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Everyone is bound to implement SC verdicts: Justice Mansoor Ali Shah



Senior puisne judge Syed Mansoor Ali Shah said that it would be unconstitutional not to implement the Supreme Court verdict. Addressing a seminar on Saturday, Justice Mansoor Ali Shah said that no one has the option to disobey the SC order. He was of the view that it is a constitutional binding to implement the verdict of the apex court. "I was called the acting chief justice of Pakistan. It is not true. I am the senior most judge, not the chief justice," he said. He added that Qazi Faez Isa is the sitting chief justice of Pakistan and he is very good friend of him. Justice Mansoor Ali Shah said that minorities have equal rights both in Islam and Pakistan. "Our Holy Prophet (PBUH) had stopped to occupy the land of a church and gave rights to the Christians," he said. The constitution of Pakistan also provides protection to minorities and Articles 21, 22, 23 and 25 address this subject, he added.

'Unprecedented barbarity': PM Shehbaz condemns Israeli strike on Gaza school

Israel has crossed all limits in its open aggression, says premier after early morning attack claims over 100 lives

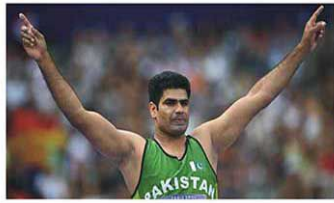


Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Saturday strongly condemned an Israeli strike on a school-turned-shelter for displaced Palestinians in Gaza City, calling it "an open aggression and barbarity which had no precedent in history." "Israel has crossed all limits in its open aggression," the prime minister said in a statement after the early morning attack claimed over 100 lives. The prime minister urged the international community, including the United Nations, to take concrete steps to halt the ongoing Israeli aggression. Reiterating Pakistan's stance,

Prime Minister Shehbaz called for holding the leadership of Israel and its armed forces accountable for the genocide of Palestinians and war crimes. "Israel should face strict punishment for its gruesome crimes," he added, emphasizing the need for the implementation of an International Court of Justice (ICJ) verdict against Israel. The prime minister also reaffirmed Pakistan's unwavering moral and diplomatic support for the Palestinian people. He offered prayers for the martyrs who lost their lives in the attack and extended condolences to the bereaved families. Earlier in the day, Palestinian

officials reported that an Israeli strike on the school-turned-shelter in Gaza City killed more than 100 people, including women and children. They said the government would also unveil the National Youth Policy in connection with this marvellous victory. Pakistani hero - Olympic gold medalist Arshad Nadeem - is expected to grace this momentous ceremony. Arrangements will also be made for job hunting stalls of both local and foreign investor companies. Not only etched his name as a gold medal winner but also reshaped history with a throw of 92.97 meters, which is a new Olympic record.

President announces Hilal-e-Imtiaz for Olympian Arshad Nadeem



President Asif Ali Zardari has directed the authorities to confer prestigious Hilal-e-Imtiaz upon athlete Arshad Nadeem for displaying record-setting performance in Paris Olympics 2024 in the category of javelin throw. "The President will confer the civil award upon Arshad Nadeem during a special ceremony to be held in recognition of his prominent performance in sports. The President will confer the civil award under Article 259 (2) of the Constitution," President Secretariat's Press Wing said in a press

release on Saturday. Under the constitutional provision, the President can confer Pakistani citizens with civil awards in recognition of their meritorious services in different fields of life. On president's directive, a letter has been dispatched by the Airwan-e-Sadr to the Cabinet Division. PRESIDENT HAILS JAVELIN STAR President Zardari said Arshad Nadeem, with his brilliant performance, had made the nation proud in the field of sports. "Nadeem's marvellous achievement at the international level brought laurels to the nation. He has raised the name of country athletics," reads the letter shared by President Secretariat's Press Wing with media. On Thursday, Arshad Nadeem shattered the Olympic record with a humongous 92.97m throw in javelin final to win the gold medal at the Paris Olympics 2024. Arshad Nadeem now becomes the first individual Olympic gold medalist from Pakistan. He has broken the previous Olympic record of 90.57 - set in 2008 Beijing Olympics by Norway's Andreas Thorkildsen.

Governor Sindh dismisses replacement rumours, vows to continue serving

Governor Sindh Kamran Tessori has dismissed rumours about his potential replacement, stating that he will continue to serve as long as he retains the confidence of the President Asif Ali Zardari, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, and Muttahida Qaumi Movement-Pakistan (MQM-P) leader Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui. Governor Tessori reiterated his commitment to his role, stating that he will continue to serve as long as he holds the position. He emphasised that they have been actively working and noted that although the promise to open the Governor's House to the public was made by another, it was fulfilled under his leadership.



Tessori assured that he will continue his duties as long as he enjoys the trust of the key leaders. MQM-P's Farooq Sattar, speaking to the media, also addressed the rumours about the Governor's removal, stating that no such discussions have taken place. He praised Tessori for the public welfare initiatives underway at the Governor House, which he said are unparalleled elsewhere. Sattar added that if any Governor has gained popularity.

PM Shehbaz to welcome javelin ace Arshad Nadeem at Lahore airport



Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif will receive star athlete Arshad Nadeem, who smashed the Olympic record twice in the javelin throw final at Paris Olympics 2024 to clinch gold, at Lahore airport. Prime Minister's Youth Development Programme Chairman Rana Mashhood Ahmed Khan disclosed it in a telephonic conversation with Nadeem who is now on way to Pakistan from Paris. Khan said the prime minister will himself welcome the national hero at the Allama Iqbal International Airport tonight. Meanwhile, President Asif Ali Zardari and Pakistan Peoples Party Chairman Bilawal Bhatto-Zardari have instructed the party workers to greet Arshad Nadeem with great enthusiasm at the airport.

Political stability not possible without Imran Khan: Shah Mahmood Qureshi



Senior Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader Shah Mahmood Qureshi stated that PTI founder Imran Khan was a political reality and political stability in the country was not possible without him. During an informal conversation with journalists at Kot Lakhpat Jail in Lahore, Qureshi mentioned that he had been involved in politics for 40 years, and no cases were registered against him in the past 39 years, but now, within just one year, dozens of cases had been filed against him. He condemned the actions taken against Nawab Akbar Bugti, describing them as oppression. He stressed that Akbar Bugti was not anti-Pakistan and called for an end to labelling each other as traitors. He reiterated that labelling others as traitor was a practice that had persisted for 75 years. Qureshi praised Mahmood Achakzai as a person with democratic thinking, asserting that a person with democratic and constitutional views could not be labelled a traitor.

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CASS Discusses Ongoing Crisis in Jammu and Kashmir Under Indian Siege

The Centre for Aerospace & Security Studies (CASS), Islamabad, conducted a special session under its Catalyst Conversation Series on "Chinars in Chains: India's Siege of Jammu and Kashmir" with Mr Altaf Hussain Wani, Chairman, Kashmir Institute of International Relations, to discuss the current situation in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK). Air Marshal Farooq Habib (Retd), Senior Director at CASS, set the stage for the discussion and highlighted that the full integration of IIOJK into the Indian Union has been a central element of the BJP and RSS's Hindutva agenda. He noted that abrogation of Articles 370 and 35A on 5th August 2019 by the Modi government were followed by severe security measures including curfews and communication blackouts in the disputed territory. Air Marshal Habib also observed that the Indian Supreme Court supported the government's actions, which included the enactment of laws aimed at changing the region's



demographics by allowing an influx of non-Kashmiris. He shared that five years on, the Muslim majority in IIOJK continues to face marginalisation and repression, with the international community largely remaining silent on these issues. In his Keynote Address, the Distinguished Speaker Mr Altaf Hussain Wani, Chairman, Kashmir Institute of International Relations, discussed the considerable socio-political

and economic upheavals in Jammu & Kashmir since the revocation of Article 370 and 35A, marking five years of continued distress and despair. Mr Wani highlighted that Jammu & Kashmir remains under direct control from New Delhi, lacking an elected government, which he described as a severe democratic deficit. He noted that the region operates akin to a 'police state', with heightened levels of incarceration and

constant surveillance. About 19,000 people, including political and human rights activists, were detained, impacting over 8 million Kashmiris who faced shortages of essentials and medical supplies due to the lockdown. He further pointed out the economic turmoil within the region, stating that businesses have suffered immense losses while poverty, hunger, and unemployment have risen, starkly contradicting claims made by the Modi government. Mr Wani observed that in the recent Lok Sabha elections, the electorate in IIOJK expressed their dissatisfaction through their votes. Despite the BJP's carrot and stick policy, it failed to secure a candidate for the three constituencies in the occupied Kashmir Valley, and their proxy candidates were also defeated, indicating that the Kashmiris' support lies with those who champion their rights. Mr Wani was of the view that significant settler-colonial policies are in place.

Children's Literature in Pakistan 1947 to the Present



Iftikhar Uddin Anjum

Children's literature in Pakistan is a fascinating and evolving field that reflects the nation's complex history, cultural diversity and the educational needs of its younger population. Since 1947, when Pakistan emerged as an independent nation, the development of children's literature has been shaped by various socio-political changes, the influence of religion and the shifting priorities of educational institutions. This article traces the journey of children's literature in Pakistan from its inception in 1947 to the present day, examining its evolution, key contributors, prominent themes and the challenges it faces. The period following Pakistan's independence was one of nation-building and cultural consolidation. The focus during these years was on creating a distinct national identity, separate from British colonial influence and Indian culture. However, the development of children's literature was not a primary concern during this time, leading to a reliance on pre-existing literature from British India and translations of Western classics. One of the earliest contributors to children's literature in Pakistan was Mirza Azem Baig Chughtai, known for his work in Urdu literature. He wrote simple stories for children, often published in popular magazines, that emphasized moral lessons and Islamic values. These stories were among the first attempts to create a literature that catered specifically to Pakistani children, reflecting the cultural and religious ethos of the new nation. During this period, most children's literature was didactic in nature, aimed at instilling moral and religious values. The stories were often simplistic, with clear distinctions between right and wrong, good and evil. They were primarily published in Urdu, the national language, but there was also a significant presence of literature in regional languages like Punjabi, Sindhi, and Pashto, reflecting the linguistic diversity of the country. The 1970s and 1980s marked a significant period of growth for children's literature in Pakistan. The rise of a more educated middle class, coupled with the increasing importance of education, created a demand for literature that could both entertain and educate children. This period

also saw the emergence of several notable writers who made lasting contributions to the field. Hakim Mohammad Saeed a prominent scholar and philanthropist, was a key figure in the development of children's literature during this time. He founded the Hamdard Foundation, which published a wide range of children's books and magazines, most notably Naunchal, a magazine that became a staple for young readers across the country. Saeed's work emphasized the importance of knowledge, ethics, and patriotism and his contributions helped to establish a more structured and organized children's literature market in Pakistan. Another important figure from this period was Shafiq-ur-Rahman, a humorist and author whose books, such as Hamaqat and Kirmin, were widely read by both children and adults. His witty and humorous style made his works popular among younger readers, and he is credited with bringing a lighter, more entertaining touch to children's literature in Pakistan. The 1980s also witnessed the growth of educational television, which had a significant impact on children's literature. Programs like Ainak Wala Jin and Uncle Sargam became immensely popular, and their success led to the publication of related books and comics. This period also saw the rise of illustrated children's books and comics, which became an essential part of children's reading material. The 1990s and early 2000s saw further diversification and growth in children's literature in Pakistan. The expansion of the private education sector, the proliferation of media, and the advent of the internet created new opportunities for the production and dissemination of children's books. However, this period also brought new challenges, including competition from international media and the declining interest in reading among children due to the rise of digital entertainment. Ishtiaq Ahmed often referred to as Pakistan's answer to Enid Blyton, was a prolific writer during this period. His detective novels, particularly the Inspector Jamshed series, captivated young readers with their thrilling plots and relatable characters. Ahmed's books were not only entertaining but also educational, as they often included lessons on morality, ethics, and the importance of family. Another significant contributor to children's literature in the contemporary era is Musharraf Ali Farooqi, whose works have been praised for their creativity and literary quality. His book Tik-Tik, The Master of Time is a notable example of modern children's literature in Pakistan, combining fantasy and adventure

with strong character development and engaging storytelling. Farooqi's work represents a shift towards more sophisticated and nuanced narratives in children's literature, reflecting the changing tastes and expectations of young readers. The contemporary era has also seen the rise of children's literature in English, reflecting the increasing importance of English as a medium of instruction and communication in Pakistan. Writers like Anna Naz, Nadia Agha, and Saba Inayat have contributed to this trend, producing books that cater to the growing demand for English-language literature for children. Over the decades, several recurring themes have emerged in Pakistani children's literature, reflecting the country's cultural, religious, and social values. From the earliest days of independence, Pakistani children's literature has emphasized the importance of moral and ethical education. Stories often focus on the distinction between right and wrong, the importance of honesty, integrity, and kindness, and the consequences of one's actions. This theme is deeply rooted in the Islamic values that underpin much of the country's cultural identity. Another prominent theme is patriotism and the promotion of a strong national identity. Many stories are set against the backdrop of Pakistan's history, including the struggle for independence, the sacrifices of national heroes, and the importance of unity and national pride. These themes are often aimed at fostering a sense of belonging and loyalty to the country among young readers. Adventure and exploration have also been popular themes, particularly in the works of writers like Ishtiaq Ahmed and Musharraf Ali Farooqi. These stories often feature young protagonists who embark on exciting journeys, solve mysteries, or face challenges that test their courage and intelligence. Adventure stories not only entertain but also inspire children to be curious, brave, and resourceful. Pakistani children's literature also reflects the country's rich cultural and religious heritage. Stories often draw on traditional folktales, myths, and legends, as well as Islamic teachings and values. This theme helps to preserve and transmit the cultural and religious traditions of Pakistan to younger generations. Social Issues and Challenges In recent years, there has been a growing focus on social issues and challenges in children's literature. Topics such as poverty, gender inequality, education, and environmental conservation have begun to appear more frequently in children's books.

Protests Against Forced Evictions in Dhaka's Slums



Anjad Rana

The political atmosphere in Bangladesh is often tense, with significant polarization between the Awami League (AL) and its primary rival, the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP). Over the years, the political environment has been characterized by Political Violence. Clashes between supporters of the AL and BNP have been frequent. Harsh (strikes) and protests often turn violent. Critics accuse Sheikh Hasina's government of authoritarianism, particularly in silencing dissent, controlling the media, and using the judiciary to suppress opposition. Elections have been marred by allegations of vote-rigging, voter suppression, and a lack of transparency. The 2014 and 2018 elections were heavily criticized both domestically and internationally. While Bangladesh has seen significant economic growth, the benefits have not been evenly distributed. Income inequality, corruption, and unemployment remain challenges. If Sheikh Hasina were to step down or leave the country, the internal political situation in Bangladesh could become even more unstable. Sheikh Hasina has been the central figure in the Awami League. Her departure could lead to internal conflicts over leadership, potentially fracturing the party. The BNP and other opposition forces might see her departure as an opportunity to regain influence, possibly leading to increased political activity and protests. The transition of power might lead to a period of uncertainty, especially if there is no clear successor or if the transfer of power is contested. The political vacuum could result in increased violence as different factions, both within the AL and the opposition, vie for power. Political instability often translates into economic uncertainty. Investor confidence could be shaken, leading to potential economic downturns. Bangladesh's stability is crucial for regional stability in South Asia. Prolonged internal unrest could have implications for neighboring countries, especially regarding refugee flows, trade, and regional security. Her departure could lead to a period of political and economic instability. The future of Bangladesh in such a scenario would depend on how

the transition is managed, the role of the opposition, and the response of the international community, the potential instability in Bangladesh, particularly in the hypothetical scenario where Sheikh Hasina steps down or leaves, requires a multifaceted approach. Initiate a national dialogue involving all major political parties, including the Awami League, BNP, and other smaller parties. This dialogue should focus on creating a consensus on key issues like election reforms, governance, and the rule of law. International organizations, respected national figures, or regional powers like India or the United Nations could mediate these discussions to ensure fairness and prevent deadlock. Strengthen the Election Commission to ensure it operates independently, transparently, and fairly. This could help restore public confidence in the electoral process. Ensure the judiciary remains independent from political influence, capable of upholding the rule of law and human rights without bias. Encourage and protect the role of civil society organizations in monitoring government actions, advocating for reforms, and promoting accountability. The Awami League should develop a clear and transparent succession plan, identifying potential leaders who can take over in case of Sheikh Hasina's departure. This could reduce internal power struggles. Consider forming a caretaker or interim government to oversee a transition period, especially if there are significant political tensions. This government should be neutral, with the sole purpose of ensuring a peaceful transition and organizing free and fair elections. Explore electoral reforms that could make the system more representative, such as proportional representation, which might reduce the winner-takes-all nature of the current system and encourage coalition-building. Implement or reinforce term limits for key political offices to prevent the concentration of power and promote leadership renewal. Develop policies aimed at reducing income inequality and addressing the needs of marginalized communities. This could include social safety nets, targeted economic development programs, and efforts to combat corruption. Focus on job creation, particularly for the youth, to reduce unemployment and prevent economic grievances from fueling political unrest. Reform the police to ensure they are a neutral force, not used for political purposes. Training in human rights and conflict de-escalation should be prioritized. Implement stricter measures to

prevent and punish political violence. This includes disarming militant groups affiliated with political parties and promoting peaceful political engagement. Engage with the international community to gain diplomatic support for a peaceful transition. This could include technical assistance in electoral processes, legal reforms, and institution-building. Strengthen ties with neighbouring countries and regional organizations to ensure that any internal instability does not spill over and affect regional security. Promote civic education programs that encourage democratic participation, peaceful protest, and informed voting. This could help foster a more engaged and informed electorate. Conduct campaigns to raise awareness about the importance of peaceful transitions, democratic values, and the dangers of political violence. Stabilizing Bangladesh in the event of Sheikh Hasina's departure requires a comprehensive approach that involves political reform, economic development, and the strengthening of democratic institutions. By addressing these areas proactively, Bangladesh can navigate potential challenges and maintain stability, ensuring a peaceful and prosperous future for its citizens. While Sheikh Hasina, the leader of the Awami League, has been the Prime Minister of Bangladesh for multiple terms, serving from 1996 to 2001, 2009 to 2014, and then re-elected in 2014 and 2018. Her leadership has been marked by significant economic growth, infrastructure development, and poverty reduction. However, her government has also faced criticism over issues like alleged human rights abuses, suppression of opposition, and concerns about the fairness of elections. To address the root causes of public agitation and unrest in Bangladesh, a combination of policies that tackle political, economic, and social issues would be necessary. Consider reinstating a neutral caretaker government system to oversee elections, ensuring they are perceived as fair by all parties and the public. Transfer more decision-making power to local governments, allowing communities to have a greater say in their own affairs. This can help address regional grievances and reduce the concentration of power at the national level. Implement strict anti-corruption measures. The government of Bangladesh can address the root causes of public agitation, such as economic inequality, political disenfranchisement, social grievances, and governance issues.

The PDWP approves seven development schemes worth than Rs 11 Billion.



Soan Times Correspondent Lahore. The PDWP approves seven development schemes worth than Rs 11 Billion. The 15th meeting of Provincial Development Working Party (PDWP) FY 2024-25 was held under the Chairmanship of Chairman P&D Board Barrister Nabeel Ahmad Awan in which development schemes of Roads sector approved with an

estimated cost of Rs 11775 832 million. The approved schemes are as follows: Rehabilitation of PD Khan, Choa Saidan Shah from Chakwal to Choa Bypass Length= 32.5 Km (31.70 Km), District Chakwal at the cost of Rs 2398.755 million. Rehabilitation of Jhang Gojra Road at the cost of Rs 1532.852 million. New Road from Dari Mero Ladun to Ghous Abad along Link No.1 Length=30.40 km at the

cost of Rs 633.986 million. Construction of New Roads & Repair of Roads in UCs 57 to 68 Tehsil Kamalla and UCs 69 to 85, Tehsil Pir Mahal, District T.T. Singh Length=26.00 Km at the cost of Rs 416.312 million. Rehabilitation of Samundhari Sahwal Road length 50.90 km at the cost of Rs 2718.139 million. Dualization of Road from Chumian to Jambier More L-21 Km, District Kasur at the cost of Rs 2525.094 million. Rehabilitation of Road from Narowal to Zafarwal excluding City Rehabilitation of Road from Narowal to Zafarwal Portion Length=25 Km district Narowal at the cost of Rs 1550.694 million. Secretary P&D Board Dr Asif Tufail, Chief Economist Dr Nasir Iqbal Malik, Members P&D Board, Head of relevant depts and other senior representatives of the relevant provincial departments attended the meeting.

Imam Masjid Al-Nabawi receives warm welcome during NA visit

ISLAMABAD (Web Desk) The National Assembly on Friday resumed its session at the Parliament House with recitation of verses from Holy Quran by Imam Masjid Al-Nabawi Dr Salah bin Mohammad Al-Budari. Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq chaired the session that was also witnessed by Imam Masjid Al-Nabawi Dr Salah bin Mohammad Al-Budari and Saudi Ambassador to Pakistan Nawaf bin Saeed Ahmad Al-Malki. Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, amid the thumping of desks by lawmakers, welcomed the visiting dignitary, saying that his presence is a matter of pride and spiritual guidance for us. He said Masjid Al-Nabawi holds a special place in the hearts of all the Muslims across the world. Defence Minister Khawaja Muhammad Asif said that his presence is a matter of honour. PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari also welcomed the Imam of Masjid Al-Nabawi in parliament. Meanwhile, Leader of the opposition Omar Ayub said Imam of Masjid Al-Nabawi holds



the distinction of leading prayers attended by Muslims across the globe. He was appreciative of the excellent arrangements made by the Saudi government at the host sites. In his remarks, JUI-F chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman said the visit of Imam Masjid Al-Nabawi will give further impetus to Pakistan-Saudi relationship. He said Saudi Arabia is a friendly country of Pakistan and a leader of Islamic world. Mustafa Kamal of MQM said Saudi Arabia has always stood by Pakistan in difficult times. He highlighted the excellent arrangements made by Saudi Arabia for Hajj.

Punjab Cabinet approves the Purchase of 27 Modern Quadcopters for Surveillance and Counter-Terrorism Operations



Soan Times Correspondent Lahore. On the special instructions of the Chief Minister Punjab, the cabinet has approved the funds for the purchase of 27 modern Quadcopters for Surveillance and counter terrorism

operations in Punjab. The spokesman of Punjab Home Department said that the cabinet has approved the summary for the purchase of the latest Quadcopters. According to the details, an amount of Rs. 21 crore 40 lakh was approved for the purchase of these quadcopters. It is decided that 20 surveillance quadcopters will be handed over to the Police in Attock, Mianwali, Bhakkar, Layyah, DG Khan, Rajanpur and Rahim Yar Khan, while, 7 quadcopters capable of transferring and dropping payload will be purchased for Mianwali, DG Khan, Rajanpur and Rahim Yar Khan. These special Quadcopters can carry up to two mortar shells of 80mm and can hit the target at the same time. The home secretary Punjab Noor ul Amin Mengal has said that all the necessary resources are being provided to the law enforcement agencies for best possible results and these latest Quadcopters will help in operations in Kacha and border areas.

Provincial Minister For Minority Affairs Ramesh Singh Arora Visits Pastor Shaukat Ashiq's Home

Soan Times Correspondent Lahore. Provincial Minister for Minority Affairs, Ramesh Singh Arora, visited Pastor Shaukat Ashiq's home in the Chuhung area of Lahore upon his special invitation. A large number of the Christian community warmly welcomed him during his visit. As part of the reception, flower petals were showered upon the minister from rooftops, and he was garlanded by members of the Christian community. On this occasion, the Christian community expressed their gratitude to the minister



for presenting a historic budget for religious minorities and expressed hope that during his tenure, the sense of deprivation among religious minorities would be effectively addressed.

Referring to the Chief Minister of Punjab, Ramesh Singh Arora said, "The Chief Minister of Punjab has referred to religious minorities as the crown on his head." He further added, "Historic work is being done for religious minorities in the history of Punjab." The provincial minister announced, "For the first time, we will celebrate Minorities Day at a high level," and on August 11, the Punjab government will celebrate Minorities Day with full grandeur. He also mentioned that the "Minorities Development Fund has been increased.

BISE Sargodha Announces Results of Class IX Annual Examination 2024

Soan Times Correspondent Sargodha. Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education Sargodha has announced the results of Class IX Annual Examination 2024. Commissioner and Chairman Education Board Muhammad Ajmal Bhatti pressed the computer button and made the results online. A total of 1 lakh 7 thousand 523 candidates participated in the examination. Out of them 47,288 candidates have secured more than 33%

marks. Thus, the success rate was 43.98%. According to the results, 91,139 regular candidates participated in the annual examination and 41,176 were declared successful. Thus the success rate is 45.18%. While 16,348 private candidates participated in the exam, out of them 6,112 were declared successful and the success rate was 37.30%. 57,249 boys participated in the exam, out of them 20,024 passed and the success rate was 34.98%. 50,274 female students participated in the

examination, out of them 27,264 were declared successful and the success rate was 54.25%. Commissioner and Chairman Muhammad Ajmal Bhatti congratulated the successful candidates and advised them to continue their studies with the same hard work and dedication. Director Colleges Sarfaraz Gujjar, Secretary Board Abul Hasan Naqvi and Controller of Examinations Riaz Qadeer Bhatti and other board officers participated in the event.

Provincial Local Govt Minister Inaugurates the Digital Payment System of MC

Soan Times Correspondent Sargodha. Provincial Local Government Minister Zeeshan Rafique has inaugurated the Digital Payment System of Municipal Corporation, MC Sargodha is the first local government of Punjab to achieve this milestone. In this regard, a function was organized in which Municipal Secretary Shakeel Ahmed Mian, members of Provincial Assembly Saifur

Sahi, Mian Ikramullah and others participated. In his address, Zeeshan Rafique said that the digitalization of MC's bills, taxes and fees collection will increase the revenue significantly. This will improve financial management and customers will not have to go round the office. Moreover, the digitalization of local bodies will eliminate corruption. Provincial Local Government Minister said that according to the vision

of Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif, steps are being taken to provide clean drinking water to the citizens and solve the sewage problems. Sargodha is included in the Dream 2 project of the Asian Development Bank, 27 billion rupees will be spent on the project, which will permanently solve the problems of water supply, sewage and waste management across the city. Efforts are being made to

PDMA warns of urban flooding as Punjab braces for more rain starting today

Soan Times Correspondent Lahore. The Punjab Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) has issued an alert for monsoon rains expected across the province from today until 12 August. According to a PDMA spokesperson, thunderstorms accompanied by rain are likely in several southern Punjab districts including Lahore, Gujranwala, Rawalpindi, Sargodha, Multan, Dera Ghazi Khan, Bahawalpur, Faisalabad, Sahiwal, and Gujrat Divisions. In response to the anticipated weather conditions, the PDMA has directed relevant provincial administrations to remain on high alert. PDMA Director General Irfan Khattia highlighted that all concerned departments, the commissioners, deputy commissioners, WASA, the irrigation department, Rescue 1122, and civil defence,



have been instructed to finalise precautionary measures, particularly in light of the risk of urban flooding. The PDMA control room is monitoring the situation around the clock, and citizens have been urged to follow government guidelines to ensure safety. The public is advised to stay in secure locations, particularly avoiding old buildings, electric poles, and areas prone to lightning during thunderstorms.

E-TENDERING NOTICE

Communication & Works Department, Buildings Division Sargodha intends to tender out the following scheme through E-Tendering vide notification No.SOH-1(CAW)-49/2023/1652 dated 26.05.2023.

All Contractors who are registered with Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) in relevant category or Above can participate in Open E-Tendering System. Procurement procedure strictly to be adopted in accordance with PPA Rules 2024 (with upto date amendments). Contractors can participate in E-Tendering after fulfilling following terms & conditions:

- Contractor may register firm on website <https://procure.gov.pk/> of Communication & Works Department, Lahore by submitting their requisite information.
- After registration on E-Tendering website <https://procure.gov.pk/>, contractor of eligible categories may participate in E-Tendering.
- Contractors may generate the Tender Fee Challan (32-A)/Payment Slip ID (PSID), amount mentioned against each name of work. Contractor/Bidder has to upload scanned copy of payment receipt on contractor portal and payment receipt shall be required to submit in the office of undersigned before tender opening time.
- Requisite Tender Fee be received / collected through e-pay Punjab Mobile Application with Building Division Code 00295.
- After uploading the tender fee challan paid voucher, contractor/bidder has to upload scanned copy of Call Deposit Receipt (CDR) @ 5% of the estimate cost of any scheduled bank. Original CDR must be submitted to the office of undersigned on tender opening before closing time. Contractor has to quote online percentage rates on below or above basis upto 23.08.2024 at 01.00 PM after receiving B.O.Q of the scheme available at website. The rates quoted online by the contractor will be downloaded from website and will be announced on same date at 01.00 PM.
- All the contractors participating in E-Tendering will be bound to submit their Original CDRs, paid tender fee challans with letter heads in the office of the undersigned. Otherwise, contractor will be declared as disqualified in the presence of Tender Opening Committee.
- In case of false information, fake CDR & fake tender fee challan, the contractor will be liable to disqualify as per PPA Rules and will not be eligible to participate in upcoming tender of C&W, Government of the Punjab. Further his case will be forwarded to PEC and PPA for initiation of Strict Legal Action.
- The lowest bidder whose bid will be more than 5% below of OMT of the work, the lowest bidder will be bound to deposit the difference between the bid & estimate cost as per rate quoted by the Bidder as Quality Assurance Security in shape of Call Deposit or Bank Guarantee from any schedule bank within 15 days after opening of tender. Lowest bidder will have to upload the CDR or Bank Guarantee on the website & will submit the original CDR/Bank Guarantee in the office of undersigned, otherwise the tender of the lowest bidder will stand cancelled & earnest money will be forfeited in favour of the Government.
- The procuring agency shall upon request communicate to any bidder, the grounds for its rejection of all bids or proposals, but shall not be required to justify those grounds.

Sr. #	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money (%5)	T.S.No & Date	Tender Fee	Time Limit
1	Program for Revamping of 220 BHUs (Phase-I) Rural Health Centres of District Sargodha Phase - I	Rs.319.473 (M)	Rs.15.994 (M)	1724/D 30-07-2024	Rs.20000/-	06-Month
2	Program for Revamping of 552 BHUs of North and Central Punjab (Phase-I) Basic Health Units of District & Tehsil Sargodha, Tehsil Bhalwal & Tehsil Sahiwal Phase I	Rs.312.242 (M)	Rs.15.612 (M)	1767/D 30-07-2024	Rs.20000/-	06-Month
3	Program for Revamping of 552 BHUs of North and Central Punjab (Phase-I) Basic Health Units of District Sargodha Tehsil Ibhara & Tehsil Sitawali Phase 1	Rs.230.082 (M)	Rs.11.504 (M)	1769/D 30-07-2024	Rs.20000/-	06-Month
4	Program for Revamping of 552 BHUs of North and Central Punjab (Phase-I) Basic Health Units of District Sargodha Tehsil Kot Momin & Tehsil Sahiwal Phase 1	Rs.248.516 (M)	Rs.12.426 (M)	1768/D 30-07-2024	Rs.20000/-	06-Month

Notes:

- According to prevailing Rules of Finance Department, in case the amount of work exceeding Rs.50,000 (M) 5% of the bid price will be applicable as performance guarantee in addition to quality assurance security.
- Due to system up-gradation, recovery against credit of old material will be adjusted manually and accordingly bids will be evaluated.

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National Minorities Day

11 August observed annually Minorities Day in Pakistan

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everyone has the freedom to worship and is fully protected. Let there be a Pakistan where no harm can be done on the basis of religion and belief.



workers. While Chief Minister Punjab also announced one month additional salary for all sanitary workers. Maryam Nawaz thinks that people of every religion, color and race should have the freedom to perform their prayers and religious rituals in Punjab without discrimination and the protection of their places of worship should be ensured. Every citizen of Punjab, especially the minority community, is very close to her heart.

reducing the price of bread for the first time in Punjab. Because no Chief Minister before her could establish his writ before flour mill owners. But Maryam Nawaz, despite being a woman, has established her writ as Chief Minister. Did anyone ever think that the transporters will refund the fares to the passengers even after overcharging them? It was an impossible thing. But Maryam Nawaz returned the fares of more than 28 lakh passengers during the days of Eid. If we talk about the health sector,

in the next phase. Apart from this, Maryam Nawaz is taking two more major revolutionary steps. She is going to start a solar panel project in Punjab. Under this project, free solar panels will be given to consumers of electricity who use 200 units, while Punjab government is going to give solar panels to those who use 200 and above 500 units in very easy installments in which 75% will be paid by Punjab government. This is a revolutionary project after which the problem of electricity load shedding in Punjab will be almost eliminated.

CM Punjab Maryam Nawaz Takes Revolutionary Measures For Minorities; Provides Relief Packages

Maryam Nawaz has so far introduced three major programs in the health sector which are directly benefiting the common man. Field Hospital is certainly Maryam Nawaz's revolutionary initiative. Through the Field Hospital in the streets, the treatment issue of the citizens of Punjab suffering from various diseases is being solved at their doorstep. Also, the Clinic on Wheel project is a recent and innovative example in the health sector. Maryam Nawaz has said one thing several times in her speeches that in this era of inflation, it is becoming almost impossible for children to buy

project to distribute solar panels in Punjab has been started by Maryam Nawaz on the instructions of Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif. For this there will be regular draw and only deserving people with original data will get solar panels. According to Daily Soon Times survey One more thing to mention here is that many people were of the opinion that Maryam Nawaz is a woman and the bureaucracy of Punjab is very jarring. Because it has always been a huge mess. Here every Chief Minister has followed its case. But Maryam Nawaz has changed this trend too. The main reason for this is that Maryam Nawaz

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taking historic steps for the minority community. After being elected Chief Minister of Punjab, Maryam Nawaz gave Ramadan package to Muslims, Easter package to Christian community and Holi package to Hindus. This has also happened for the first time in the history of Punjab. Maryam Nawaz is the first Chief Minister of Punjab to reach Maryamabad Church after 131 years. On this occasion Maryam Nawaz said during her address to the Christian community that you are mine and I am yours. My dream is a Pakistan where

Navaz who provided legal protection to the Sikh community of Punjab for their marriages. Soon the Punjab government is going to make some amendments in the Christian Marriage Act according to their community. Punjab is the largest province with a large number of people belonging to different religions. That is why Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz gives priority to the minority community in her every new program. Some time ago two sanitary workers died while working in Faisalabad. Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif and Maryam Nawaz themselves went to their homes to offer condolences. Maryam Nawaz also announced to give government jobs to the children of those two employees. Since Punjab is the largest province, millions of animals are sacrificed here every Eid-ul-Adha. These millions of animals have the same number of wastes. You must have often seen that even a week after the sacrifice, the streets smelled foul. But on this Eid-ul-Adha, Maryam Nawaz and her team came up with a brilliant plan to make Punjab clean with complete planning. Lacks of animals were sacrificed in Punjab, but no complaints were received about the presence of corpses even in a single street. This was possible due to the hard work of the teams and sanitary workers of all districts. The day after Eid, Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif called these sanitary workers to the Chief Minister's office. Maryam Nawaz left her chair and sat between the male and female sanitary workers. She thanked them and congratulated them. Along with this, Provincial Minister For Local Government Zeeshan Rafique also gave cash prizes to these sanitary



expensive medicines for their elderly parents. Keeping the same thing in mind, Maryam Nawaz took the responsibility of delivering medicines for two months to the homes of cancer, hepatitis and TB patients free of cost. So far, she has personally reached the homes of these elderly patients twice to deliver these medicines to see with her own eyes what the deserving people think about this initiative. Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz announced to give 20,000 motorcycles to the young students and then showed the implementation. The most important thing is that Maryam Nawaz distributed electric bikes to poor and deserving students, and their advance was deposited by the Punjab government. Under this program, electric bikes were given to the students in very easy installments. Maryam Nawaz has also approved giving electric bikes to 10 thousand more students this financial year. You can only imagine how difficult it would be for a poor man's children to buy a motorcycle in this era of inflation, but Maryam Nawaz has fulfilled the dream of these children. In the electric bike scheme, especially Maryam Nawaz distributed motorcycles to all the orphan girls and boys who had applied. Those who remained will be given electric bikes

has created a friendly atmosphere with the bureaucracy of Punjab. No officer was ever given the impression that he would be forced to do anything. Rather, Maryam Nawaz defends her officers at every level, encourages them and praises them for doing a good job. Maryam Nawaz has set a rule that the officer who will do good work will get commendation certificates and promotion soon. He who does not work will not follow its case. Due to this policy of Maryam Nawaz, each officer of the bureaucracy of Punjab has now started a race to improve his performance compared to his fellow officers. For example, on the occasion of Eid-ul-Adha, lifting and dispersing of the wastes was considered a huge undertaking. But perhaps this was the first Eid in the history of Punjab in which the wastes of the sacrificial animals were picked up and disposed off on such a large scale. If you do your work honestly, then Allah will help you. Maryam Nawaz is working under this principle and Allah Almighty is creating facilities for her. This is not rocket science. Punjab has the same officers and employees who have been working here for the last 10 to 15 years. But with the arrival of Maryam Nawaz, every section is doing its job responsibly. Because we know that Maryam Nawaz sometimes arrives anywhere suddenly. She personally reviews the ongoing public interest projects at the ground level. That's why you will surely hear the daily news about the completion of development works and welfare projects in Punjab. Maryam Nawaz has a mind set which is very clear. She has to make Punjab a truly developed Punjab. She is working with this vision. She is not worried about her political opponents but about 11 crore people of Punjab. She has proved this during few months of her rule.

