# **BARD'S BEACON**

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BARD'S PRIDE HANIYA MINHAS

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#### BARD IS PCP CERTIFIED

A great feather in the cap. Getting certified by Pakistan Center of Philanthropy is certainly an assurance that the mission of BARD is off to a great start.



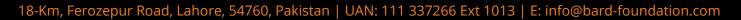




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#### BARD'S SINF E AHAN HAS DONE IT AGAIN

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# **BARD's Pride Haniya Minhas**

It comes as no surprise that Haniya Minhas has been doing exceedingly well in International Tennis. Haniya Minhas is the official brand ambassador of the leading global sportswear brand, Adidas. She is Pakistan's youngest and first young athlete to accomplish this historic feat.

Haniya's training and sports activities have been supported by Bilquis & Abdul Razak Dawood (BARD) Foundation since she was 9 years old.

Haniya began training at IMG Academy on August 22, 2022, and since then has had a string of remarkable accolades, including reaching Semi Finals in Orange Bowl International U12 Florida, USA, 3rd place in U12 Eddie Herr International, Florida, Champion at Little Mo International Championship U12, Doubles and Mix Doubles in New York, Champion at USTA National U14 Tennis Championships in Florida, Champion at L5 U16 National Tennis Championship in the United States, Champion at U14 National Tennis Championship in Coral Springs, Florida, and the Champion at **USTA U16 Girls National Championship** Final in Florida. Recently she has won the L5 USA U14s in Florida, L4 Girls USA Tennis

Championship and she also won the Continental Cup at IMG USA.





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### **Rising Stars of Ace Academy**

It is a matter of great pride that Ace Tennis Academy's young athletes have been representing Pakistan in international tournaments. The team made it to top 2 after beating Hong Kong, Iran, Indonesia, and Australia in the ITF World Tennis Junior Team Competition Asia/Oceania Final Qualifying in Kuching, Malaysia. The Ace Academy U14 athletes, Abubakar Talha and Hamza Roman created history by beating Australia in the championship.

Just recently Hamza Ali Rizwan has won doubles final of Wimbledon qualifying championships at Saga, Japan. Ace Tennis Academy has played a vital role in facilitating and fostering this sheer talent of Pakistan's young tennis players. They provide training to these young kids under the supervision of some of the finest tennis coaches in Pakistan, including Akeel Khan and Aisam Ul Haq. **KUCHING** 57

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# Enlightening Young Minds with 'Right to Play'

**BARD** Foundation has partnered with **Right to Play to launch a new program** called 'Skills for Development' in Care Foundation adopted government schools. **Right To Play is an international non**profit organization that empowers vulnerable children to overcome the effects of war, poverty, and disease around the world through play. Founded in 2000, Right To Play works with schools and community-based organizations, training teachers and coaches in its innovative play-based learning methodology and holding play days and sports tournaments geared towards building children's life skills. **BARD** partnered with Right To Play as their objective resonates with the foundation's mission. This project marks the launch of RTP in Punjab. The Skills for Development program is off to a good start. 5 coaches have been selected and trained in multiple workshops by the RTP staff in play based learning concepts and their unique ways of imparting skills through sports by reflecting and analyzing the sports. These sports are target specific and a proper curriculum is devised by the RTP trained coaches. The coaches work closely with students in the 5 selected schools to teach the girls and boys soft skills like teamwork and qualities like leadership and diversity. We have high hopes from this project.

# The Broad Boy is Almost to The Finish Line

The young Pakistani world-record holding mountaineer Shehroze Kashif, famously known as The Broad Boy, has successfully summited Dhaulagiri which is the 7th highest peak in the world at 8167 meters above sea level. He also recently summited Annapurna I, the world's 10th-highest mountain. BARD is excited to have played a part in this young achiever's extraordinary dream. He recently spoke about his unstoppable desire to scale maximum highest peaks in the world, ultimately setting a world record as the youngest mountaineer to have summited all 14 highest peaks. He already has multiple Guiness Book of World records under his belt.

Shehroze started his journey at the age of 11 when he first summited Makra Peak (3,885 m). He also became the youngest Pakistani climber in the world by successfully climbing both Mount Everest and K2 at the age of 19 in 2021. His mission is to become the youngest in the world to climb all 14 peaks. Now, after scaling Dhaulagiri, he has become the youngest Pakistani mountaineer to have summited the 12 highest mountains of the world.

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With 12 peaks summited, this unstoppable fellow is ever so close to the finish line.

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## BARD's Sinf e Ahan Has Done It Again

Pakistani climber Naila Kiani has successfully summited Mount Everest, which is known to be the highest peak in the world at 8849m above sea level, with the support of BARD Foundation. She has also recently summited Annapurna I, the world's 10th-highest mountain at 8091m above sea level.

Naila shared her sentiments on this big achievement saying, "There is no better feeling than being on top of the mountain, holding the flag of your country, and making the whole nation proud." She recently spoke about her experience how she is ecstatic to have accomplished another long-awaited milestone.

Naila Kiani summited K2 in first attempt and has also scaled Gasherbrum-I and Gasherbrum-II. Now, she has earned another crown by summiting Mount Everest. Naila is the only Pakistani female mountaineer to have summited 6 8000ers. She is right now attempting to summit Nanga Parbat and Broad Peak.

Naila is at the halfway point in her journey of the 14 peaks and we wish her the best of luck.