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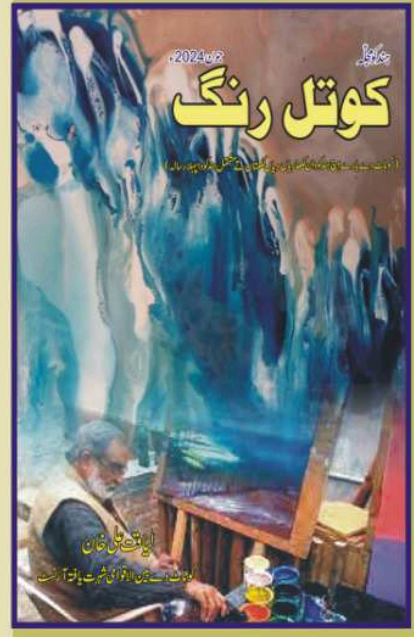
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Latest Issue of Kohat's Magazine "Kotal Rung" Published

Under the auspices of Gandhara Hindko Academy Peshawar, second issue of Kohat's magazine "Kotal Rung" has been publicly released. The chairperson of Gandhara Hindko Board Peshawar, Ejaz Ahmad Qureshi, oversees the publication. Editor of the "Kotal Rung" Nusrat Nasim, is a renowned education expert with ties to Kohat, while Muhammad Zia ud Din, the General Secretary of Gandhara Hindko Board Peshawar serves as the managing editor.

The magazine features a cover

designed by internationally acclaimed artist Liaquat Ali Khan, renowned for his paintings, enhancing the publication with his beautiful artwork. Contributors to this issue include Nusrat Nasim, Dr. Seema Shafiq, Qaisara Shafqat, A.R. Rauf, Naeem Iqbal Kohati, Nazish Parveen, Professor Iqbal Paracha, Syed Masoom Shah Masoom, and Farzana Matiullah. The issue spans over 31 pages and includes articles Hindko Hamd, Naat, Ghazals, and Hindko folk songs, aiming to foster scholarly and literary discussions.



We Encourage Researchers: Muhammad Zia Ud Din

Suha Siddiqui, a Department of English student from University of Peshawar conducted a research-related visit to Gandhara Hindko Academy Peshawar, where she met with Muhammad Zia ud Din, the Chief Executive Committee of Gandhara Hindko Academy Peshawar. Muhammad Zia ud Din warmly welcomed Suha Siddiqui and encouraged her initial findings, emphasizing the importance of acknowledging and promoting the mother language, especially in advancing awareness among the younger generation.

Zia ud Din highlighted Gandhara Hindko Board's efforts towards promoting and developing various languages of Pakistan, emphasizing the significance of Hindko language through initiatives such as Poetic Translations of the

Holy Quran to Hindko, publication of Hindko Dictionaries, inclusion of Hindko columns in newspapers, contributions to literary awards by Pakistan Academy of Letters and Iqbal Academy Lahore and inclusion of Hindko Language column in census and NADRA forms.

Suha Siddiqui praised the functioning of Gandhara Hindko Board and Academy, expressing gratitude for the opportunity to learn extensively about her mother language. Later, Suha Siddiqui visited Dr. Allah Baksh Akhtar Awan Library of Gandhara Hindko Academy, where she showed keen interest in the collection of books available.

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Gandhara Organized Mehfil e Musalima

Gandhara Hindko Board's 683rd session, themed "Mehfil-e-Musalima," was held under the chairmanship of Syed Tahir Abbas, son of the renowned poet, writer, and researcher Syed Farigh Bukhari. The special guests included the esteemed poet of Ahl-e-Bait Syed Kazim Kazmi, and the honored spiritual personality from Peshawar, Syed Chan Shah Kazmi's grandson, Syed Tanveer Kazmi.

Numerous poets and writers participated, paying tribute particularly to the martyrs of Karbala and Imam Ali through their poetic contributions in Hindko, Urdu, and Saraiki languages. Participants included Ahmed Nadeem Awan, Sikander Hayat Sikander, Nasim Sahar, Dr. Khadim Ibrahim, Sabz Ali Shahzad, Muhammad Nawaz Sabir, Syed Haider Abbas, Shahryar Ali Akhonzada, Akhonzada Qamar Ali Mumtaz, Syed

Mehdi Abbas, Asif Akram, Shad Muhammad Insha, Malik Iftikhar, Kifayat Rahman Siddiqui, Aamir Shahzad, Mughees Abbas Kazmi, Mir Qamar Zaman Farooqi, Mohsin Ali, Ali Awais Kheyal, and Bilal Ahmed among others.

It's noteworthy that Gandhara Hindko Board has been organizing the "Mehfil-e-Musalima" every year for the past thirty years during the blessed month of Muharram-ul-Haram, remembering the martyrs of Karbala and Imam Aali Muqaam. In his presidential address, Syed Tahir Abbas expressed gratitude to all poets and writers, especially appreciating Gandhara Hindko Board's efforts. He emphasized that the lives and martyrdoms of the martyrs of Karbala teach us patience, loyalty, and commitment, filled with divine wisdom and proximity to Hazrat Muhammad Mustafa (PBUH).



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30th Remembrance Anniversary of Renowned Poet, Writer, and Scholar Raza Hamdani

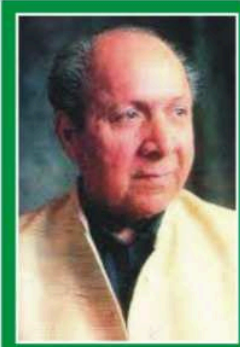
Like every year, Edward's College Peshawar organized a Culture Day event. On this occasion, representatives from various languages and cultures of Pakistan were invited, and

beautiful stalls were set up, showcasing cultural artifacts, traditional attire, and other items. The Culture Day organized by Edward's College encompasses a variety of intellectual traditions. Individuals from various schools of thought participate. A large number of people attended the day including special guests such as the Governor of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Haji Ghulam Ali and other

prominent personalities.

Stalls representing books from the Gandhara Hindko Board and Gandhara Hindko Academy Peshawar were also set up at the event, where Governor Haji Ghulam Ali and other participants showed interest and appreciated the books. Similarly, the literature and culture of other languages spoken in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa were also represented. Representatives from Gandhara Hindko Board Peshawar including Ahmad Nadeem Awan, Sikander Hayat Sikander, and Khadim Ibrahim, attended the event. Staff members of the Gandhara Hindko Academy were also present. It is noteworthy that Gandhara Hindko Board Peshawar participates annually in the Culture Day event organized by Edward's College and sets up stalls featuring their books, which are warmly received by the attendees

Death Anniversary of Poet, Writer and Lyricist Qateel Shifai



The 23rd death anniversary of the beloved poet, writer, and lyricist of Indo-Pak, Aurangzeb Khan popularly known as Qateel Shifai is celebrated. Qateel Shifai belongs to Haripur, a renowned Hindko-speaking town. He penned lyrics for over 200 films, mostly Pakistani and a few Indian,

which not only sweetly captivated ears but also left a permanent mark on the history of the film industry. He achieved the distinction of being the first to write a film in our native Hindko language titled "Qissa Khwani". Qateel Shifai's name remains forever enshrined among the cherished poets and writers of our region.



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