

Senate body on S&T deliberates on PHA (Amendment) Bill, 2023'

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Senate Standing Committee on Science and Technology on Monday deliberated on the Private Member's Bill titled "Pakistan Halal Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2023."

The meeting was chaired by Senator Kamil Ali Agha. Senator Dr. Zarqa Suharwardhy, the bill's mover, explained that the bill aims to strengthen the Pakistan Halal Authority (PHA) by providing guidelines for the enforcement of Halal standards.

Officials from the Ministry of Science and Technology (MoST) informed the committee that the proposed amendments are part of the Pakistan Halal Authority (PHA) Act. During the meeting, Senator Kamil Ali Agha inquired about the current staffing and recruitment criteria at PHA. Officials revealed that a total of 100 posts are sanctioned, but PHA is currently operating with only 38 officials, including six inspectors. The process of filling the re-

maining sanctioned posts is underway. The committee recommended that relevant experience, along with a diploma in Halal certification, should be required for the posts of inspectors. PHA has registered 16 local Halal certification bodies, one foreign certification body, and several slaughterhouses, primarily in Punjab.

The committee was also briefed on the role and performance of the National Institute of Electronics (NIE). Acting Director Gen-

eral Zawar Hussain apprised the committee that NIE's major role is in design and development, including the preparation of prototypes in vital areas of electronics.

NIE has developed several prototypes, including processor chips, an electric vehicle kit for small cars, and various other devices. NIE offers testing, capacity evaluation, and calibration services for electronic devices to both government and private institutions at minimal cost.



ISLAMABAD: PM's Coordinator on Climate Change & Environmental Coordination, Romina Khurshid Alam holds meeting with UNDP delegation to discuss ongoing projects.



ISLAMABAD: Activists of Aalimi Majlis Tahaffuz Khatm-e-Nubuwwat hold a protest in favor of their demands in front of Parliament house.

Bilawal highlights enduring relevance of Hazrat Shah Latif Bhittai's teachings

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairman of Pakistan People's Party (PPP), Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, on Monday, emphasized the enduring relevance of Hazrat Shah Abdul Latif Bhittai's teachings.

He said that the great Sufi saint and poet's message of love, harmony, and universal brotherhood transcends time and continues to inspire the quest for a just and peaceful society.

In a statement released by the Media Cell Bilawal House on the occasion of the annual Urs of Shah Bhittai, Chairman PPP high-

lighted that Bhittai's poetry not only captures the spiritual and cultural essence of Sindh but also serves as a guiding light, steering society toward the values of tolerance, inclusivity, and compassion. He noted that Bhittai's teachings stand as a timeless reminder of the need to resist oppression, champion social justice, and foster unity across all communities.

Bilawal Bhutto Zardari said, "On this revered occasion, I encourage everyone to delve into the teachings of Shah Abdul Latif Bhittai and aspire to

embody the principles of love, humility, and selflessness that he so profoundly articulated. Together, let us strive to cultivate a society that embodies the ideals Shah Latif upheld—one where every individual, regardless of their background, is honored and valued." The chairman PPP extended his heartfelt greetings to the people of Sindh and all those who revere Bhittai's teachings, emphasizing the importance of collective effort in building a society grounded in the values that Shah Latif cherished.

ICT admin intensifies monkeypox screening at airport

ISLAMABAD (APP): In response to the growing threat of monkeypox, the Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) Administration has intensified its efforts to ensure the safety of citizens.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Islamabad, Irfan Nawaz Memon recently inspected the screening measures at the Islamabad Airport to prevent the spread of the virus, said the spokesman of the ICT administration.

The DC arrived at Islamabad Airport to review the current screening procedures for passengers

arriving from abroad. After the inspection, the DC directed health officials to speed up the screening process, ensuring that no passenger goes unchecked.

On the occasion, the DC expressed his satisfaction with health department staff who were actively screening every passenger coming from foreign countries.

He directed that if any symptoms of monkeypox were detected, the patient would be immediately isolated and transferred to PIMS Hospital for further care.



ISLAMABAD: A vendor is displaying decorative sculptures and fancy plant pots attraction for customers at his local nursery along a road in the Federal Capital.

FFC says: Rivers Indus, Kabul continue to run in medium, low flood

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Federal Flood Commission (FFC) has said that River Indus continues to experience "Medium Flood" in Taunsa-Sukkur reach and in "Low Flood" in Tarbela-Chashma reach while River Kabul at Nowshera is flowing in "Low Flood".

According to daily FFC report on Monday, other major rivers in the Indus River System i.e. Jhelum, Chenab, Ravi and Sutlej are discharging normal flows.

Tarbela Dam has reached its Maximum Conservation Level of 1550 feet on Monday. This significant achievement in water storage is poised to greatly benefit the country's agriculture during the next cropping season.

As of today, the total storage in the country's major reservoirs stands at

11,037 MAF, which is 82.65% of the total live storage capacity of 13,354 MAF.

According to Flood Forecasting Division (FFD), Lahore, yesterday's Well Marked Low Pressure Area over North Bay of Bengal and adjoining Bangladesh remained stationary there whereas the Low Pressure system has weakened into trough.

Further, Seasonal Low persists over Northwestern Balochistan while strong Westerly Wave trough that was previously over Northern Afghanistan has shifted to Northeastern Afghanistan and adjoining areas of Pakistan. Light to moderate moist currents from Arabian Sea were penetrating into most parts of Pakistan up to 3000 feet at reporting time today.

Youth's role vital for addressing climate challenge: Mashhood

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairman of the Prime Minister's Youth Programme (PMYP) Rana Mashhood Ahmed Khan has said that young people can play a vital role in addressing the global challenge of climate change.

Talking to the media, he said that innovative ideas and unique perspectives that the youth bring to the table were crucial components in the development of effective and inclusive climate policies.

"Supporting young people and ensuring their inclusion in the policy-making process to combat climate change is not just a

matter of importance; it is an absolute necessity."

The Chairman PMYP added that the government was educating the youth to create awareness in their localities and advocate for it, adding the Green Youth Movement (GYM) an initiative of the Prime Minister's Youth Programme was creating awareness and sensitizing Youth about the effects of climate change.

"By harnessing the creativity, energy, and commitment of the youth, we can drive meaningful change and create a legacy of sustainability for future generations," he added.

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Building plans approval to go online by September 2024

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Capital Development Authority (CDA) will start approving building plans through online system by September this year to the convenience of the visitors.

It was decided in a meeting, chaired by CDA Chairman Muhammad Ali Randhawa on Monday to streamline the approval process for residential and commercial building plans.

The online platform will enable citizens to submit and track their building plans from anywhere in the world, receiving real-time

updates on the status of their applications.

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ISLAMABAD: Members of Human Rights Council of Pakistan are light candles to pay tribute to the victim Dr. Mumtaz Debnath, on the eve of World Humanitarian Day, in front of National Press Club, in the Federal Capital.

ICT police nab car theft duo in major crackdown; stolen laptops, cash recovered

ISLAMABAD (APP): In a significant breakthrough, the Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) Police's Industrial Area team arrested two members of a notorious car theft gang. The suspects, identified as Roman and Ikramullah, were apprehended following a targeted operation that resulted in the recovery of valuable laptops and cash.

A Public Relations Officer from the ICT Police talking to this scribe on Monday said, under the specific instructions of Deputy Inspector General (DIG) Syed Ali Raza, a crackdown on criminal elements has been launched to protect citizens' lives and property. Acting on these directives, the Industrial Area Police utilized both technical and human resources to successfully capture the accused.

The arrested individu-

als have confessed to a series of thefts involving laptops, cash, and mobile phones, committed by breaking vehicle windows. Their criminal activities spanned various locations, including Shifa Parking, Blue Area, Sector G-9, and Faisal Masjid. Malik Zahoor, the owner of Rajgan Motors and a vehicle dealer, praised the police for their recent success in apprehending the duo of car lifters who have been causing significant distress in the community. "This successful operation marks a notable step forward in combating vehicle theft and restoring a sense of security among residents," he remarked. However, a citizen Akram Ali also highlighted the ongoing issue of high-value thefts from parked vehicles, citing his own experience where thieves stole equipment worth around 1.1 million.

250 E-Rozgar centers to be established nationwide to empower youth

ISLAMABAD (APP): The government has announced the establishment of over 250 E-Rozgar centers across the country in collaboration with provincial governments and private institutions.

These centers aim to provide essential facilities to hardworking and skilled youth in smaller cities, helping them access digital opportunities, according to an official from the Ministry of IT.

The E-Rozgar centers will be established in every

district of the country. The distribution of these centers is based on the population of each province, as well as data from 1.2 million freelancers registered with Ignite.

Punjab leads the initiative with 149 centers, followed by Sindh with 51, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa with 28, and significant representation in other regions, including the federal capital Islamabad with 11 centers, Balochistan with 6, Azad Kashmir with 3, and Gilgit-Baltistan with 2.

Originally launched by Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif in Punjab, the E-Rozgar centers have proven to be highly valuable, benefiting millions of young people.

These centers are particularly designed for those who cannot afford expensive office spaces, offering them a chance to leverage IT skills and enter the digital workforce.

The initiative is expected to enable even more young people to benefit from the growing IT sector.

Filmmaker Shaukat Rizvi remembered

ISLAMABAD (APP): Legendary producer, director and actor Shaukat Hussain Rizvi was remembered on his death anniversary on Monday. Born in India in 1914, Rizvi is widely regarded as a pioneer of local cinema, having produced some of the earliest super hits in the sub-continental region. Shaukat Hussain Rizvi was born in Azamgarh, British India, in 1914. He was widely regarded as a pioneer of local cinema, he produced some of the earliest super hits in the sub-continental region.

He directed his first film, Khandan, in 1942, which went on to become a super-hit at the time.



ISLAMABAD: During the expansion work of Club Road, heavy machinery is being utilized to carry out the construction and development tasks.

KP, GB & AJK vulnerable to landsliding, flash flooding risk amid GLOF events: NDMA

ISLAMABAD (APP): The National Emergencies Operations Center (NEOC) of the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) on Monday anticipated landsliding and flash flooding risk amid active glacial lake outburst flood (GLOF) in parts of the Gilgit Baltistan (GB), Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) and Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK).

The NEOC anticipated heavy rainfall in GB and AJK from August 19 to 24 whereas river discharge was expected to increase due to rise in temperature, increased snow melt and heavy rains, a news release said.

The NEOC anticipated heavy rainfall in Chitral, Dir, Chharbagh,

Malakand, Hazara, Mirpur, Mansehra, and Abbottabad Districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa while Gilgit, Diamir, Nagar and Hunza districts of Gilgit Baltistan. Rains may trigger localized landslides at Karakoram Highway along Hunza, and at risk areas of Nagar, Gilgit, Diamir, Lower and Upper Kohistan.

The NDMA urges all relevant authorities and the public to take necessary precautions to mitigate the potential impacts of flooding and landslides. NDMA issued instructions to all relevant departments and mobilize resources to ensure a swift response to any arising situation. Tourists are advised to avoid traveling to these areas during forecast season.

USAID celebrates Int'l Youth Day 2024 with launch of 'Dil Dil Mein Pak' song

ISLAMABAD (APP): The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) on Monday announced the launch of song "Dil Dil Mein Pakistan" in celebration of International Youth Day 2024.

This song is the culmination of a youth talent hunt "Voices of Pakistan" a campaign dedicated to empowering and celebrating the vibrant youth of Pakistan.

The song launch ceremony, held at the Pakistan National Council of the Arts (PNCA), was attended by USAID/Pakistan Mission Director Kate Somvongsiri, Director General Ayoub Jamali, Music

Composer Ali Ashraf, and the six talented young singers who emerged as winners from the five provinces, Azad Kashmir and Islamabad.

Congratulating the singers, Mission Director Somvongsiri said, "USAID believes in fostering opportunities for all, especially the youth. By engaging with young people, we hope to promote a message of growth, cooperation, and inclusivity."

The "Dil Dil Mein Pakistan" campaign highlights the incredible potential of Pakistan's youth while preserving the nation's rich cultural heritage. By showcasing local talent and diverse cultures.

NBF publishes book on 'Data Analysis in Pakistan'

ISLAMABAD (APP): The National Book Foundation (NBF) has published a unique book on the topic of data analysis in Pakistan titled "Making Sense of Statistical Analysis: A Researcher's Handbook for Data Analysis using IBM SPSS."

This comprehensive work is a joint effort by renowned educational experts, Professor Dr. Nasir Mahmood and Dr. Muhammad Yousof, and it thoroughly explores both the theoretical and practical aspects of SPSS, according to a news release.

Comprising ten sec-

tions and twenty-eight chapters, this book is being regarded as a significant advancement in the field of research.

It is the first book of its kind written by local authors in Pakistan, incorporating local examples to make data analysis more accessible and understandable.

The book covers a wide range of topics, from selecting research designs, choosing appropriate scales, preparing code books, data entry, data editing, data screening, and evaluating scales' reliability and validity.



ISLAMABAD: Senator Kamil Ali Agha, Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Science and Technology presiding over a meeting of the committee at Parliament Lodges.

Governor KP acknowledges tribal people services to nation

PESHAWAR (APP): Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Faisal Karim Kundi, on Monday acknowledged the valuable services of the tribal people to the nation and measures will be taken to redress undertaken their problems and grievances.

The Governor expressed these views during a meeting with a representative delegation of the Koki Khel tribes from the merged district of Khyber at the Governor House in Peshawar.

The delegation included Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) candidate Malik Naheed Shah, Khan Muhammad, and Sanaulah, among other tribal elders. They informed the Governor about the difficulties faced by the Koki Khel tribes' displaced persons.

The delegation highlighted that they have been living as temporary displaced persons (TDPs) since 2012. Although approximately 60 percent of the area has been cleared since 2017, they are still forced to live as TDPs.

They also mentioned that the provincial government has not shown serious commitment to resolving their issues, including the compensation for completely destroyed homes, which remains unimplemented.

The delegation requested the Governor to raise their issues before the federal government and seek cooperation for resolving their problems.

Governor Kundi assured the delegation that, since taking office, he has been engaging with the federal government to address the issues faced by both the province and the merged districts. He committed to continuing to advocate for the resolution of these problems at all relevant forums.

He assured the delegation that he would work towards resolving the issues of the Koki Khel tribes at every possible platform, including engaging with the President and Prime Minister.

The Governor also promised to obtain information from the Peshawar Division Commissioner and expedite the resolution of the issues faced by the Koki Khel tribes.

The delegation expressed their gratitude to the Governor for his interest in resolving their issues.



PESHAWAR: A delegation of District Bar Association Peshawar meeting with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor Faisal Karim Kundi.

Minister for public-private partnership to improve education's quality

Independent Report
PESHAWAR: Provincial Minister for Education Faisal Khan Tarakai on Monday directed the management of eight selected schools under the Public-Private Partnership for the current academic year to improve the quality of education in the province.

He was chairing a meeting regarding Public-Private Partnership (PPP) where significant measures to enhance the quality of education in the province were discussed.

The meeting was attended by Additional Secretary Reforms Jahangir Azam, Additional Director Dr. Iqbal, and the Public-Private Partnership team.

The provincial minister further directed that a case be prepared for management of eight more schools in the next phase-2.

During the meeting, a list of over 100 newly established primary schools for boys and girls in various districts of the province was also presented.

It was decided to make these schools functional as soon as possible under the PPP to provide quality and modern education to children in underprivileged areas.

He said that modern teaching techniques would be introduced in these schools through Public-Private Partnership, and quality education would be provided free of charge, which would also help reduce the education department's budget.

He further added that a PPP unit at the secretariat level and a PPP cell at the directorate level have also been established to improve educational standards. The minister emphasized that through the Public-Private Partnership, children across the province would gain access to quality education, leading to improved educational standards and an increase in literacy rates.



HYDERABAD: Members of HDA Labour Union are holding protest demonstration against non-payment of their salaries, at Tulsi Das Pumping Station in Hyderabad.

Detention of deputy supdt Adiala jail Court resents over report of jail administration, summons them in person on petition

RAWALPINDI (Online): Justice Muhammad Raza Qureshi of Lahore High Court (LHC) Rawalpindi bench while expressing resentment over the report filed by jail authorities in regard to petition filed against the detention of deputy superintendent Adiala jail has directed the jail administration to appear in person.

The court has sought affidavit from intelligence bureau and CPO Rawalpindi on next hearing.

The court directed the petitioner to file application in police station Sadar Baironi for registration of case.

Further hearing of the case will take place on Wednesday.

The petitioner appeared in the court with her counsel Imaan Mazari Monday.

Jail administration presented report in the court with reference to Muhammad Akram.

The court while expressing resentment over the report summoned the jail administration in person. The counsel for the petitioner told the court nothing is known about Muhammad Akram since August 14 and police have also not registered case.

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Memona Riaz wife of Muhammad Akram deputy superintendent Adiala jail had filed petition in the court making home secretary Punjab.

ANF recovers 85 kg drugs in 11 operations

RAWALPINDI (APP): Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) while conducting 11 operations across the country managed to recover 85 kg drugs worth Rs 25 million and arrested 11 accused, said an ANF Headquarters spokesman here on Monday.

He informed that 1 kg ice was recovered from a parcel sent to Qatar at a courier office in Rawalpindi.

In second operation, 250 grams ice was recovered from a passenger going to Bahrain at Faisalabad Airport.

In third operation, 189 grams ice was recovered from a passenger going to Bahrain from Lahore Airport.

40 kg hashish and 14.4 kg ice were recovered from a vehicle intercepted near RCD Road Lasbela and an accused was arrested during the operation.

Rangers, Police arrest two notorious criminals

KARACHI (APP): In a joint intelligence based operation conducted by Pakistan Rangers Sindh and the City District Police in Lyari area, two suspects involved in robbery and street crimes were arrested.

According to a Rangers spokesperson on Monday, the operation was carried out based on intelligence reports.

The suspects, identified as Syed Jawad Shah and Sardar Muhammad, were apprehended.

Law enforcement agencies recovered arms and ammunition from their possession.

During the investigation, Syed Jawad Shah confessed to his involvement in multiple robbery incidents across the city.

Notably, he, along with his accomplices,

about using name of Azam Swati as code word for making contact with Faiz Hameed or Atta Bandal is only presumption.

The day Imran Khan was arrested he did not ask me to contact Faiz Hameed at all. She indicated the journalist evolved presumption that PTI founder Imran Khan made me call and asked me to contact Azam Swati. In code word Azam Swati meant Justice (Retd) Bandal or Gen (Retd) Faiz Hameed.

On that day I would have contacted any one with whom Imran Khan asked me to contact because that was most trying time.



KARACHI: Sindh Minister for Excise and Taxation, Transport, and Mass Transit, Sharjeel Inam Memon presided over the meeting regarding order an operation against items used for smoking or inhaling drugs to Excise, Taxation, Narcotics Control Department, held in Karachi.



KARACHI: Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari inaugurates new facilities during inauguration ceremony held at Jinnah Hospital in Karachi. Sindh Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah is also present.

Punjab leads in modern technology usage: Marriyum

LAHORE (APP): Senior Provincial Minister Marriyum Aurangzeb announced that under the visionary leadership of Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif, the province has taken the lead in utilising cutting-edge technology across Pakistan.

Punjab has embraced a new era of modern technology to safeguard wildlife and protect endangered species, she added.

In a groundbreaking initiative, Punjab has begun using advanced thermal technology to detect blackbucks and houbara bustards, both of which are facing threats to their survival. Following the guidance of CM, the senior minister spearheaded the

deployment of thermal drone technology.

She said that with the expertise of modern specialists, the Punjab Wildlife Department has successfully implemented the technology, which identifies animals by detecting the heat they emit.

The Punjab Wildlife and Parks Department has already captured initial images using the technology, and early trials with Artificial Intelligence (AI) have yielded clear visuals of blackbucks.

Marriyum Aurangzeb added that the integration of thermal technology with AI will significantly enhance the protection of endangered wildlife species.

PPP asks KP CM to tender resignation

PESHAWAR (APP): Secretary Information PPP Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Amjad Khan Afridi has termed the accusations of corruption leveled by the former KP Minister Shakeel Ahmad Khan, a charge sheet against the provincial government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and asked the Chief Minister Ali Amin Khan Gandapur to tender resignation.

Addressing a press conference here at Peshawar Press Club (PPC) on Monday, he said that it is not clear that either the former minister was asked to submit his resignation or he has resigned by himself.

However, he went to say that two more ministers are also due to become victims of the corruption soon and they are also involved in monetary disputes. The PPP leader alleged that all important decisions are being taken in a bungalow, situated on Shami Road and very soon two more ministers will emerge in the similar dispute with the chief minister. He said that situation in the province is not good. Militants are establishing their check posts and out of the total 34 universities.



LAHORE: Punjab Minister for Communication and Works Malik Sohaib Ahmed addressing the ceremony organized in the honour of officers of Excise Department those who made best recovery.

Bail of Cheema confirmed in 12 May 9 related cases

LAHORE (Online): Bail of PTI leader Musarrat Jamshed Cheema has been confirmed in 12 cases related to May 9.

Musarrat Jamshed Cheema appeared in Anti Terrorism Court (ATC) along with lawyers team of Insaaf Lawyers Forum.

The court confirmed bail of Musarrat Jamshed Cheema after lawyers arguments.

Talking to media men later Musarrat Jamshed Cheema said "I refute it strongly what allegation has been leveled by a journalist. I swear that PTI founder has never asked me to contact General (Retd) Faiz Hameed.

What has been said



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Minister Ramesh Arora extends greetings to Hindu community

LAHORE (APP): Provincial Minister for Minority Affairs Ramesh Singh Arora has extended heartfelt greetings to the Hindu community in Pakistan on the occasion of Raksha Bandhan.

In his message, he stated that Raksha Bandhan is a symbol of love, protection, and brotherhood, reminding us of the values of sacrifice and safeguarding one another.

He highlighted that Raksha Bandhan reflects the eternal bond between brothers and sisters, where a sister prays for her brother's long life and prosperity, and in return, the brother vows to protect and ensure his sister's happiness. This festival promotes love and unity within families, which is the foundation of any strong society.

The Provincial Minister further emphasized that all religious and cultural minorities in Pakistan have complete freedom to celebrate their customs and traditions.

The Government of Punjab is committed to protecting the rights of minorities and is taking all possible measures for their welfare, he added. Ramesh Singh Arora also acknowledged the significant role played by members of the Hindu community in the development and prosperity of Pakistan, stating that the country's progress would be unimaginable without their contribution. He prayed that this Raksha Bandhan brings a message of peace, prosperity, and brotherhood for all.



MULTAN: Chairman Senate Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani offering fataha on the death of Makhdoom Syed Hamad Raza with his brothers and other relatives.

Health minister chairs provincial outbreak committee meeting

Independent Report
PESHAWAR: Health Minister Syed Qasim Ali Shah presided over a crucial meeting of the Provincial Outbreak Committee in Peshawar, emphasizing the importance of public precautions and social distancing to prevent the spread of diseases.

He urged the media to collaborate with the Health Department in raising awareness about monkey pox virus, vaccination and other vital health measures.

In response to potential outbreaks, the Health Department has established Rapid Response Teams and is setting up isolation wards across districts. The current patient, who arrived in Pakistan on August 10, has been isolated at the Hayatabad Medical Complex. Genetic sequencing revealed that the patient had contracted the virus, prevalent in West Africa. A Provincial Control Room has been established at the Directorate General of Health Services, with additional district-level control rooms in the works. All healthcare staff in the province have received guidelines and case management instructions.

KP Govt making efforts to address industries' energy problem: SACM

PESHAWAR (APP): Special Assistant to KP CM on Industries, Commerce and Technical Education, Abdul Karim Tordher has said that the provincial government is making efforts to utilize 180 megawatt electricity of its own resources to address the energy problem of the local industries.

He expressed these views while addressing an annual prize distribution function of Interlink Communication Private Limited, a mobile phone accessories manufacturing unit here on Monday. The best performing sales officers and other employees of the company were also given awards.

Besides, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Interlink Communications, Ayaz Ali, Country Manager, Shoaibuddin, General Manager (Sales) Saifullah and Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Mohammad Sadique, sales officers and other concerned staffers also attended the ceremony.



KARACHI: Hindu woman ties "Rakhi" on wrist of his brother as they celebrate "Raksha Bandhan" (in which Hindu Girls tie a piece of thread on the wrist of their brothers) during a special ceremony held at Native Jetty Temple in Karachi.

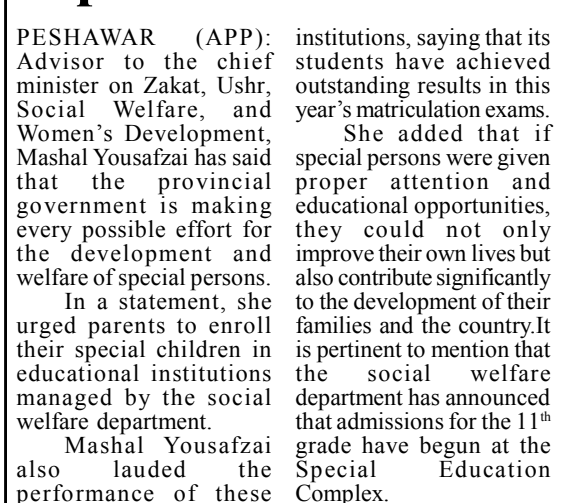
Solid steps being taken for welfare of special persons: Minister

PESHAWAR (APP): Advisor to the chief minister on Zakat, Ushr, Social Welfare, and Women's Development, Mashal Yousafzai has said that the provincial government is making every possible effort for the development and welfare of special persons.

In a statement, she urged parents to enroll their special children in educational institutions managed by the social welfare department.

Mashal Yousafzai also lauded the performance of these institutions, saying that its students have achieved outstanding results in this year's matriculation exams.

She added that if special persons were given proper attention and educational opportunities, they could not only improve their own lives but also contribute significantly to the development of their families and the country. It is pertinent to mention that the social welfare department has announced that admissions for the 11th grade have begun at the Special Education Complex.



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