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Editorial NOTE

The classic definition of education is "the process of receiving or giving systematic instruction, especially at a school or university". But education is much more than that. It is a process of continuous learning which can be acquired anywhere at any time and any age. It is the fundamental right of every citizen because it promotes empowerment and ensures development benefits. Education can be used for the upliftment of society since it helps elevate the social and economic conditions in the marginalized sections of society.

Education makes us better citizens by teaching us how to conduct ourselves through life by following rules and regulations and giving us a sense of conscience. It makes us more confident to go out there and achieve things. Many governments across the world have recognized the importance of education as a tool to enhance progress and make the world a better place. Let us see how it achieves that: Education spreads awareness: Blind faith and superstitions are what bog down society. People misled by false beliefs do more harm than good to society. Education helps us question, gives us an analytical mind and helps us reject superstitions. An educated mind asks for logic and scientific reasoning behind all actions.

Better education opens up a host of opportunities and this is especially relevant in the times we live in where technology and education ensure that opportunities are not bound by geography. It is a fact well known that the more degrees you have, better would be your economic performance. There is a deep connection between education and productivity and in this age where there is competition at every turn; education is what will help an industry and subsequently a nation, to flourish.

PAKISTAN'S EDUCATION SYSTEM ON A ROAD TO PROGRESS



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Letter to the editor

Hey Informal,

Your Cover Story was just amazing! It was informative griping the facts. I also agree with your concerns regarding the safety of Environment in order to build a better future for ourselves and for our generations to come. Schools and colleges should also starting emphasizing on the element of Environment Education.

Wajahat Raiz (University of Engineering and Technology)

Hi Editor,

It's been a gleaming experience to read your last month's magazine. You were able to highlight some of the most important concerns which are important to 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.

Saqlain Mirza (Karachi Grammar School)

Hey Informal,

Your magazine is doing a marvelous 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.

Umar Ijaz (University of Punjab)

Hey Editor,

I really enjoy reading your magazine and the section which I liked the most was the travel section, in which you wrote about the "Babusar Top". It's always good to see, you guys are also promoting a good image of Pakistan along with other academic writings.

Maira Shahid (KIPS Lahore)

Hey Informal,

The story I liked the most was the cover story of this month, which showed a true crisis which the current mankind is facing in terms of Global Warming. Climate changing has become the most devastating issue for us and we are not doing much about this. Academic institutions should highlight the element of Environment Educations in order to highlight environmental issues.

Arslan Ali (University of Lahore)

Hi Informal,

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 interlinking our education sector and the factor of Entrepreneurship As, we often hear that entrepreneurship is changing the world and it is changing the way that people use to think.

Danish Ahmad (Superior College)

Hi Editor,

It is a splendid 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.

Bilal Ahmad (Government College)

Hey Editor,

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. This always helps me in staying up-to-date with the current happenings in the field of education and much more.

Haider Ali (Lahore Grammar)

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We recived 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 Conversation with Sadaf Ahmad

Ms. Sadaf Ahmad is the Director/CEO of Robotics Club

Q. Can you please introduce yourself and toss some light on your life for our readers?

Ans. I grew up in the small city named Sheikhpura. Earlier in my life, I was told to narrow my education towards English Literature as a core subject (as this is considered as a mainly feminine subject in the country), but my passion was always directed towards science and computers. I had to fight for my passion, and only after a struggle was I able to join computer science. Barriers for women in I.T. are very common. Pakistan has few universities at that time that offer CS graduation. It's even more difficult for girls not coming from urban areas, as they were often not allowed to stay in hostels. But I kept raising myself and my family, and ultimately, I achieved my dream of STEM education. Recalling about 1996, "I don't know how, but computers always fascinate me. I bought my first computer from family friends and learned how to use a mouse from them, after that I explored every single thing in the computer myself." Now, I am proudly running my own Robotics Club in Lahore, Pakistan. I am also US Alumnae and MJ Tech Women fellow (USA) 2018.

Q. Enlighten us more about your International Ventures?

Ans. I always want to go for higher studies but never got a chance until I got married and with two children, I got an opportunity to join Australian University. That was a breaking period for my career when I learned

about Robotics for kids during my stay. I visited some schools and institutes there and This feeling got stronger when 4 years older programming tiny robots on iPad. I knew this is what I have to do now. Next visit was to USA for MJ Tech Women Fellowship, this program was designed to form a powerful network of entrepreneurs that will be uniquely trained around disrupting the narrative of the meaning of a woman's role in society and business. We visited Makerspaces in Silicon Valley and also attended MakerFest in Bay area. The experience from both countries helped me to successfully launch The Robotics Club Pakistan in Lahore.

Q. How were you as a student?

Ans. I was a curious student who asked questions and want to understand the logic behind every concept. In school days I had one





Q. What is parent's response and feedback when they get in touch with you?

Ans. Parents shared It is an excellent opportunity for their kids to learn such technical knowledge and get control over things that are considered difficult otherwise.

Q. Where do your students stand in the international society in robotic technology?

Ans. Pakistani youth has the potential to compete against anyone in the world. They have energy and passion among these students to work for their society and to serve the

favorite subject, and that was Math. Yes, mathematics helped me a lot in becoming what I am today. Math skills helped me in CS, Programming and Analysis. When I opted Computer science, I have instinctive feeling that this is my field and I am on right place. My curiosity increases day by day. I consider myself as a "self-made learner". It helped me a lot in understanding logic behind every code and I proved in my university that Girls can Code.

Q. What was your dream to become when you were a student in early ages?

Ans. I don't have clear image I thought I will be Mathematician until I start learning about computer sciences. I want to become software engineer and I love coding and programming.

Q. How did you have the idea for bringing robotics?

Ans. When you're passionate about a subject, it is normal to try and integrate more of it into your life. And, when it comes to a subject like robotics, forming an afterschool club may be an ideal way to explore your interest with like-minded individuals. I want a Robotics Club where we can provide students a place to pursue their interest in both mechanical, electronic, and software design by working on large and small scale robotics projects, especially reverse engineering which kids do at home by opening up their toys. But it's end of their curiosity because of no platform available to fulfill it. I want to provide them a space to tinker and make things up.

Q. What kind of courses do you have for the students?

Ans. We are providing Electronics using Arduino and RASPBERRY PI, DIY robotics, Lego Land, Robocoder (Lego ev3), Mental Math (abacus), Game Development and Science shows.

humanity confirmed that Pakistan has a brighter future. In the world of student robotics, there are many great stories about programs and people making a positive impact in the lives of others. Many institutions are now working on student level robotics programs.

Q. What message will you convey to the students and parents through our magazine?

Ans. When you were a child, what did you want to be when you grew up? Ask a 6th grader this question and not many will answer a scientist or an engineer. And that's unfortunate since in the next decade, 80% of jobs will require math and science skills. We are providing a fun place where they are learning and making things without any pressure. Do visit us our website (www.roboticsclubpk.com) for more information. You can also attend coming up winter camp to see how fun is converting into lifelong learning. ■



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Like Albert Einstein said, "Everybody is a Genius. But If You Judge a Fish by Its Ability to Climb a Tree, It Will Live Its Whole Life Believing that, It is Stupid."





When we look at Pakistan's educational system it is now quite visible that it is moving toward betterment, the last government of PML-N started projects of Pakistan Educational Fund (PEF), Pakistan Educational Endowment Fund (PEEF) and Punjab Education Initiative management authorities (PEIMA) which provided scholarships to multiple needy students and current government is well aware of its importance, thus these projects are ongoing. This doesn't mean current government is not working for improvement of educational system, it has already taken multiple steps to improve the quality of education and it is also making sure that 25 million children which are out of school can get enrolled in upcoming session.

The PTI government on the start of its tenure started to work on educational system and for this they had committed to enroll all 5 years old to 16 years old children in school while doing this they will also looking forward to improve the educational standards of Pakistan's educational system. For this, in current meeting between Federal and Provincial Educational Minister, they made several vows and commitments for the purpose of taking the existing education system to new standards. Currently there are three types of schooling system in Pakistan.

- 1) Public school system**
- 2) Private school system**
- 3) Seminary school system**

All of these school systems are different from each other and it doesn't create a uniform standard. To make our educational system uniform it has been suggested that we need to create a uniform school system. A uniform school system will be more beneficial because it will be easy to supervise and regulate. It will increase competition and it will also allows the government to increase the prize winning contests at school level not only in number but also in quality because a uniform educational system will allow schools of far areas to compete with schools in modern cities and student from different areas could compete with each other which will further promote our educational system and it will bring more harmony among us as a nation. The most important point it will also allow the government to set up a standard for providing scholarships to needy and capable students. Most people argue it is not wise to judge students on the basis of single test or on the basis of their previous records of educational performance because our educational system is like testing memory retention not analytical or logical skills of the students. Like Albert Einstein said, "Everybody is a Genius. But If You Judge a Fish by Its Ability to Climb a Tree, It Will Live Its Whole Life Believing that, It is Stupid."

It is true but if you go through the basic courses up to intermediate and matriculation level, you will find out that science, math and arts all of them are up to the mark. Science while explaining the basics of each topic also tell logically and technically how things work how water gets hot when it is boiled? It may look



boring question but if you don't understand the concept of energy and heat you cannot understand it, even Albert Einstein excelled at science subjects he was just not good in arts. A uniform educational system will allow the students of remote areas which will have common interest to compete with each other in different competitions conducted by government to find out the capable and fitting candidates and it will also be easier for government to select and motivate students to go for international competitions but all of this cannot be done until we have a uniform educational system.

In Islamabad only 30,000 children are out of school, whereas in Pakistan 25 million children are out of schools. Federal Minister Mr. Shafqat Mehmood and Provincial Ministers are looking forward to bring all those children into schools and in upcoming session they are going to enroll 1.5 million children and this is going to be a big hit for the government of PTI. Areas where schools are in less quantity they will start a second shift so all students can learn. And, to make the deficiency of teachers they are looking to enroll more of them so it will also initiate more job opportunities for teachers as well. Currently there are many PhD scholars who are jobless it will also provide them an opportunity to serve in the education sector of Pakistan, while allowing the students to learn from such skilled researchers cum teachers.

Overall 85% of educational budget is spent on pays and other stuff; we need more of it if we want to improve the educational standard. Looking at the pace of government at which it is trying to improve the educational system it is expected that it will increase the educational budget to improve the educational system of Pakistan. When our educational system will be on track of progress and improving from roots to the top it will make sure that our next generation will be capable and can excel in any field.

So far, the education system can be said to have started moving in the right direction. However, the education system of Pakistan is in its initial ages of enhancement but there is much to expect in the future. ■





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STUDENTS SHOULD GET LESS HOMEWORK

DOING HOMEWORK ALL NIGHT CAN TAKE AWAY A STUDENT'S FREE TIME AND SLEEP. ALWAYS DOING HOMEWORK CAN LEAD TO LESS FAMILY TIME AND LESS TIME FOR ACTIVITIES. IT CREATES LESS TIME FOR SPORTS AND AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES.



Homework



According to Alfie Kohn, author of the book *The Homework Myth*, "there is absolutely no evidence of any academic benefit from assigning homework in elementary or middle school. For younger students, in fact, there isn't even a correlation between whether children do homework (and how much they do) and any meaningful measure of achievement.

The schools are very aware of the impact homework has on children and family lives. This is why they've created programs that help get the child through those humps with tutors, counselors and even extending school semesters, all with the purpose to encourage more homework.

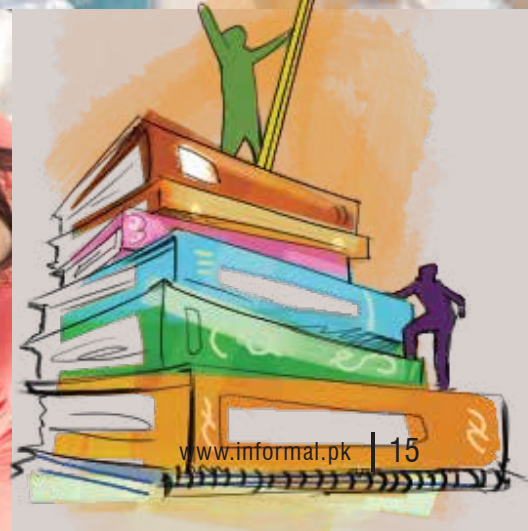
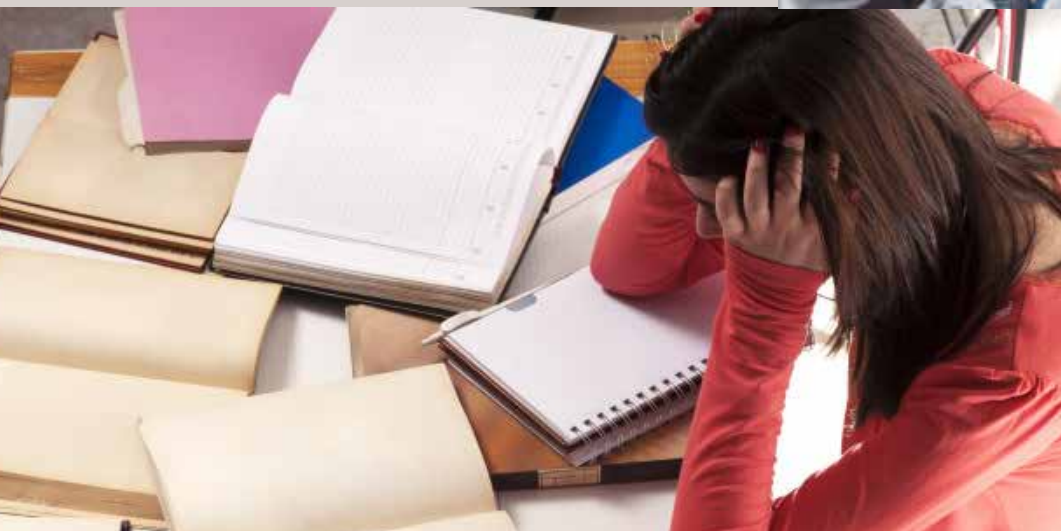
Too much homework can cause stress in a student and lead to health issues in the body and mind. Homework related anxiety and stress can affect school work negatively. Stress causes lack of sleep, slipping grades, fatigue, unhealthy eating habits, depression, and many more factors. According to a 2006 poll, 80 percent of teens don't get the recommended amount of sleep. At least 28 percent fall asleep in school and 22 percent fall asleep doing homework.

Doing homework all night can take away a student's free time and sleep. Always doing homework can lead to less family time and less time for activities. It creates less time for sports and after school activities. Family time is also decreased which can add more family conflict. Hanging out with friends is decreased, so that means there is less socializing. Staying up late and doing homework takes away a student's time to sleep. Sleep deprivation can cause stress and many more factors. Not enough sleep can leave a student tired, and at school they might focus less or fall asleep during class. Then the student gets in trouble for falling asleep.

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homework (and how much they do) and any meaningful measure of achievement. The large amount of homework places stress on the students and can cause families to argue with their children and it will ruin the day or even sometimes the week for the family. Other times students will stay up too late at night doing homework for school the next day causing them to miss problems on the homework and not be able to be focused at school the next day due to the lack of sleep. Students already spend 7-8 hours of the day sitting on single desk in schools. Then the teachers give them a lot of homework expecting them to go home and spend most of their time doing the homework.



Tell Me Why Why is Blue?

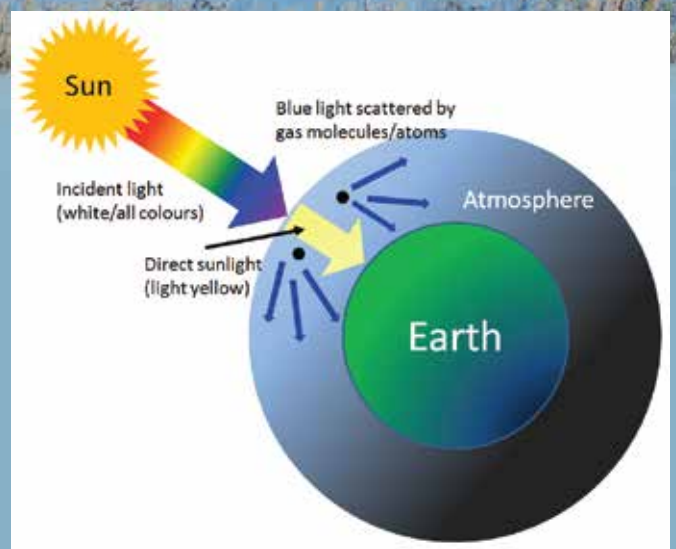
To understand why the sky is blue, we need to consider the nature of sunlight and how it interacts with the gas molecules that make up our atmosphere. Sunlight, which appears white to the human eye, is a mixture of all the colors of the rainbow, but why does the sky appear blue then?

The blue component of the spectrum of visible light has shorter wavelengths and higher frequencies than the red component. Thus, as sunlight of all colors passes through air, the blue part causes charged particles to oscillate faster than does the red part. The faster the oscillation, the more scattered light is produced, so blue is scattered more strongly than red. The result is that blue light is scattered into other directions almost 10 times as efficiently as red light.

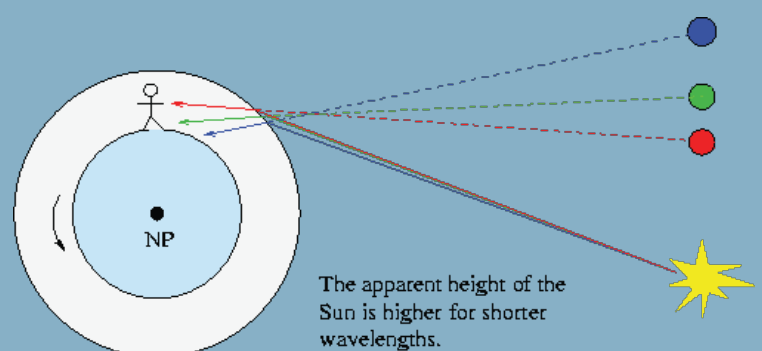
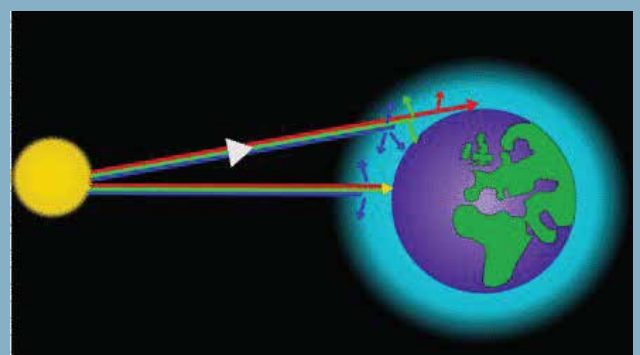
When we look at an arbitrary point in the sky, away from the sun, we see only the light that was redirected by the atmosphere into our line of sight. Because that occurs much more often for blue light than for red, the sky appears blue. Violet light is actually scattered even a bit more strongly than blue. More of the sunlight entering the atmosphere is blue than violet, however, and our eyes are somewhat more sensitive to blue light than to violet light, so the sky appears blue.

Clouds, on the other hand, are made of water droplets that are much larger than the wavelengths of visible light. The way they scatter sunlight is determined by how the light is refracted and internally reflected by, and diffracted around, the cloud droplets. For these particles the difference between the scattering of blue and red light is not nearly as large as it is for gas molecules. Hence, our eyes receive substantial scattered light at all visible wavelengths, causing clouds to appear more white than blue, especially when viewed against a blue sky background.

Since scattering by the atmosphere causes the sky to be blue, a planet with no atmosphere



cannot have a bright sky. For example, photographs taken by the Apollo astronauts on the moon show them and the moon's surface bathed in sunlight, but a completely dark sky in all directions away from the sun.



The apparent height of the Sun is higher for shorter wavelengths.

How Facebook Launched and Tackled its Competitors

Facebook was launched in the year 2004 and at the time of launch the age of Mark Zuckerberg was just 19. During the time of launch name of Facebook was "thefacebook", which later on was changed to "facebook". This little thing of removing "the" from initial name of "thefacebook" was a necessary thing. Soon after the launch of Facebook, the company had to face some serious and legal issues such as when one of Marks's university fellow accused Mark for stealing his idea and modifying it with what people knew as "thefacebook". This vivid on clear basis that "Facebook" had been facing some of the most serious challenges right from the beginning.

2006 - Twitter Launched

Twitter was launched in the year 2006 and it gained rapid popularity. The reason why Twitter became a success within a short span of time is because "Facebook" had already made people to go socially active on different social medium and now that's why people came to twitter. As, now people just felt the need to talk to different people and to find a way in order to interact with them through the medium of internet.

Twitter also gave a competition to Facebook in way that Twitter was very clear with its initial strategy which was to get famous people on their social platform and this will result in the follow of huge traffic of ordinary people to twitter. Twitter was also the very first platform which started recognizing the public figures by assigning then a "Blue Mark or the Blue Tick".



Mark Zuckerberg's Strategy

Launching of Whatsapp and Instagram was a big challenge and competition to Facebook as both of these social platform gain overnight popularity and ultimately proved to be a big threat for the existence for Facebook. But, Facebook on the other hand tackled it with its master stroke. Mark Zuckerberg through the market shares of Facebook bought Whatsapp for \$ 19 Billion and the payment was in "All Cash" and later on he also bought Instagram for \$ 1 Billion.

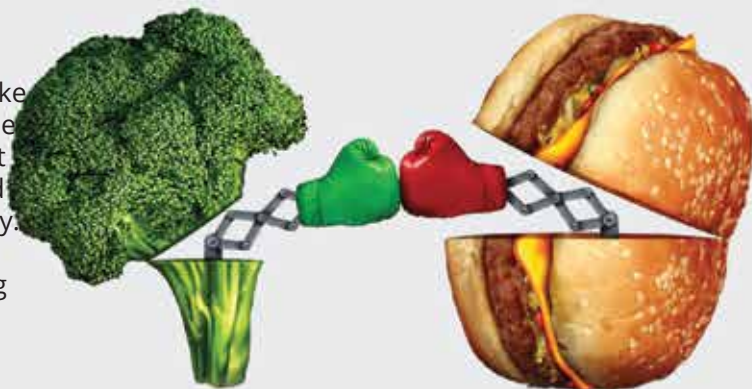
Buying Whatsapp and Instagram turned out to be the most beneficial decision of all times and Facebook Company is now able to make an annual turnover of billions of dollars from Whatsapp and Instagram. In this way Mr. Mark bought the two social media platform which could have given a tough competition to Facebook.



Living-up with Healthy Diet

Many children and families today have busy schedules. These make it hard to sit down to homemade meals every day. Many kids' diets involve a lot of convenience and takeout food. But these foods can be unhealthy. They can have a negative effect on your child's health. Some of the problems unhealthy eating causes can continue into adulthood. They can even develop into lifelong diseases. Healthful eating has many benefits for children, It can stabilize their energy, improve their minds, help them maintain a healthy weight, help prevent mental health conditions that includes depression, anxiety, and ADHD. Plus, having a healthy diet and focusing on nutrition are some of the simplest and most important ways to prevent the onset of disease. Healthy eating can help prevent many chronic diseases. These include obesity, heart disease, high blood pressure, and type 2 diabetes.

Around half of people have one or more of these illnesses. Healthy eating habits are more likely to stay with you if you learn them as a child. That's why it's important that you teach your children good habits now. It will help them stick with these eating patterns. This will help them avoid developing chronic diseases like those listed above, as a child or as



an adult. There are many ways you can teach and support your children in eating healthfully. Eating a balanced breakfast with protein is a great way for your child to start their day. Protein can help them stay fuller longer. It even helps teenagers lose weight. Mornings can be hectic. Try one of these for a healthy on-the-go breakfast:

- **Egg sandwich on whole-wheat bread**
- **Yogurt**
- **Peanut butter on whole-grain toast**
- **Hardboiled eggs, toast, and an apple.**

Mornings are more than just eating together. Have your kids help you shop for groceries and choose foods to eat. Teach them how to read a food label so they know the nutrition in the foods they're choosing. They can also help fix meals and take some ownership in what they're eating. Another fun way to involve your child is to plant a garden. ■



A REVIEW OF



UNIVERSAL CINEMAS

Emporium Mall, Lahore

What a cool place! I have never ever had food and drinks served to me while watching a movie. It was a great experience. The place is a bit wore down, but that just adds to the ambiance and magic. I highly recommend you go there with your friends.

Universal Cinema provides you with its amazing features including a wide range of screens and a splendid notion of its Gold Class, which is one of the most comfortable and pleasant place to watch a movie. If you are living in Lahore then be ready to have an amazing and entertaining experience with Universal Cinema present in Emporium Mall Lahore.

Mixing mainstream releases with arty alternatives - as well as a lobby section that hosts music. Adjoining the lobby is the food court, just grab what you want to eat or drink during the movie and tumble to the screen room. This beautifully designed cinema boasts over providing the people with quality cinematic experiences. Pretend to be a royal yourself whilst snacking on selections of posh snacks, quality tippie and an eclectic mix of cinema choices.

Tickets - You have two options to purchase tickets through online or in person. Since I arrived 30

minutes before I bought my tickets in person. Where you purchase tickets, just behind the ticket counter there is a trendy setup for food from where you can buy beverages before, during or after your movie. The food section explodes over a vast variety which will definitely assist your movie experience.

If you want to order during the movie then it is also possible as a waiter would roam around the room. The waiter was attentive and nice. He was going back and forth and I was amazed how he remembered where everyone was sitting. You can tell him your order before the movie. When movie starts you can write down on piece of paper what you want give it to him then all you need to do is just carry on with your movie and your order will come without any delay.

Especially the Gold class of Universal Cinema is indeed designed to give the most pleasurable experience to its audience. It has an enormous high class and highly comfortable sitting area where you may sit and wait for the movie to start in case you had arrived early. Even the washroom of Gold class is decorated in a gold theme which looks classy and vantage at the same time. It's a 10/10 place to watch a movie and a perfect spot where you can relax to the depths while snacking with your movie.

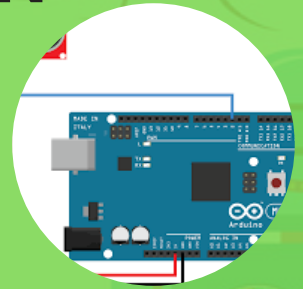


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Air Pollution and Noise Increase Risk of Heart Attack

Air pollution and transportation noise are both associated with an increased risk of heart attacks. Studies on air pollution, which do not take into account traffic noise, tend to overestimate the long-term effect of air pollution on heart attacks.

Where air pollution is high, the level of transportation noise is usually also elevated. Not only air pollution negatively impacts on health, but also car, train and aircraft noise increases the risk for cardiovascular diseases and diabetes, as previous research has demonstrated. Studies investigating the effect of air pollution without sufficiently taking into account the impact that noise exhibits on health, might overestimate the effect of air pollution. These are the results of a comprehensive study conducted by the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute (Swiss TPH), which was published today in the peer-reviewed European Heart Journal.

The study looked at the combined effects of air pollution and transportation noise for heart attack mortality, by considering all deaths that occurred in Switzerland between 2000 and 2008. Analyses that only included fine particulates (PM_{2.5}) suggest that the risk for a heart attack rises by 5.2% per 10 g/m³ increase in the long-term concentration at home. Studies which also account for road, railway and aircraft noise reveal that the risk for a heart attack attributable to fine particulates in fact increases considerably less; 1.9% per 10 g/m³ increase. These findings indicate that the negative effects of air pollution may have been overestimated in studies which fail to concurrently consider noise exposure.

The study also found that people exposed to both air pollution and noise is at highest risk of heart attack. Hence, the effects of air pollution and noise are additive. "Public discussions often focus on the negative health effects of either air pollution or noise but do not consider the combined impact," said Röösl. "Our research suggests that both exposures must be considered at the same time." This has implications for both policy as well as future research. ■



KIPSIANS Pursuit the Excellence on Annual Prize Distribution Day

KIPS took pride to recognize and reward the efforts of every dedicated student. To celebrate the success of the students who have scaled great heights to distinguish themselves in different activities, KIPS organized the Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony that lasted for 2 days. On the first day of this annual occasion, Junior KIPSIANS were rewarded for their excellence and prizes were distributed among them, while, on the second day of the annual juncture Senior KIPSIANS were honored with awards.

KIPS Education System arranged a memorable event at Alhamra Art Center Lahore. In this event little KIPSIANS participated in different acts and won the hearts of the audience. Parents appreciated their kids and were also called on stage to get the shields of annual prize distribution. Mr. Abid Wazir khan (CEO - KIPS Education System) along with the distinguished guests attended the remarkable event and distributed the winning shields among the students.

The Prize Distribution Ceremony was held to appreciate the Students who followed the School's motto in pursuit of excellence. The ceremony commenced by invoking God's blessings, followed by the welcome address which opened a gateway to live enthusiasm for the audience and parents of students who participated in different activities and won shields.

The second day of the ceremony has devoted to the hard work and brilliance of Senior KIPSIANS - who participated in different creative activities and received awards. Mr. Abid Wazir, Mr. Khalid Wazir, Mr. Tahir Wazir, Mr. Salman Maqsood and Ms. Zara Khawar were present to cheer-up the senior students. Honorable guest for the second session of Annual Prize Distribution day were Mr. Murad Raas (Minister for Education) and Mr. Faraz Khan Niazi (Country Manager - Franklin Covey Education).

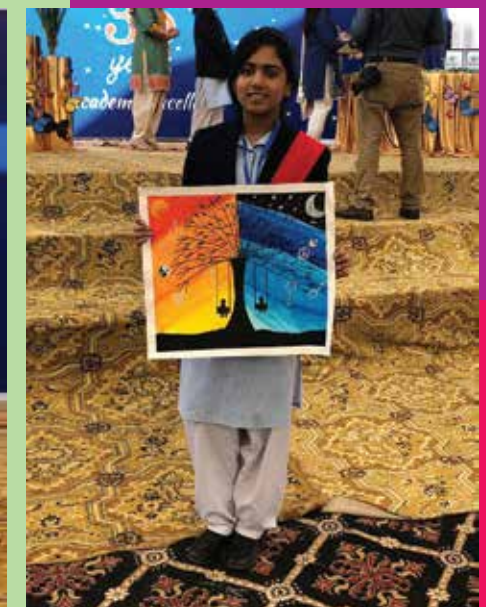
For all the prize winners it was a proud moment as they were a source of motivation for those who did not win any prizes but aim to win in the next Annual Prize Distribution. Mr. Abid Wazir congratulated the winners and encouraged more to be on stage next year. He also praised the school for its all-round progress and brought home to the student's their duties and responsibilities, while the presence of Mr. Murad Raas gave high hopes to students for a better future.





Bloomfield Hall School Multan Engulf in Colours during Regional Art Competition

A colorful and highly engaging Regional Art Competition was held at Bloomfield Hall O Level campus New Multan. The objective of this art competition was to encourage the children to display their inborn talent & develop their creative capacities. The young artists showcased their creative skills in the shape of paintings and drawings. Students produced pieces of unique artwork which was highly appreciated by teachers. The Regional Art Competition conceived as a means to harness children's creativity and perception of the Art through illustrations and sketches, and to mentor and find ways to move forward in this innovative cause of bringing creativity among the students of Bloomfield Hall. The competition showcased the artwork which was executed by the students, thus the competition was packed with ingenious art that looked incredible. The objective of this event was to open students to the notion of creativity by utilizing the various forms of Art such as Contemporary Art, Descriptive Art, Natural Drawing and Abstract Painting. The competition allowed students to use Art and apply their imagination power along with their artistic skills in order to make individual master pieces. The event concluded with an astonishing photo session and loads of appreciations to student's imagination power, whereas the winning participants were called on stage and awarded.



Air University organized CPEC Career Summit



Air University organized CPEC Career Summit at Main Campus, Islamabad, with the collaboration of industry partners, including Opportunity and BrightSpyre. Summit packed detailed information of all the possible courses that can be adapted to avail these employment chances. The CPEC career summit was arranged especially for final year students studying in electrical, mechanical and mechanical engineering, computer science, business administration and social sciences.



It was the first-ever career summit that aimed to explore the emerging career opportunities and strengthen industry-academia liaison in the context of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) project. Federal Minister for Planning, Development & Reform Makhdum Khusru Bakhtyar and Chinese Ambassador HE Yao Jing along with other high profile dignitaries were invited to grace the event.

On the occasion, various experts will also share their worthy views related to many topics including CPEC industry-specific training & skill building, and CPEC-driven entrepreneurship. Vice Chancellor AVM (R) Faaiz Amir, in his invitation message, said that: "As the second phase of the national mega-project China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), also known as the 'Industrial Cooperation', is about to take shape, Air University understands that new markets are set to emerge with a number of opportunities for youth."



Higher Education Commission to Announce PhD Scholarship Soon

The Higher Education Commission (HEC) will soon announce PhD scholarships for Pakistani scholars and non-PhD faculty to pursue PhD in the US universities in the academic year 2019. Under the US-Pakistan Knowledge Corridor, HEC aims to send 10,000 Pakistani scholars for PhD in various subjects by 2025, a press release mentioned. In 2017, as many as 200 Pakistani scholars were sent to the US universities, while the target for the year 2018 is to send over 300 scholars. The Pakistani students selected for scholarship will avail themselves of an opportunity to study in the selected top 235 US universities.



Minister for Developing Framework to Create International Linkages

Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training Shafqat Mahmood underlined the need to develop framework to create linkages between Pakistani and Tunisian universities. During a meeting held here with the Ambassador of Tunisia Adel Elarbi, he called for initiating an exchange programs for students and faculty between the two countries, a press release said. The minister also underscored the importance of linkages at higher education level between Pakistan and Tunisia. The two countries enjoy good bilateral relations but much scope exists to boost bilateral relations, the ambassador added.



World Class IT Datacenter Inaugurated at AIOU



Allama Iqbal International Open University (AIOU) has inaugurated a world-class datacenter today, a statement from the varsity confirmed. Vice Chancellor AIOU Professor Dr. Nasir Mahmood inaugurated the facility. On the occasion, he said, "The data center will help to provide quality digital-based academic services to the students and promote on-Campus-management services." He said the development would prove to be the stepping stone towards turning the virtual university into a paper-less academy with the use of the latest state-of-the-art technology. Director IT at AIOU, Dr. Muhammad Ajmal Farooq, said the Datacenter would redefine the concept of 'virtual classrooms.'

Huawei's 'Pakistan Seeds for the Future' Program Launched in Beijing



Huawei sponsored "Pakistan Seeds for the Future" program launched on 19th Nov 2018 in Beijing. The political Counselor (Political) of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to China, Mr. Mohammad Aamir Khan, was the chief guest at the launch ceremony. In his speech, he highlighted the pivotal role of Huawei in offering the great opportunity of visiting China to the talented ICT students from all over Pakistan. The students should cherish this opportunity and take excellent memories and knowledge back to Pakistan and contribute to the county's prosperity.

Pak Railways Offers 50% Student Discount on Tickets

Minister for Railways Sheikh Rasheed has announced a 50% discount for students from December 25 to January 10. Notably, the minister also announced that Pakistan Railways is launching six new trains, four of which will be operational soon. He also said that his ministry will approach the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) to probe and identify corruption in the Railways department. Rasheed admonished encroachers, saying he will not allow anyone to trespass on railways' land and will go to any length to retrieve it.



Quaid-e-Azam University is the Only Pakistani Higher Education Institute in Top 500

The Global Rankings 2019 are out and they include Quaid-i-Azam University (QAU), Islamabad among the 500 best universities in the world. QAU has been ranked among the world's best institutions listed as the 76th best university in the top 100 Asian universities. Marking a global score of 46.6, QAU enjoys the status of being the only Pakistani university in the list of top 100 universities across the region. As for other Pakistani institutes in the list, Agha Khan University Karachi made it to 572nd in the global ranking with a score of 43.5.



Sindh Govt Suspends Registration of Two Schools

The government of Sindh has suspended the registration of two elite schooling systems in Karachi under the directives of the court. Provincial Education Department canceled the registration of The City School and the Beaconhouse School System for seven days after the schools failed to comply with the courts' orders in high-profile private schools fees case. The Directorate of Private Schools, which functions under the Education Department, had reportedly sent five letters to the management of said schools, directing them to obey the court's orders.



University Of Sindh Approves First Merit List for Master's Degree



University of Sindh Approves First Merit List for Master's Degree. The admission committee of University of Sindh Jamshoro, under the chair of Focal Person Thatta Campus Prof. Dr. Sarfraz Hussain Solangi has approved the first merit list of the successful candidates of all disciplines of Master's Degree Program - 2019. According to university spokesman, the Director Admissions Abdul Majeed Panhwar presented details of the successful candidates for admission in Master's Degree Program in University of Sindh and its Thatta, Badin, Mirpurkhas, Naushehro Feroz, Dadu and Larkana campuses.

Pakistan is a fastest emerging digital country – Google says



Google has finally understood the value of Pakistan when recently Google's Head of Large Customer Marketing, South Asia, Lars Anthonisen has termed Pakistan as a place which is quickly becoming a "digital-first country". He wrote this in a blog post for Think with Google, "There's a reason Pakistan is attracting interest from major foreign investors. With an economy powered by small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and a rapidly growing population of mobile users, the country is on track to produce one of the largest digital audiences in the world," says the blog post.

Pakistan Education Foundation Released Funds for 3597 Schools

The Punjab Education Foundation (PEF) released monthly funds for 3597 schools, PEF managing director said Imran Yaqub. He also said foundation has started providing the funds to the affiliated schools. He said the result of 9th and 10th grade of Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (BISE) are showing the results of the affiliated schools. He also said they will work more to make sure that quality education can be provided to children of the province.



Research shows oceans heating faster than previously thought

The world's oceans have absorbed more heat than previously thought over the last quarter of a century, scientists said Thursday, leaving Earth more sensitive still to the effects of climate change. Oceans cover more than two thirds of the planet's surface and play a vital role in sustaining life on Earth. According to their most recent assessment this month, scientists from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) say the world's oceans have absorbed 90 percent of the temperature rise caused by man-made carbon emissions. It found that for each of the last 25 years, oceans may have absorbed heat energy equivalent to as much as 150 times the amount of electricity mankind produces annually.



Greenhouse gas levels in atmosphere hit new high



The levels of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, the main driver of climate change, have hit a new record high, the UN said, warning that the time to act was running out. Ahead of the COP 24 climate summit in Poland next month, top United Nations officials are again trying to raise the pressure on governments to meet the pledge of limiting warming to the less than two degrees Celsius, enshrined in the 2015 Paris accord. "Without rapid cuts in CO2 and other greenhouse gases, climate change will have increasingly destructive and irreversible impacts on life on Earth," the head of the World Meteorological Organization Petteri Taalas said in a statement.

Cambridge hosts China-UK tech challenge

Pupils from Cambridge, UK joined young people from China recently for a project aimed at inspiring scientists, technologists, engineers and mathematicians of tomorrow and facilitating cultural exchange and understanding between the two countries. The Future Engineer Youth STEM Maker UK Challenge 2018 was hosted at Cambridge University's Sports Centre and was attended by education experts from China and the UK. Teams of young people aged from nine to 16 took part in a series of competitions focusing on a range of activities, including imagining how the Internet of Things could transform people's lives in the decades ahead.



EC to acquire Study Group's Embassy English



Malta-based English language teaching chain EC is set to acquire Embassy English, the global English language teaching chain owned by Study Group, in one of the most significant ELT industry acquisitions of the last decade. Embassy English operates adult year-round schools, junior programs under its Young Learners brand, Embassy Summer which is vacation-led programming and Embassy Academy, a boarding school summer product. Australia and New Zealand are two countries that EC had not entered, which will immediately give the enlarged company a wider global footprint.

FEA receives \$400k to fund study abroad

The Fund for Education Abroad has received \$400,000 in donations to its recently launched "Bringing the World Home" campaign, which seeks to increase access to international education for US students underrepresented in study abroad. Since its inception in 2010, FEA has awarded 290 scholars over \$1.3 million to study abroad and this latest gift of \$400,000 was given in three separate donations of \$100,000. The first \$100,000 donation was from co-founders of the Foundation for Global Scholars, Cynthia Banks and Shelia Houston, while the other two presents came from anonymous donors.



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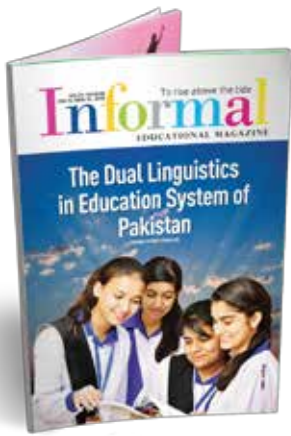
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Apple iPad Pro 11

Giant 11 inches Display & 4GB RAM

Apple came up with the initial concept of the new iPad Pro 11 about 2 months ago and officially announced the specifications of iPad Pro in the month of October. Soon after the announcement of the upcoming iPad Pro 11, Apple did make an immense hype in the tech market with some of its most amazing features and attractive look.

Apple iPad Pro 11 specifications include a marvelous 11 inches of a display screen which is based on the concept of LED IPS screen to support a high resolution. It possesses a 12MP back camera and 7MP front camera which takes high quality images. This smart device comes with an iOS 12, Apple A12 chipset and Octa-core CPU which takes care of the overall performance of this device. The new Apple iPad Pro also comes with the latest GPS technology to assist its users.



Display

11 inches of display is what the new Apple iPad is being liked for by smartphone lovers. The big display of this device also attracts individuals who like to operate a big screen device. Moreover, the display of this device has very little bezels of the either side of the screen and possesses more screen-body ratio as compared to earlier models.

Camera

The new iPad Pro 11 will be coming with a powerful 12MP of a back camera with a dual powerful tone flashlight at the back of the device. The dual tone flashlight present at the back of the device gives a smooth finishing to the images by giving an element of sharpness to the images taken by the back camera of this amazing device. Talking about the front camera of iPad Pro 11, it comes with a single but powerful and high performing 7MP lens which takes some of the most amazing selfies.

Features

- Pencil with accurate touch lodging – which provides no time for screen to response after the pencil touch
- 4GB RAM – ensure the processing and overall high tasking speed in this device
- 11 Inches Display – a comparatively big display in comparison to most of other devices
- Face ID – one of the most accurate face detection, providing the best user interface and a well reputed secured element. ■





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