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Mashhood enumerates feats for education uplift Punjab mulls Volunteer Corps to uproot terror

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Punjab Minister for Education and Youth Affairs Rana Mashhood Ahmad Khan declared on Thursday that a Volunteer Corps will be formed in Punjab and the youth would constitute a major portion of this body.

Addressing the participants of a Job Fair here in Bahauddin Zakariya University, he added that the members of the Core would keep eye on society and inform the administration on any suspicious activity. He said that the motive behind creating the Corps was to eliminate terrorism from the society with the help of young generation.

The minister said that the Punjab Government took concrete steps to uproot booti mafia for lifting the standard of education in the province. He said that a real change took place in examination system due to the efforts of the government. He said that the government was determined to develop South Punjab and therefore Danish Schools, Skill Development Programmes and many other programmes were launched only in South Punjab.

He said that only skilled youth was a guarantee to a developed and peaceful Pakistan, adding that education was the only tool to materialize this dream. He said that Punjab Government's scheme 'Parho Punjab: Barho Punjab' would prove an important milestone in development of the

province. He was of the opinion that terrorism distorted the image of Pakistan on international level seriously and now it was the national obligation of youth to turn this image positive. He invited international community to come to the educational institutions of Pakistan to foresee the future of Pakistan.

Speaking on this occasion, Vice Chancellor of BZU Dr Khawaja Alqama said that Punjab Government's efforts for the promotion of literacy were laudable. He declared that livestock and veterinary departments would soon be launched in the varsity.

Earlier, the minister also visited Women University and inaugurated a book fair.

Meanwhile, Rana Mashhood disclosed that 1.1 million out of school kids were enrolled in schools across the province under 'Parho Punjab: Barho Punjab' project while over 51,000 educational institutions would be provided missing basic facilities at a cost of billions of rupees.

Addressing a press conference here at DCO office, he added that computer labs would soon be inaugurated in 5,700 schools. He said that each DCO, EDO and member of assembly would adopt one school on the direction of the Chief Minister for the promotion of literacy. He said that the district officials of education department would visit 318 schools of Multan district twice a week. He said that considerable improvement was observed in the attendance of teachers due to effective monitoring by the government.