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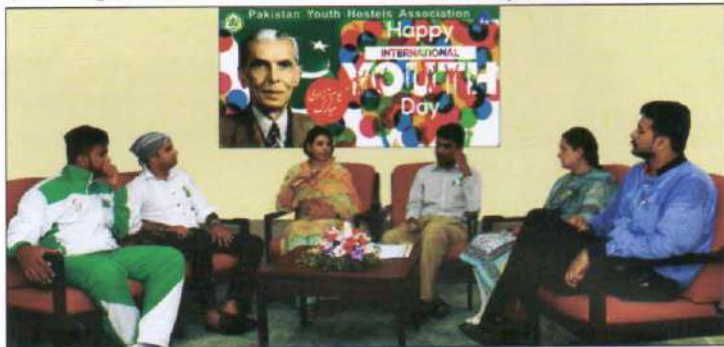
Pakistan Youth Hostels Association

PYHA HOLDS INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY, INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS

Youths showcase their talent, express faith in bright future of Pakistan

Pakistan is rich in talent and potential, particularly its youth has the gift to lead the world

country in their respective fields. These ideas were shared during a ceremony held on the eve of



and one can find such gifted youngsters in professions as

the International Youth Day & Independence Day celebrations



diverse as life itself is and they are winning laurels for the

at Pakistan Youth Hostel Association's Islamabad chapter.



Participants of Independence Day celebrations & International Youth Day with Mr. Adnan Ahmed, Manager Pakistan Youth Hostels, at Meet the Talented Youth Programme held at the Pakistan Youth Hostel.

Titled as 'Meet the Talented Youth of Pakistan', the event showcased conversation with youngsters from a diverse range like painting, doll-making, poetry, sports, singing, education, wildlife conservation, and language learning.

They shared their story of success and expressed belief in the bright and lasting future of Pakistan. All of them had a dream common: To do something that their country feels proud of them.

Talia Noor, the painter shared with the audience her journey as she always liked and loved to play with colours.

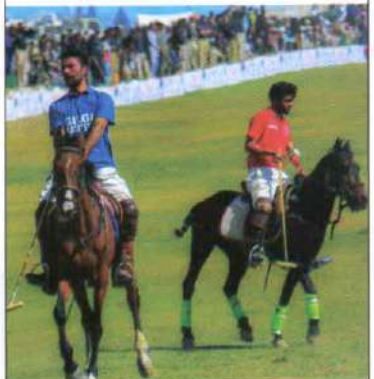
"My teacher motivated me after seeing my interest in paintings and today my work has been showcased in a number of exhibitions that is quite encouraging," said Noor. The moderator of the event Prof Munir Fayaz noted the bright shades and strokes in her

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Shandur Polo Festival:

Tourists come to watch sports on world's highest playground

The three-day Shandur Polo Festival - July 7 to July 9, 2018 provided tourists, adventurers, families and foreigners an opportunity to visit Chitral



and see and enjoy themselves the rare sights Mother Nature is offering in this scenic paradise of Pakistan. The annual festival has now got international fame and every year thousands of visitors and tourists from across the world come to Chitral particularly to watch the polo game on the world's highest polo ground. The local cultures including music and Chitral and Gilgit-Baltistan's performing art is also displayed on the ground. A tent village is set up for providing boarding and lodging facilities to both foreign and domestic tourists.

The festival is an annual feature of the Tourism Corporation

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Mount Everest Day Celebrated

Nepal ambassador all praise for Pakistan's mountaineers

Embassy of Nepal in collaboration with Serena Hotel Islamabad celebrated Mount Everest Day 2018 at the Shamadan Hall of the hotel. A great many diplomats, mountaineers and adventurers had turned up to witness the event. Special Secretary Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr Aitzaz Ahmed was the guest of honour on the occasion.

Nepalese Ambassador Sewa Lamsal Adhikari said the day was not only dedicated to Mount Everest, it also happened to be the Republic Day of Nepal.

About Mount Everest Day, she said on May 29, 1953, two legendary figures—a local

Nepalese Tenzeng Norgé Sherpa and New Zealand mountaineer Sir Edmund Percival Hillary

loving people across the globe to try climbing the Everest. According to H.E Sewa Lamsal



successfully climbed the Mount Everest for the first time in the history of mountaineering. The victory inspired many mountaineers and adventure

Adhikari so far, 4,000 mountaineers from across the globe have made more than 7,000 summits. However, she said "the journey has not always

been a successful ride. Journey to Mount Everest has been a mixed bag of joy, thrill, adventure as well as risks, hazards and sadness". This journey, she said "continues to be a repository of unbelievable new records. The beauty and attraction of Mount Everest is evergreen." She said Nepal and Pakistan enjoyed cordial relations. CEO of Serena Hotels, Mr Boolani while sharing his views said, "We shall continue to support talent in Pakistan through various initiatives under cultural diplomacy and sports diplomacy and I thank you for your continued support of our efforts," he added.

PYHA holds International Youth Day.....

paintings reflected colours of life.

Rameez Ishaq is an accomplished singer in the twin cities. He said Rawalpindi Arts Council contributed a great deal in polishing his talent. Later, he performed at a number of programmes and events. To a question, he said in the begin-

with her dolls which were at display at the PYHA. "My mother too was also an artisan and worked at Lok Virsa," she shared her story of success. "I used to watch her make dolls and later tried my hand at it. Today she is an accomplished doll maker herself and her dolls are put on display at exhibitions not only at home but also abroad.

junior national champion in badminton. I have performed in China, Malaysia and India and have defeated Indian counterparts winning trophy for my country", said he.

Ali Kaswar the poet also spoke about his poetic journey. I belong to a family of acclaimed poets of Pakistan Anjum Khaliq (father), Khaliq Qureshi (grandfather), Khurram Khaliq

praised by the audience.

Besides these gifted Pakistani youths, talk by Turkish national Tahira Andleeb who is working as interpreter at the Parliament House and knows a number of languages like Urdu, French, Arabic, Hebrew, French, Spanish and others and can speak them fluently was also highlight of the evening. She said she found Pakistanis great friends of Turkey and very lovable. She said she had read great Urdu poets and writers like Allama Iqbal, Noon Meem Rashid, Mazharul Islam and they had greatly inspired her. She said she was lucky to be part of a ceremony where Mazharul Islam was also present.

Minahil Safwan, Child Ambassador of Pakistan Wild Foundation (PWF), also shared how she upheld and promoted the cause of animals and raised the issues on a number of forums. At the end of the event, Manager of PYHA Adnan Qureshi distributed certificates among the participants.



ning his family opposed his choice of profession as singer but now they respect his decision.

Ambreen Fatima, an artisan and fine doll-maker had come

Muhammad Azeem Babar, a champion in table tennis and badminton both is also a gifted Pakistani young man who has won a number of laurels for Pakistan and is a

(uncle), he said.

It would be rather a surprise for everyone if I had not tried my talent in this genre, he said. He also read out a ghazal on the occasion which was greatly

Air Chief lauds adventurous spirit of 1st Karakoram Marathon winners

Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal Mujahid Anwar Khan valley into a hub of winter sports and this scenic place



Air Chief Marshal Mujahid Anwar Khan, Chief of the Air Staff, Pakistan Air Force along with the medal winners of first International Karakoram Marathon

has appreciated the sportsmanship and adventurous spirit of the participants of 1st PAF-Serena Hotels Karakoram Marathon 2018. While giving away prizes as chief guest among the winning athletes at a local hotel, the Air Chief said "Pakistan is a country of unexplored valleys and mountains and provides an ideal opportunity to adventurers and mountaineers to come here and do the impossible."

The marathon was jointly organized by PAF and Serena Hotels in Naltar Valley, Gilgit-Baltistan on August 29, 2018 at over 11,300 feet above sea level. National and international athletes participated in the high-altitude full marathon (42.2km) and half-marathon (21.1km) events.

Air Chief said PAF has envisioned to transform Naltar

would host such events in the future as well.

He hoped that the international guests would 'take along nice memories and the flavours of our traditional hospitality'.

A brief video compilation of the key moments of the high altitude marathon was also screened on the occasion.

CEO of Serena Hotels Aziz Boolani also spoke high of the winners and participants of the Marathon race saying, "I was touched by the glimpses of the marathon that we all shared. This country provides beautiful spaces, scenic views and hospitable people, and we must appreciate the immense contribution of the Pakistan Air Force in taking this initiative to project the right image of Pakistan".



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Pakistani female climbers make history by scaling 6,080-metre Manglesser peak

Three young Pakistani girls have made world record by climbing the 6,080-metre Manglesser peak in the Shimshal valley in the Karakoram mountain range.

The mountaineers of Manglesser peak-13-year-old Amina Hanif, 14-year-old Maryam Bashir and 15-year-old Siddiqa Batool—all residents of the Hushey valley in Gilgit-Baltistan are granddaughters of famous local climber Little Karim.

The young climbers accompanied by their grandfather Little Karim, Mohammad Hanif and nine other climbers, including four foreigners, succeeded in putting their feet on the summit of the Manglesser peak on July 24.

Amina, Maryam and Siddiqa are granddaughters of well known mountaineer Little Karim.

After their arrival from the successful expedition, Amina, Maryam and Siddiqa expressed

gratitude to their grandfather saying, "If our grandfather did not motivate and encourage us we could not



have made history and become young female climbers in the mountaineering world."

"This is the start of our career and in future we wish to scale the world's loftiest peak Mount Everest and K2, the second,"

Amina resolved optimistically. Mohammad Hanif, father of Amina and Maryam, said that they started their expedition on July 16 and after a great deal of effort his daughters succeeded in reaching the top of Manglesser peak on July 24. He thanked Maryam Marco of Spain for her support and guidance which made the expedition successful.

Little Karim, who is also a record-holding climber, expressed satisfaction and pleasure on the success of his granddaughters. He said he had launched this expedition to encourage women of Gilgit-Baltistan in the field of mountaineering. "It will no doubt create mountaineering and climbing trend among women in Baltistan as they are brave and hardworking," Karim hoped.

Shandur Polo Festival...

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (TCKP) calendar, which costs Rs 40 million wherein local teams from Chitral and Gilgit-Baltistan took part and like every year, Chitral once again won the battle in the Shandur Polo Festival. Besides the finalists, other teams were Laspur and Ghizer.

Inspector General of Frontier Corps Major General Waseem Ashraf was the chief guest on this occasion. Deputy Speaker Gilgit-Baltistan Assembly Jaffar Ullah, Minister for Tourism Gilgit-Baltistan Fida Ullah, ambassadors of various countries in Pakistan, a good number of local and foreign tourists, polo players and officials of Tourism Corporation Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (TCKP) were also present there and witnessed the final. There were tight security measures taken in and around the polo festival by Chitral scouts and police for the smooth conduct

of the festival for participating teams from Gilgit-Baltistan and Chitral. Through the match, Chitral team dominated the proceedings and scored one after another and in the end, they were the ultimate winners.



This time, the polo ground had been renovated while there were a number of other programmes including work of local artisans and cultural nights. The district government of Chitral, police, army and

other stakeholders had assured full cooperation in making the event a success. The tourists also enjoyed cultural and music evenings while fireworks was arranged at night. Paragliding and traditional dances of Chitral and Gilgit-Baltistan were also performed. The paratroopers of SSG also

have a free fall from the 10,000 feet besides demonstration of paragliding which enthralled the sitting spectators. Chitral is the most peaceful region and it attracts thousands of domestic and international tourists annually, especially during Shandur and Kalash festivals.

The arrival and participation of a number of foreign and domestic tourists has shown the world that Khyber Pakhtunkhwa is the most beautiful and peaceful land of the world and anyone can see its beauty without acquiring non-objection certificate (NOC). In the end, chief guest Major General Waseem Ashraf gave away trophies and cash prizes to the winners and runners-up. The winners were awarded Rs100,000 while runners-up got Rs 90,000. Annually thousands of visitors from across the world come to Chitral to watch the popular sport on world highest Polo Ground.