consultative discussions with key stakeholders in Sialkot and Lahore, labour inspectors, and a media group in Lahore. (Nation, 6 Oct 2012).


**Earthquake 2005: a story of forgotten promises** : MUZAFFARABAD, Oct 7: As the entire nation commemorated the 7th anniversary of the October 2005 earthquake on Monday, most of the survivors were still concerned about the pledged reconstruction work, which is still not completed. Like an annual ritual, government functionaries started bragging about their achievements and future plans regarding the reconstruction programme, soon after the onset of October, notwithstanding a widely known bitter reality – acute scarcity of cash flow. According to figures obtained from the State Earthquake Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Agency (Serra), out of 7,984 projects/facilities, 4,693 had so far been completed, while work was “in progress” on another 2,068. Around 1,223 projects were yet to be started. (Dawn, 8 Oct 2012).


**Govt committed to ensuring food security: PM**: ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Raja Pervez Ashraf said on Friday that the present government attaches high priority to rural economy and well-being of people and it is committed to ensuring food security in the country. Attending a briefing by the Ministry of National Food Security and Research (MNFSR), the prime minister said that the ministry had been created to coordinate with provinces as well as international organisations to achieve synergy needed to ensure food security and growth in the agriculture sector. He directed the ministry to present a comprehensive national food security policy for the approval of the cabinet with the objective that agriculture produce in Pakistan not only meets domestic requirements but also generates surpluses for exports. (DailyTimes, 6 Oct 2012).

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**World Teachers’ Day 2012**

**Over 1m teachers needed for universal education** : UNITED NATIONS - Some 1.7 million more teachers are needed to achieve universal primary education by 2015, the second of the eight anti-poverty Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), the heads of various UN agencies said Friday. “On this day, we call for the creation of supportive teaching environments, adequate teacher training and safeguards for the rights of teachers,” the agency chiefs said, calling on governments to provide required training and fair salaries reflecting the importance of the profession while teachers, in turn, must be accountable to their students and communities,” the heads of various United Nations agencies said today in a joint statement marking World Teachers’ Day. (Nation, 6 Oct 2012).

UNESCO urges govt to ‘take a stand for teachers’ : ISLAMABAD: During events organised on Friday in Islamabad, Karachi, Quetta and Peshawar, UNESCO urged the government and society to stand up and support teachers for their continuous development, professional competencies and lifelong learning; bringing social, economic and intellectual development to the nation. UNESCO marked the World Teacher’s Day with the slogan, “Take a stand for teachers”. During an event at a local college in Islamabad, UNESCO Director/Representative Kozue Kay Nagata said, “The slogan of ‘Take a stand for teachers’ reminds us of our collective responsibility to recognise and appreciate the role and contribution of teachers to shape our society and social dynamism.” UNICEF head Dan Rohrman, International Labour Organisation (ILO) Deputy Head Margaret Reade and dignitaries from Ministry of Education, Ministry of Professional and Technical Training, and Capital Development Authority (CDA) officials were also present on the occasion. (DailyTimes, 6 Oct 2012).

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Walk marks World Teachers Day : Islamabad : A large number of students participated in a walk organised by the Ghazali Education Trust and Unesco in connection with World Teachers Day here on Friday. The walk was led by Unesco Representative in Pakistan Kozue Kay Nagata, Abdus Salam of the Ghazali Education Trust, former MNA Mian Muhammad Aslam and traders leader Kashif Chaudhry. The participants of the walk were carrying banners and placards highlighting the status of teacher as a nation-builder and with demands to the government and society to give due respect to teachers. The speakers on occasion called for constituting a commission for a proper career structure for teachers, incentives, line of promotion and increase in salaries for them. (TheNews, 6 Oct 2012).


World Teachers’ Day: Paying tribute to nation builders: ISLAMABAD: To acknowledge their role in building the future of the country, “Salam Teachers’ Day” was held on Friday. In the federal capital, the day was marked by various seminars, walks, functions and other related events to pay tribute to teachers. At a seminar organised by National Commission for Human Development in collaboration with Idara-e-Taleem-o-Aghahi, State Minister for Education and Training Sardar Shah Jehan Khan said, “Teachers play a pivotal role in changing people’s fate which must not be taken lightly.” Ghazali Education Trust and UNESCO also teamed up to celebrate the work of teachers by arranging a rally
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From China Chowk to Parliament House. (ExpressTribune, 6 Oct 2012).


Salam Teachers’ Day: education linked to progress: PESHAWAR, Oct 5: Special functions were organised throughout Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on Friday to mark Salam Teachers’ Day with participants linking the country’s progress to provision of better educational facilities and the holding of teachers in high esteem. In the provincial capital, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa information minister Mian Iftikhar Hussain went to Peshawar University to attend a Salam Teachers’ Day. Peshawar University vice chancellor Dr Qibla Ayaz, Unesco representative Irshad Tirmizi, Puta president Jamil Chitrali, FAPWASA president Dr Hamayun and Schools Association president Haji Nisar also addressed the function, which was organised by Puta and Unesco. (Dawn, 6 Oct 2012).

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World Teachers Day: Govt asked to play supportive role for teachers :KARACHI: A teacher has a big role in society building and facilitating teachers would ensure further development, prosperity and progress, said participants of a seminar in connection with the World Teachers Day at a local hotel on Friday where educationists, members of civil society and government officials highlighted the role of a teacher in a civilised society. Speaking as chief guest, Pir Mazharul Haq, Sindh Senior Education Minister, paid glaring tribute to teachers and said that the government had taken initiatives for betterment of teachers. (DailyTimes, 6 Oct 2012).

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Mere sloganeering, marking the day to serve no purpose: ISLAMABAD - World Teachers' Day was celebrated around the world on October 5 that corresponds to an important sign of the awareness, understanding and gratitude for the teacher for his fundamental contribution to education and development but in Pakistan teachers have little to celebrate. In Pakistan this day is known as ‘Salam Teacher Day’. No salient ceremony was held by the government to acknowledge the significance of the services of a teacher except a routine gathering at Islamabad Model College for Girls F-6 to celebrate the day. The function was in fact arranged at National Library but it was shifted in emergency to ICG because of unknown reasons, complained the teaching fraternity. (Nation, 6 Oct 2012).


No official function on World Teachers Day : LAHORE: THE World Teachers' Day 2012 was observed in Lahore like in the rest of the world with a slogan “Take a Stand for Teachers!” on Friday. Besides, various teachers’ organisations and NGOs involved in the education organised events with regard to the day to highlight the significance of the teachers in the education system. However, the Punjab government did not hold any ceremony on this important day. (TheNews, 6 Oct 2012).