine did highlighted a very common issue which our students are facing day to day and this is the “stress of examination”, as some of the time students have to go with the means of cramming which invariably leads to high stress. High level of examination stress is proving to be a jolting problem for students with respect to their health and mental credibility.

**Munazzam Khalid**

## **Hey Informal,**

It's been a brilliant experience to read your last month's magazine. You were able to highlight some of the most important concerns which are important to be processed in the field of education. I think if you guys keep on doing a job like this, then soon our society will change the way it looks and deals the field of education.

**Hamza Asif**

## **Hey Editor,**

Your magazine is doing a tremendous job, by giving useful information in one publication. The thing I liked the most about this magazine is, your selection of topics. I personally like the “Wise Advice” section, which I read when I'm looking for some serious matter to penetrate into my soul.

**Maheen Saleem**

## **Hey Informal,**

I really enjoy reading your magazine and the section which I liked the most was the travel section, in which you wrote about the “Derawar Fort”. It's always good to read your magazine; you guys are also promoting a good image of Pakistan along with other academic writings.

**Saad Junaid**

## **Hi Informal,**

The story I liked the most was the cover story of this month, which showed a true side of the education system of Pakistan and the ailing condition of students due to the stress of examination. Schools should also take-up this issue and come-up with some quick solution to it, as the future of our students is at stake.

**Arslan Ali**

## **Hi Editor,**

Your magazine has a good composition of interesting and informative content along with a wide range of topics. I would like to make a request to write something about the process of this our brain carries out the process if memorization. Generally, we don't notice this process, so I think it will be better to write something related to this topic.

**Farwah Ch**

## **Hey Editor,**

It is a magnificent experience to read your magazine; it is perfect for students particularly. Cover story and Wise Advice are my most favorite in the magazine of every month. By reading these, I get to know about some outside the box information which helps me through my information seeking procession.

**Ahmad Waseem**

## **Hi Informal,**

I would like to say that your magazine is very informative and at the same time it is very interesting. I like all of your content of all the sections and your selection of matter is always unique. I especially like the news sections, which includes the segments of National and Internal News. The information which I get from your magazine really helps me to learn and increase my level of knowledge.

**Wajahat Shahzad**



# THE CURSE OF THE ACADEMIE

**A**n unfortunate trend in education has long had parents of school-going children in its grip! Academies are the sine qua non for many: that which they feel they cannot do without.

Instead of working regularly, steadily and diligently at school, students are under the impression that 'Going to the Academy' is the key to success. And for reasons best known to them, parents have no qualms about sending their children out in the evening and forking out fees yet again for the education which their children are already supposed to be receiving at their day-time school.

I have always found this to be a very odd situation and one which smacks of corruption. It is surely obvious that an academy tutor who also teaches in a daytime institution has a vested interest in not teaching effectively during school hours in order to motivate his pupils to attend his classes in the evening where the real teaching will take place; this malpractice provides a nice little double earner for the teacher.

Academies can also lead to absenteeism in schools; some parents allow their children to sleep late and to take days off school because they can catch up at the academy on concepts missed at school. This teaches children that regularity and constant application and effort are not particularly important - an unsound principle for a young person, I would have thought, as is also the parents' willingness to pay twice for the same thing; this surely teaches a young person to have a casual disregard for his/her parents' hard-earned money: "Let them pay twice!"

A good school aims for academic excellence and also to inculcate moral values and good habits in its pupils: diligence, honesty, kindness, respect, tolerance and integrity, whilst academies aim at A grades (and are sometimes not too concerned about how they get them.) It seems to be accepted that leaked examination papers are an excellent way of attaining an A grade and, failing that, tutors nowadays provide 'guess papers' for their students so that the pampered darlings do not have to actually revise their course but work only to the questions 'guessed at'. Study Skills courses train students to revise double the number of topics as there are questions in the paper, plus

two more. So for a four question paper, one is advised to revise thoroughly ten topics. But with a tutor and his 'guess paper', if not the leaked paper itself, only a loser need bother with that much work!

In other ways, too, academies may provide an easy alternative to using one's brain: students can benefit a great deal from thinking about what has been taught in class that day, reading and revising, it, writing up their notes in a neat and accessible way and writing essays or solving problems to consolidate their learning. There is no time to do this, however, if they come home from school and, after lunch and a brief rest, are off to the academy.

Since the popularity of academies has always puzzled me, I have tried to work out why parents submit to them and following are some tentative conclusions: it appears that schools generally fail to accept criticism of their teachers and are affronted by such criticism; parents feel that, if they complain, their child will be targeted by members of staff; parents therefore have no choice, if the teacher at school is incompetent, but to seek help elsewhere and keep quiet about their concerns. A shocking state of affairs! Schools should welcome feedback from parents and should have no need to be defensive, let alone antagonistic, if they are providing the teaching for which the parents are paying. And if not, then changes must be made!

Secondly, since young people here have far fewer opportunities for social interaction outside the bounds of family than do young people in the West, academies provide a morally acceptable reason for young people to go out at night and spend time with others of their own age. Young people need to do this, and want to do it, (particularly when they see it in movies all the time) but how are parents to explain this to the phuppos and tayas?

"Oh, he's at the academy! SUCH a serious student! Such a hardworking boy!"

Now all of the above is not to suggest that there are no serious teachers or students at academies; I know that there are; but sometimes, I just wish they'd take their seriousness and put it to good use in schools!



# Taking Science Education to Next Level

**S**cience Fuse is working to change the way science is perceived and communicated across classrooms in Pakistan and inspiring children from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds to pursue STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) education and careers.

Our philosophy is: 'to encourage and promote curiosity and questioning; to 'assist discovery' and we do this through being engaging, making things memorable and being inspiring.' We give children an opportunity to experience science as a dramatic story of discovery to inculcate a sense of wonder and curiosity. We'd like this sense of wonder to be so indestructible that it lasts throughout their lives propelling them to seek knowledge not just to pass an exam but for the sheer joy of learning.

In the last three years, our work has impacted almost twenty thousand children across Pakistan, reaching out to students from Thar, Tando Jam and Karachi all the way to Lahore, and Faisalabad. Sixty percent of these children hailed from less-privileged families and were provided these learning opportunities pro bono. We have partnered with some of the leading institutions working within the social and educational sector in Pakistan including the British Council, Alif Ailaan, Idara-e-Taleem-O-Agahi, Reading Room Project, Haque Academy, Olo Mopolo, The Second Floor and Dawood Foundation.

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) is much more than an acronym. STEM really is a philosophy. It is a way of thinking about how educators at all levels – including parents – should be helping students integrate knowledge across disciplines, encouraging them to think in a more connected and holistic way.

Science, technology, engineering and mathematics education plays a critical role in shaping culture and economic development through innovation. To be successful during STEM learning experiences, students must move beyond low-level cognitive tasks and gain a foundational understanding of the content. Our STEM programs encourage students to develop solutions that incorporate a variety of disciplines. We create engaging learning environments where students are encouraged to identify and solve problems.

Most importantly extracurricular STEM activities have been associated with improved academic performance and psychosocial development. Students who participate in after-school STEM activities have been positively linked to higher grades, test scores, school value, school engagement, and educational aspirations

We believe that if children, especially those who come from disadvantaged backgrounds, experience informal science education, our world could be in a much better shape. If these children develop a passion for learning something they care about, they might be less likely to drop out of school — and staying in school gives them a chance to better the world.





# NEELUM VALLEY: The Paradise on Earth

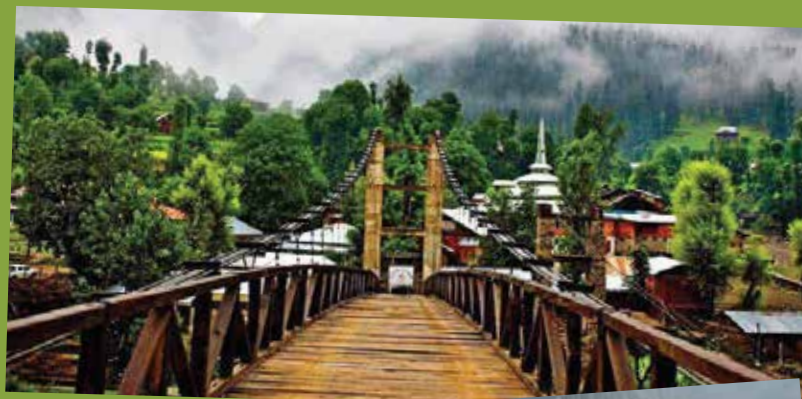
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**N**eelum valley is one of the beautiful places of Azad Kashmir and it's named after the river which has curves like snake and has blue color. It is also called as the "PARASIDE OF KASHMIR". There is a contradiction that this valley was named after a precious stone called Neelum. Neelum Valley is located in the Kashmir Region and to the North & the North East of Muzaffarabad and running parallel to the Kaghan Valley. It is different from it by snowstorm covered mountains which are 4000 meters higher than the ocean level. It contains about 370 large and small villages. It mostly contains hills and mountains with great valleys. The valley has thick forest, streams and rivers. This valley is dipped in most amazing beauty and attracts lots of tourists from within the country and other foreign countries as well. The valley can be approached from two different points. One from Kaghan Valley and the other is Noori Top. Besides these two it has many minor passes as well.

This land also has many local fruits which are of great taste including Apples, Apricots, Walnuts and Plums which are famous. A large number of tourists visit it in summers. The whole valley gives fascinating and beautiful scenery. There is also a mountain "SARWALI" (6326 meters) which is one of the highest mountains in Azad Kashmir. The valley include lush green forests and high altitude lakes makes the surrounding heavenly and it is like a dream come true for the people who visit it. The snow capped mountains and the fast flowing Neelum River all make us believe that we are in some part of Switzerland. Many of the tourists who are interested in mountain tourism also

come and enjoy here.

Some of its famous places like Shounter Pass, Chita Khata, Ratti Gali, Baboon, Noori Top, Sharda, Kel, Surgon and many more are mentioned by famous tourists like Mustansar Hussain Tararr etc. The three rivers present in this area are Jhelum, Neelum and Poonch. People of this valley make good handicrafts as well which include Carpet, Namda, Gubba. They are also famous for their Silk Woolen Clothing. People also make Woolen shawls.

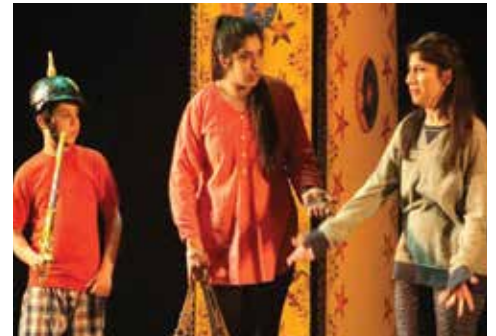






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# The Roots of Pakistan's Education





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**A**t independence, Pakistan had a poorly educated population and few schools or universities. Although the education system has expanded greatly since then, debate continues about the curriculum, and, except in a few elite institutions, quality remained a crucial concern of educators in the early 1990s.

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Relatively limited resources have been allocated to education, although there has been improvement in recent decades. In 1960 public expenditure on education was only 1.1 percent of the gross national product (GNP); by 1990 the figure had risen to 3.4 percent. This amount compared poorly with the 33.9 percent being spent on defense in 1993. In 1990 Pakistan was tied for fourth place in the world in its ratio of military expenditures to health and education expenditures. Although the government enlisted the assistance of various international donors in the education efforts outlined in its Seventh Five-Year Plan (1988-93), the results did not measure up to expectations.

In early times, and to some extent now as well - Education is/was organized into five levels: primary (grades one through five); middle (grades six through eight); high (grades nine and

ten, culminating in matriculation); intermediate (grades eleven and twelve, leading to an F.A. diploma in arts or F.S. science; and university programs leading to undergraduate and advanced degrees. Preparatory classes (nursery) were formally incorporated into the system in 1988 with the Seventh Five-Year Plan.

In 1991 there were 87,545 primary schools, 189,200 primary school teachers, and 7,768,000 students enrolled at the primary level, with a student-to-teacher ratio of forty-one to one. Just over one-third of all children of primary school age were enrolled in a school in 1989. There were 11,978 secondary schools, 154,802 secondary school teachers, and 2,995,000 students enrolled at the secondary level, with a student-to-teacher ratio of nineteen to one.

Primary school dropout rates remained fairly consistent in the 1970s and 1980s, at just over 50 percent for boys and 60 percent for girls. The middle school dropout rates for boys and girls rose from 22 percent in 1976 to about 33 percent in 1983. However, a noticeable shift occurred in the beginning of the 1980s regarding the post primary dropout rate: whereas boys and girls had relatively equal rates (14 percent) in 1975, by 1979-- just as Zia initiated his government's Islamization program--the dropout rate for boys was 25 percent while for girls it was only 16 percent. By 1993 this trend had dramatically reversed, and boys had a dropout rate of only 7 percent compared with the girls' rate of 15 percent.

In drafting the Eighth Five-Year Plan in 1992, the government therefore reiterated the need to mobilize a large share of national resources to finance education. To improve access to schools, especially at the primary level, the government sought to decentralize and democratize the design and implementation of its education strategy. To give parents a greater voice in

running schools, it planned to transfer control of primary and secondary schools to NGOs. The government also intended to gradually make all high schools, colleges, and universities autonomous, although no schedule was specified for achieving this ambitious goal.

Three initiatives characterized reform efforts in education in the late 1980s and early 1990s: privatization of schools that had been nationalized in the 1970s; a return to English as the medium of instruction in the more elite of these privatized schools, reversing the imposition of Urdu in the 1970s; and continuing emphasis on Pakistan studies and Islamic studies in the curriculum. One of the education reforms of the 1980s was an increase in the number of technical schools throughout the country. The system aimed to increase the share of students going to technical and vocational institutions to over 33 percent by increasing the number of polytechnics, commercial colleges, and vocational training centers. Although the numbers of such institutions did increase, a compelling need to expand vocational training further persisted in early 1994.

In contemporary era, the education system of Pakistan is roughly comprised of 260,903 institutions and is facilitating 41,018,384 students with the help of 1,535,461 teachers. The system includes 180,846 public institutions and 80,057 private institutions. Hence 31% educational institutes are run by private sector while 69% are public institutes.

The year 2015 is important in the context that it marks the deadline for the participants of Dakar declaration (Education for All [EFA] commitment) including Pakistan. Education related statistics coupled with Pakistan's progress regarding education targets set in Vision 2030 and Pakistan's lagging behind in achieving EFA targets and its Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) for education call for an analysis of the education system of Pakistan and to look into the issues and problems it is facing so that workable solutions could be recommended.

Since then, Pakistan has expressed its commitment to promote education and literacy in the country by education policies at domestic level and getting involved into international commitments on education. In this regard national education policies are the visions which suggest strategies to increase literacy rate, capacity building, and enhance facilities in the schools and educational institutes. MDGs and EFA programmes are global commitments of Pakistan for the promotion of literacy and that is the reason that today we have so much variety in our education courses at every level.

Previously there was no concept of O'levels and

A'levels, but now the situation is different. Now, every student wants to get education in a whole new different way which includes the pathway of innovation and interest. This journey of Pakistan's education system from early time till now had been a journey with many ups and downs, but the thing which is positive in these ups and downs is – at least the education system of Pakistan has renovated itself from the scratch which has led to increase in educational standards and opportunities for students.





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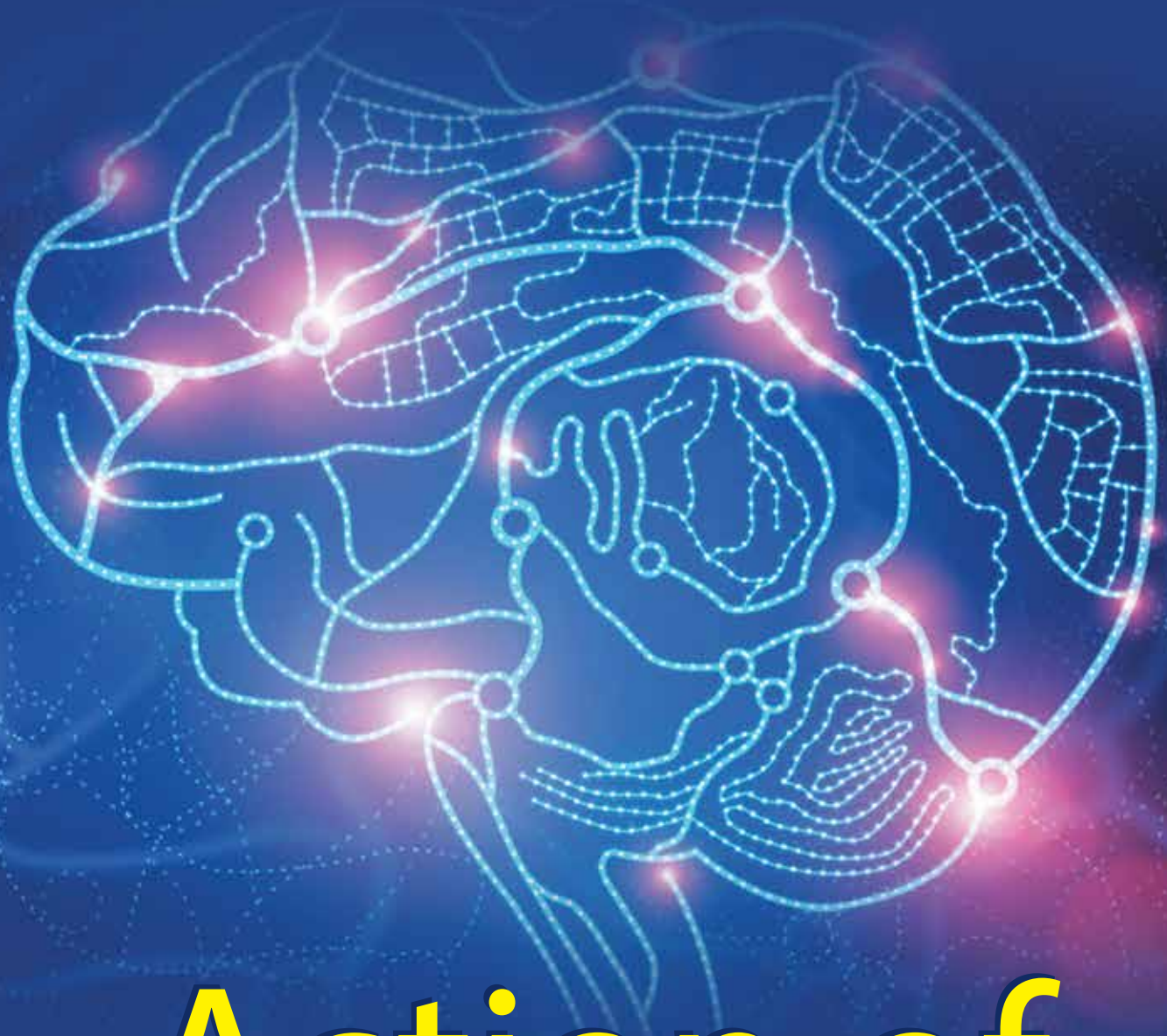
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# Action of Memorization

There are so many external and internal factors in the environment and the individual himself, which influence the process of memorization and consequently help or abstract a person's processing time in memorization. Care should, therefore, be taken to ensure favorable conditions and situations for best results in memorization.



**E**very single time you hear the word “memorization” it firstly clicks into mind about learning and remembering. Learning holds a great importance in one’s life as the base of development and progress of human society. Whatever is learned that needs to be store in one’s mind so that it may be utilized when required in future. In psychological terms, this very ability of brain to store the past experiences and learning to reproduce them for later use is known as “Memory”. The action of memorization is quite a complex process, which includes factors like learning something, retention of learned material, recalling of things and recognition.

Memorization or remembering, in spite of their being noun and verb respectively, are used synonymously and in present text - however, these words are used interchangeably. Memorization itself is not indivisible as it commonly seems to be. Memorization is classified by psychologies according to its nature and purpose it serve. Memory could be i.e. sensory or immediate, short-term, long-term, episodic, semantic, photographic and paranormal.

The individual-person differences in memorization are different, and same like that their outcomes of the process of memorization are also different from one another. Their materials, techniques and even the abilities differ from each other. What if your memory is at its boosted height? What if you know how to improve it? There are so many external and internal factors in the environment and the individual himself, which influence the process of memorization and consequently help or abstract a person’s processing time in memorization. Care should, therefore, be taken to ensure favorable conditions and situations for best results in memorization.

But can we really improve our memory? Whether memory can be improved by training? It is a controversial issue, though its improvement is desired by all. Every one of us is keen to improve our sense organs and muscles etc, but the improvement of memory as such is not possible! Learning is said to be the most important factor of memory, but with tricks and hacks we can improve our learning, depending upon;

- 1) The techniques and methods of learning
- 2) The learning situation and environment
- 3) The learner’s state of mind

Improvement in all these aspects calls for interest and earnestness on part of the learner. Following are the requirements and techniques which can lead to successful results.

Will to learn, adopting proper methods of

memorization, interest and attention, following the principles of association, grouping and rhythm, utilizing the senses as possible, arranging better learning situations, the learner’s internal factors, provision for change and proper rest, repetition and practice, making the use of SQ 4R technique and making use of mnemonics etc., with improvement in these factors we can practically improve our learning and therefore memory itself.





## International community mourns slain Pakistani student in US

Members of the international education community have been offering their condolences and describing the murder of 10 victims including a 17-year old exchange student from Pakistan in a Texas school shooting as “profoundly heartbreaking”. Sabika Sheikh was studying at Santa Fe High School as part of the Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study Program when she was among those killed by a gunman on May 18. According to BBC reports, Sabika’s funeral was among the first to be held, at a mosque in suburban Houston, with more than 3,000 members of the Texas Muslim community attending to pay tribute to the student who had described her acceptance on to the exchange program as the best thing that had ever happened to her.



## International college students add \$2.4bn to US



International students studying at community colleges in the US contributed \$2.4 billion to the US economy and supported more than 14,000 jobs in the 2016/17 academic year, a new analysis by NAFSA found. The analysis revealed that the economic contribution from international students at community colleges was over the \$100 million mark in five states, Florida, New York, Texas, Washington and California – with the latter almost reaching \$1bn. As for the jobs supported by these students, NAFSA calculated that for every six international students enrolled in community colleges, one US job is created and supported by their spending in education, accommodation, dining, retail, transportation and health insurance.

## EU Commission plans to double Erasmus budget

The European Commission has adopted its proposal to double the budget for the Erasmus program in the period 2021-2027 to €30 billion in a bid to provide mobility opportunities for 12 million people. The proposal intends to allocate €25.9bn for education and training, €3.1bn for youth and €550 million for sport, according to a statement. Beyond supporting learning and mobility for up to 12 million people, three times as many as in the current financing period – the EC proposal highlights the importance of reaching out to people from all social backgrounds.



## Ulster University expands Chinese partnership



Ulster University has announced an expansion of its partnership with one of China’s top-tier universities in an agreement that will facilitate collaborative research, open new opportunities for students and foster staff exchanges between both institutions. The expansion builds upon an existing 15-year partnership with Dongbei University of Finance and Economics, based in China’s Liaoning province. By July 2018 it is expected the partnership will have enabled more than 200 Chinese students to complete part of their degree in Northern Ireland. There will be also new opportunities in the area of joint course development and for students from Ulster University Business School to study in China.

## ASEAN international education growth lies in-country

Offshore branch campuses and in-country delivery will produce the most significant opportunities for providers to access more students, according to Michael Fay, director of the ASEAN Focus Group. But while there are opportunities, further work is needed on qualification recognition, facilities and English language adoption. Fay highlighted the increasing need for ELT within the region, with each of the ten ASEAN member countries having a different native language and inconsistent second language due to colonial influences. Executive director of state-funded think tank Penang Institute, Ooi Kee Beng agreed with Fay’s comments, observing that “English is the language of globalization”.





# 3 Ingredient Fruit Cake

This 3 ingredient fruit cake recipe just seems impossible until you see the result come out of the oven and can enjoy a delicious moist fruit cake.

## INGREDIENTS

- 1 kg mixed dried fruit
- 2 1/2 cups (625ml) fruit juice
- 2 cups self-rising flour

## METHOD

1. Place mixed dried fruit in a medium saucepan and pour over 2 cups of fruit juice. Bring to the boil, reduce heat to low and simmer for 3 minutes. Remove from heat and leave to cool for 2 hours.
2. Preheat oven to 150°C fan-forced or 170°C conventional. Line a 20cm round spring form tin with baking paper and set aside.
3. Sift the self-rising flour over the soaked fruit and stir well until completely combined. Use the remaining half cup of juice if needed to make a moist mixture. Then Pour into cake tin and bake for 2 hours on the lowest shelf. Remove from oven and leave cake to cool entirely in the tin. Wrap in foil and keep in an airtight container for 2-3 days before slicing.



# Nutella Popsicles

These Nutella Popsicles are made with just two ingredients. They taste a bit like a chocolate Paddle Pop but you can make them at home and the kids will love them.

## INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup full cream milk
- 1/3 cup Nutella

## METHOD

1. Gather all ingredients and Popsicle moulds.
2. Place the milk and Nutella in a blender and blend until thoroughly combined.
3. Pour into a Popsicle moulds. Freeze and serve



# Summer Guidelines for Healthy Living

In the warmer, longer, lazier days of summer, the living may not be easy, but your life probably feels less chaotic. Even adults tend to adopt a "school's out!" attitude in summer. That's why this is a perfect time to improve your health in a fashion so seasonally laid back you'll barely notice the effort. While summer provides us with opportunities to get outside and increase our activity, it also holds risks such as heatstroke, allergies, dehydration, tetanus and even cancer. The hot and humid days are capable of taking a toll on your health.

Staying healthy during the summers requires something more than just eating the right foods. It is important that you integrate your regular healthy habits into the summer in the right way. In case you don't really have any healthy lifestyle habits, you should take advantage of the summer weather to get them kick started. Reap rich benefits from the summer weather by enjoying walks or light exercises like gardening and jogging. Summer can be the time to rev up your immunity and crafting a healthy lifestyle that can last for a lifetime. But keep an eye out for the heat. Make sure that you do not run out of essential fluids.

## Give Your Diet a Berry Boost

If you do one thing this summer to improve your diet, have a cup of mixed fresh berries -- blackberries, blueberries, or strawberries every day. They'll help you load up on antioxidants, which may help prevent damage to tissues and reduce the risks of age-related illnesses. Blueberries and blackberries are especially antioxidant-rich.

## Floss Daily

Flossing reduces oral bacteria, which improves overall body health, and if oral bacteria are low, your body has more resources to fight bacteria elsewhere. Floss daily and you're doing better than



at least 85% of people.

## Get Outside to Exercise

Pick one outdoor activity going on a hike, taking a nature walk, playing games such as tag with your kids, cycling, roller blading, or swimming to shed that cooped-up feeling of gym workouts.





# STATE OF DECAY 2

REVIEW ON

## The Limping Dead

**S**tate of Decay 2 sometimes feels like a far too real representation of the mundane reality that comes with surviving a zombie apocalypse. Consistently being on the hunt for food, resources to craft ammunition, and survivors to bolster your ranks doesn't always translate into a captivating game play loop especially when you're faced with horrors other than the countless undead that roam around you.

Like the first game from Undead Labs, State of Decay 2 infrequently checks in with an overarching narrative. You're given the choice of three pairs of survivors to start off with, each with their own bare-bones background stories. Those stories don't really matter, but your decision does define your starting area and the preliminary survivors you'll team up with to combat a growing sickness called the Blood Plague. The plague is the singular goal for you to work against, as your community strives to eradicate it from your town and build towards a brighter future.

That mission boils down to finding zombie-invested settlements that you'll need to first scout out and ultimately destroy, with grotesque, beating Plague Hearts at the center. These fights are the only real way to measure progression through State of Decay 2's otherwise open-ended campaign. Each settlement you conquer strengthens the rest, forcing you to step back and regroup before attempting to blow up the next. They're the toughest challenges the game has to offer, too, serving up waves of foes for you to fight as you

valiantly lob another Molotov at the heart, hoping it vaporizes and takes all the nearby undead with it. Unfortunately, they are basic action set-pieces at their core, without much variety to help shake up the otherwise monotonous scavenging that surrounds them.

State of Decay 2 is primarily about survival, and it bears all the baggage the genre is known for. Although you're spared the stress of dealing with individual meters for hunger and thirst, you'll instead be engaging with ones that affect your community. Food, medical supplies, and crafting materials all factor into the stability of your community, with the overall mood of your survivors governing how well you're doing. Supplies are littered around the dilapidated and abandoned settlements surrounding you, which are easily scouted with a little high ground. Your objectives hardly stray from going out, clearing an area of enemies, and scrounging around for consumables, gear, and large rucksacks of the more pertinent supplies you'll need to keep settlers happy.

The act of gathering these supplies is rarely gratifying, though. Although your settlement initially requires some quick work to get on its feet, State of Decay 2 hardly feels like it will fail you for slacking on your routine duties. Bugs are prominent too and can range from slightly annoying to near game-breaking. Graphical hitches are frequent, including enemies clipping through the environment and sometimes having entire hordes stuck on single piece of the environment.



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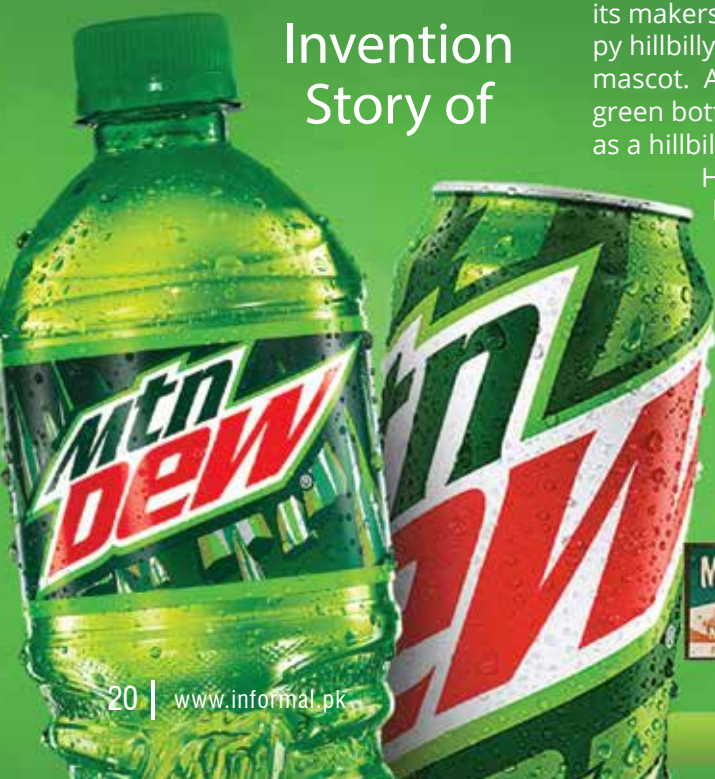
rank and Ethel Mars created

the Milky Way chocolate bar in the early 1920s. It became the nation's most popular candy bar, enjoying enough sales between 1927 and 1929 that the company expanded. The Mars' began experimenting with recipes for chocolate-based candy bars and took three years to invent Snickers, releasing it in 1930. Originally, they made the Snickers bars by pouring peanut butter nougat onto a large tray, layering caramel and peanuts on top, hand-slicing then dipping each bar into melted chocolate. In time, machinery took over the process. Snickers bars were originally made by pouring the peanut butter nougat onto a large tray, then adding the caramel and peanut topping, and slicing by hand before dipping each piece into melted chocolate. Of course the increasing use of machines to increase volumes made means that old handmade way is no longer practiced. Sales of Snickers candy bars have continued to increase, and have become a major brand within the Mars, Inc.

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It became the candy bar, enjoying

# Invention Story of



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arly 1940s: Brothers Ally and Barney Hartman, of Hartman Beverage bottle a lithiated-lemon drink used as a personal mixer for hard-liquor bars. They affectionately call it "Mountain Dew" after Tennessee Mountain Moonshine. During the 1950s period, the label on the bottle has its makers' signatures beneath the name Mountain Dew. The gun-happy hillbilly, newly nicknamed Gran' Pappy, becomes the Mountain Dew mascot. Ally orders green bottles of the first ACL Mountain Dew. The green bottle, in white paint, has a revenue running from an outhouse as a hillbilly shoots at him. Brothers Richard and Dick, along with Herman and Dean Minges, work out a deal with Ally and begin bottling Mountain Dew at their Fayetteville, NC Pepsi plant. At this time, Pepsi takes notice of Mountain Dew's potential. Herman leaves the Fayetteville Pepsi Plant and opens a new one with his dad in Lumberton, NC. In 1964, Pepsi purchases the Tip Corporation, including the rights to Mountain Dew. Up to this point, at least 174 differently named bottles have appeared. This all comes to an end when Pepsi doesn't allow any more names on the label.





# Avengers Review

## AVENGERS INFINITY WAR

**Budget: \$321,000,000 (estimated)**

**Opening Weekend USA: \$257,698,183, 29 April 2018, Wide Release**

**Gross USA: \$603,283,178, 23 May 2018**

**Cumulative Worldwide Gross: \$1,842,983,178, 23 May 2018**

### SUMMARY

As the Avengers and their allies have continued to protect the world from threats too large for any one hero to handle, a new danger has emerged from the cosmic shadows: Thanos. A despot of intergalactic infamy, his goal is to collect all six Infinity Stones, artifacts of unimaginable power, and use them to inflict his twisted will on all of reality. Everything the Avengers have fought for has led up to this moment - the fate of Earth and existence itself has never been more uncertain.

### NARRATION

Thanos and his Children - Proxima Midnight, Ebony Maw, Corvus Glaive and Cull Obsidian - attack the Asgardian ship in search of the Space Stone, which is housed in the Tesseract that Loki had stolen before Asgard's destruction. With Thanos already possessing the Power Stone after decimating Xandar, Thanos' army swiftly defeats the Asgardians. After a futile counter-attack from the Hulk, Loki offers the Tesseract to Thanos in exchange for Thor's life - only to be killed himself when Thanos anticipates Loki's attempt to betray and kill him. Heimdall uses the power of the Bifrost to send Hulk to Earth before Glaive kills him. Thanos and his Children then depart just as the ship self-destructs, leaving a mourning Thor behind.

Hulk crash lands at the Sanctum Sanctorum and is reverted back to Bruce Banner, who informs Stephen Strange and Wong about Thanos' impending arrival. Strange and Banner retrieve Tony Stark and brief him about the Infinity Stones and Thanos. Maw and Obsidian arrive in New York to seize the Time Stone from Strange, and Stark, Strange, Wong and Peter Parker confront them as Banner is unable to transform into the Hulk, having

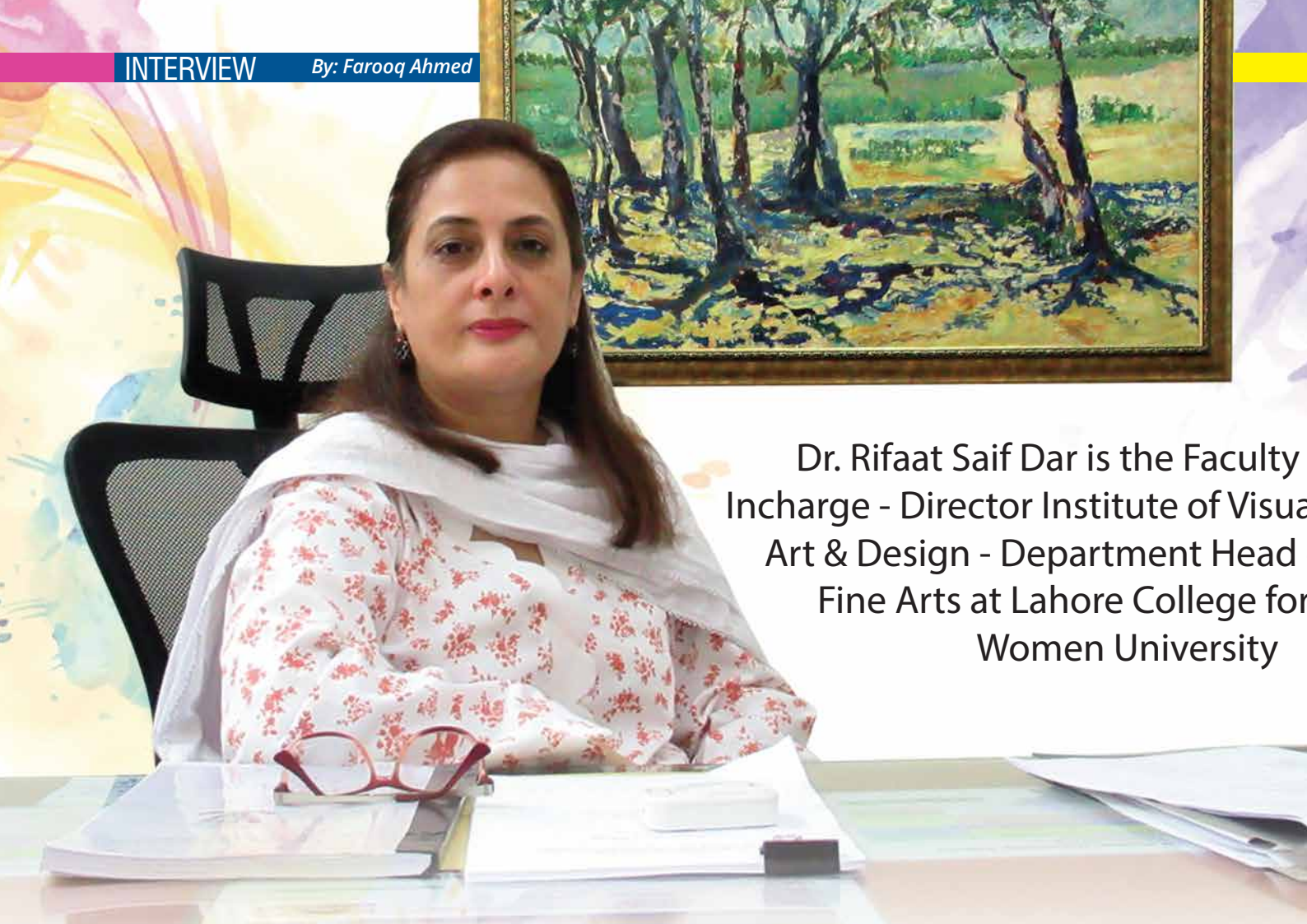
been traumatized by his defeat by Thanos.

Thor is rescued by the Guardians of the Galaxy, who had picked up the Asgardian ship's distress call. Thor guesses that Thanos would be after the Reality Stone, which is in the possession of the Collector in Knowhere, but first he must retrieve a new weapon from the dwarven planet of Nidavellir, where the only forge that can create such a weapon exists. Stark and Parker rescue Strange from Maw's torture, and throw Maw out of the ship killing him. The three leave to confront Thanos on Titan, where they meet Quill, Drax and Mantis and form a plan to remove Thanos' gauntlet.

Thanos' goal of eradicating half of all life in the universe comes to fruition as people begin disintegrating; those include Bucky, Groot, Parker, Quill, Strange, T'Challa, Wilson, Drax, Mantis and Maximoff all dissolve into ash. In Wakanda, only Rogers, Thor, Banner, Romanoff, James Rhodes, Rocket, Okoye and M'Baku remain of the heroes. On Titan, only Nebula and Stark are left alive. Thanos awakens fully healed in another planet and watches the sunset, satisfied at having achieved his ultimate goal.







Dr. Rifaat Saif Dar is the Faculty Incharge - Director Institute of Visual Art & Design - Department Head Fine Arts at Lahore College for Women University

## A Dive into Creativity and Fine Arts with **DR. RIFAAT SAIF DAR**

**Q. Tell us something about your academic and professional carrier?**

**Ans.** Going back in the memory lane, I did my FA in Fine Arts and scored highest grades, than later on I did my Bachelors and Masters Degree from Punjab University and achieved gold medal in it. I did my PhD from Lahore College for Women University and since then I'm associated with this great institution. In the field of teaching I initially started up with regular teaching, but after my PhD I got strong footing in my profession.

**Q. Share few thoughts about your department?**

**Ans.** Being the Head and Director of Fine Arts Department, let me share - this department was among those few departments that were recognized and operationized during the establishment of Lahore College in 1952 and a little while after this period department of Fine Arts had an evolutionary growth. Now, due to the blessings of Allah Almighty our administration is serving in six sub-departments.

**Q. Art is hereditary. Do you also have Arts in**

**your genes?**

**Ans.** My family background is all related to Arts and Culture. This journey begins with my grand-father, who served as the head of handlooms in Kashmir. Similarly, my father served as the Director of Lahore Museum for several years. I spent my artistic childhood with my father and got the chance to learn things about our unique culture. It was due to the cognitions of my upbringing which develops my interest in the field of art.

**Q. How much potential do you see in the field of "Art"?**

**Ans.** Being a student it might look as a sturdy decision to pick this field. The field of Arts in our society where there had been Martial Laws, where there is rigid Islamic believes and where Arts is taken as an anti-Islamic and Western teachings - makes it a bit stiff for students to truly explore the potential of this field. Biasness towards this field made me more passionate to change the fatal concept about the field of Fine





Arts. I had made it the ultimate goal of my life, to give respectful image to this field in our society.

**Q. How many students are currently enrolled in your department?**

**Ans.** At present, we have more than 1500 students in our department, all divided into six different departments as Visual Arts Department, Textile Department, Interior Designing, Graphic Designing and Research Centre. At Jhang Campus we have Ancient Craft and Textile Department – all are doing a magnificent job.

**Q. Usually in educational system, there is a gap between students and teachers, how do you overcome these communication gaps?**

**Ans.** I consider “Arts” as a different flavored subject than others, because the bonding in between students and teachers in this field has to be superb. Until and unless, there is no strong spring between teachers and students, the real concept of “Art” cannot flourish.

Art is the name of expression and feeling that is to be transmitted to others through brushes, colors, textiles and other creative mediums.

**Q. What kind of change do you observe with time in this field and what kind of training is lacking in teachers of this field?**

**Ans.** As “Arts” is not a static field, there is certain changing in this field but unfortunately these changing are awful. The teachers lack training to accept a leadership. The race to attain power had ruined the whole system and had crushed the minds of teachers. In simple words the juniors lack connectivity with their superiors.

**Q. What quality do you wish to see in your students?**

**Ans.** I want my students to be devoted, passionate and hardworking. Students are somehow lacking the element of emotional

attachment with their courses. They have less sense of feeling the Art and the only solution for this is the realization of inspiration from the grass-route level to the top-notch.

**Q. What are your views about “Museum Studies”?**

**Ans.** I have introduced this course in my department and with blessings of Allah it had been a good move. I teach Museum Studies and during the course I provoke my students to visit museum and get them emotionally involved with our history and culture.

**Q. What would be your message for students of this field and future artists?**

**Ans.** The artist of future needs to have a grip over drawing as it is the basic element of this field. Moreover, the young generation should know the sensitivity and dedicative role of Fine Arts in a high culture oriented society like Pakistan, in which hard and tough issues can be easily presented and highlighted from the platform of Fine Arts.







## INTERNATIONAL ISA ACTIVITY at Gulshan Campus A City School

At The City School we always encourage social responsibility among our student; for that our Gulshan Campus A, Karachi students participated in a cultural exchange box activity with Al Jawad High School in Lebanon for a Pakistani Cultural Show. In return, we received an appreciation letter from the Lebanon school who truly expressed their gratification for receiving valuable cultural and traditional items from Pakistan.





# Shades of Kids' Fashion 2018

Here is the ultimate guide to the Kids Fashion 2018 Pakistan, if you are young and trendy fashion fan than this story has all the things you need to know, i.e. garments, outfits shoes, accessories and kids products. The four most awaiting brands for kids around Pakistan, serve thousands of customers with latest trends in their clothing, changing their looks and make kids shine cute. The top brands in ranking comes Leisure Club, Minnie Minors, Mother Care and Little Juniors.

These all differentiate from each other as far their products are considered. Taking our first on Leisure Club, what is special in it? What made it a brand? What kind of cloths you may find? What are their prices? All these questions are fluttering in your heads and seeking its answer, leisure club is ranked among the top brands in Pakistan, not just in Pakistan but also exported to other countries, making it an international brand. Kids of age above three years may found variety in western dresses at leisure club.

Dresses of western styles like jeans, t-shirts, dungarees, suits etc are specialty of leisure club. They give you best stuff or fabric with its highest quality, this is the main cause for its prices to increase and make the cloths way to expensive. Then comes, second top brand for kids, which is Minnie Minors, which is well known for its extended variety both in western and eastern. You can drive some awesome designs in affordable prices. A great range of choice with standard quality makes you its admirer. Mother Care, a brand usually for babies of few months gives you extremely soft and comfortable dresses, blankets, bibs, pillows, sheets, coverings, fabric shoes, socks for your newly born baby. Mother care is famous for its products like baby shampoos, lotions, powders, moisturizers, oils, wipes, containing delicate ingredients for babies.

The fourth on list is Little Juniors, a brand having variety in traditional dresses for both girls and boys. It may have stock from age 3-12 years, the brand that give kids outfits till an age of 12. Apart from dressing, these all brands give you some comfortable sandals, joggers, slippers along with accessory to match with your dress.

***Kids go and grab your outfit from your nearest stores!!!***



## HEC Launches Online Scholarship Disbursement Portal

The Higher Education Commission (HEC), United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and National Bank of Pakistan (NBP) celebrated the launch of the online scholarship disbursement portal for the USAID-funded Merit and Needs-Based Scholarship (MNBSB) program that includes 30 partner universities across Pakistan. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the same was signed between HEC and NBP. This online system is part of USAID's multi-year \$ 36 million Merit and Needs-Based Scholarship Program. It is the first program at HEC to adopt an online disbursement mechanism.



## Pakistan Launches World's First Government Backed Program to Train Freelancers

DigiSkills, Ignite's flagship program to train 1 million freelancers in Pakistan, has been formally inaugurated by Anusha Rehman, Minister for Telecom and IT on her second last day of ministership ahead of the government's retirement. A brainchild of Anusha Rehman, DigiSkills is said to be Minister's favorite program, as she believes that the program has the potential to single-handedly take the country's IT exports to over \$10 billion in just a few years. For those who don't know, DigiSkills is a first of its kind government-backed initiative that aims to train 1 million freelancers in Pakistan.



## i2i Launches Startup Toolkit For Entrepreneurs in Pakistan



Invest2Innovate (i2i) has launched a Startup Toolkit to support the entrepreneurial community of Pakistan. The i2i Startup Toolkit is an effort to combat the lack of relevant information which could save founders from making mistakes. It is a comprehensive guide on legal procedures and the entrepreneurial journey, created in collaboration with the Co-founder of Wukla, Mubariz Siddiqui. It is a challenge to turn a startup into a thriving business. A huge number of startups fail to take off due to limited access to legal advice, poor decision-making and lack of know-how.

## 50,000 Schools to Learn Through Virtual Reality in Pakistan



Cinematic experience has never been the same again in Pakistan since the arrival of IMAX. The kind of immersive experience it provides adds tremendously to the viewing quality, excitement and entertainment. The good news is Pakistani classrooms will soon be transforming into much more engaging and immersive experiences enabled by Google Expeditions. A multi-user, computer-generated environment, virtual reality enables learning through exploration of a world consisting of extremely realistic images and sounds – called virtual panoramas. These virtual interactions become particularly suitable in areas of study where concepts are difficult to elaborate like mathematics.

## 5000 Schools in KP Now Run on Solar Energy: KP Govt

KPK government has spent Rs 2 billion to power more than 5,000 government schools through solar energy. The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) government has spent Rs 2 billion on the solar power initiative at government schools in the province. The aim behind the initiative is to provide uninterrupted power supply to the schools. According to the spokesperson, Elementary and Secondary Education Department, at least 1 million students are benefiting or will benefit from the project. The spokesperson told that electricity supply in around 5,000 schools in 22 districts has been converted to solar energy.





## “Alif Ailaan” Launches App and Online Platform for Citizen Reporting

Alif Ailaan, has launched a citizen reporting mobile app and online platform “Taleem Do!” at an event held in Islamabad. Alif Ailaan is an education campaign that has been working for the last five years to make sure that Pakistan’s leaders understand the urgency of the education crisis. According to the latest Pakistan Education Statistics report, there are 22.8 million children who are still out of schools in Pakistan. Moreover, the national average score in subjects like math’s and science is below 50% as per the National Assessment Test 2016 report.



## Court Orders Private Schools to stop Charging Fees during Summer Vacations

Islamabad High Court (IHC) has barred all private schools in the capital and other federally administered areas from collecting fees from students for summer vacations. The court summoned the secretary Capital Administration and Development Division (CADD) and the chairman Private Educational Institutions Regulatory Authority (PEIRA) as well. The court ordered the schools to adjust the already collected fees for the months of June and July. A local citizen filed a petition at IHC against this private schools’ practice of collecting fees during vacations.



## Fatima Group launched “Empower to Lead” (E2L)



With a refreshed look and inspired tagline, Fatima Group launched “Empower to Lead” (E2L), one of the largest campaigns across Pakistan for hiring Management Trainee Officers (MTOs) and Graduate Trainee Engineers (GTEs). The management and engineering students competed for a limited number of positions representing various academic disciplines including HR, Marketing, and Supply Chain, Mechanical, Chemical, Electrical, Electronics and more. The E2L journey started in February 2018 from the heart of Pakistan, Karachi, spreading through Punjab and all the way to Peshawar. With 13 universities and over 2500 students, Empower to Lead

## Azad Jammu and Kashmir Tops UN’s National Human Development Index



The Pakistan National Human Development Index (HDI) report released by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) has been released. The report, titled ‘Pakistan National Human Development Report: Unleashing the Potential of a Young Pakistan’, revealed that Azad Jammu and Kashmir and some areas from Punjab fare better than other provinces on the HDI – a composite index measuring average achievement in three basic dimensions. Among the provinces, Punjab and Azad Jammu and Kashmir come under high medium human development, while Sindh and KPK fall under

## PIEAS Tops Pakistani Universities in QS Rankings 2019

The 15th edition of the world rankings evaluated 1000 universities from 85 countries, with the United States of America claiming top 4 positions. Stanford University, Harvard University and California Institute of Technology have also maintained 2nd, 3rd, and 4th spots respectively. Pakistan Institute of Engineering and Applied Sciences (PIEAS) have overtaken National University of Sciences and Technology (NUST) as the top-ranked Pakistani university in the QS World University Rankings 2019. PIEAS was not included in the rankings last year, while NUST has improved its rank, claiming the 417th spot.





**The City School E-11 Campus Islamabad**

Result Day and High Achievers' Ceremony was arranged at E-11 Campus Senior Section. Students securing top grades were awarded medals and certificates. Well Done High Achievers!



**Beaconhouse Cantt Lahore**

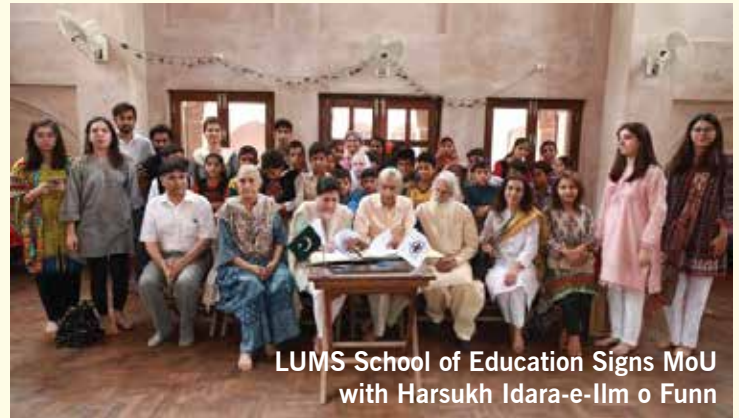
Kindness Bingo: Cantt Campus Boy's branch participated in Kindness Bingo and the students received certificates of participation. One of the students of Class 9C Indigo, Hassan Sohail, attained the prize of 'Kindness Global Representative Insignia'.



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"Work hard in silence, let success make a noise". The Educators Elite Campus congratulates the students of Grade IX who achieved tremendous success in April 2018 assessment. Mr. Moazzam Khan Klair (C.E.O) gave away the cash prizes among the position holder students today. We are proud of them.

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**Bloomfield Hall Gulberg Lahore**

A Reception Class little girl recites her lines onstage with the support of her teacher at Bloomfield Hall Gulberg, where a colourful and spectacular show was presented to parents on the occasion of Prep 2's graduation to Class 1.





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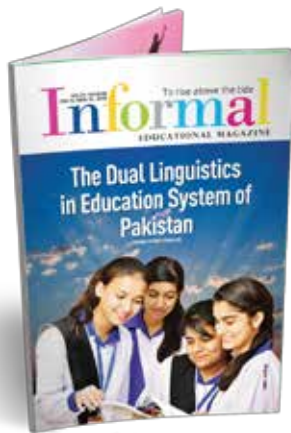
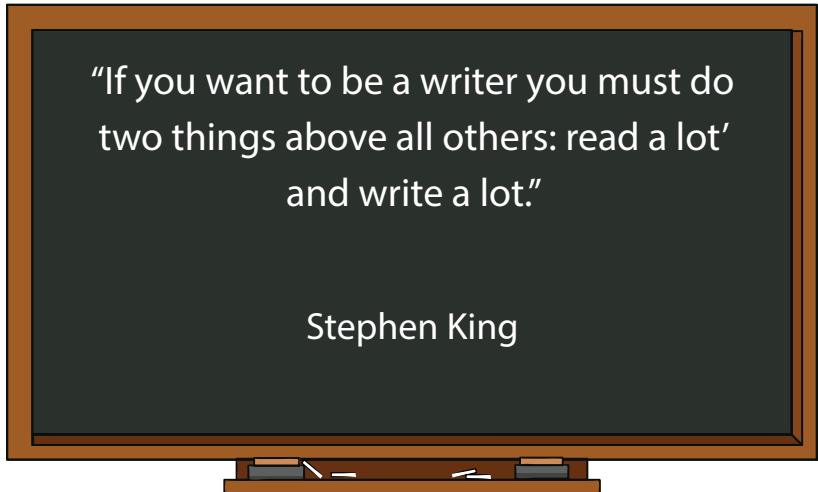
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## Xiaomi Mi Band 2

### Astonishing Watch Band...!!

The Mi Band 2 is the latest wearable fitness tracker from Chinese hardware giant Xiaomi. It follows the cheap but feature-rich Mi Band and Mi Band 1S and introduces a screen for the first time in the well as improved pedometer tech, which Xiaomi to the battery.

Despite its low price point, the Mi Band 2 feels solid enough and looks a lot more impressive than the rather dull earlier models. As with previous Mi Bands, the Mi Band 2 comes in two distinct parts the module itself and the wrist strap it slots into. Assembling these two elements is the first thing you'll have to do when opening the packaging, and you'll need to repeat the trick every time you want to charge it, as the proprietary USB cable can't be connected when the main module is fixed to the strap.

The introduction of a screen might lead you to assume that Xiaomi is dipping its toe into smart watch territory with the Mi Band 2, but the focus here is still very much on fitness. Out of the box the first thing shown on the screen, after the time of day, is your total steps taken. Finally, it's possible to use the Mi Band 2 to bypass your phone's lock screen security. You can tell the phone to disable the lock when it senses that the device is nearby, which is quite a time-saver, but might not be of much use if you utilize fingerprint security, which only requires a touch anyway.

Mi Fit tracks and collates all of the data captured by the Mi Band 2 and presents it in a manner which makes it easy to see how you can improve your general fitness regime. The app isn't as great for giving health and fitness guidance, aspects you get from the likes of Jawbone's Smart Coach feature. You'll need the app if you want the Mi Band 2 to track your heart rate, as there's no way of doing this with the device on its own.

**While the Mi Band 2 provides plenty of data, the app could be stronger in presenting this information in actionable ways beyond just seeing historical patterns.**



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