



## External Relations Department

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### **Governor SBP inaugurates the new Sports Complex at SBP-BSC North Nazimabad**

Governor State Bank of Pakistan Mr. Ashraf Mahmood Wathra inaugurated the newly constructed sports facility at State Bank of Pakistan- Banking Services Corporation North Nazimabad (SBP-BSC) Karachi. The event was attended by renowned cricketing personalities including President ICC and former Pakistani batsman Zaheer Abbas, chairman PCB and The Pakistan Super League (PSL) Governing Council chairman Najam Sethi, former test cricketers Rashid Latif, Iqbal Qasim, Salhuddin Sallu and other cricketing dignitaries.

In his post inauguration address Governor State Bank of Pakistan hoped that the sports facility would add significantly to the sports facilities in the country besides providing opportunities to the youngsters of Pakistan. He said that the higher standards and beauty of the pavilion were comparable to not only in Pakistan but anywhere in the world. He went on to add that more facilities like Bowling Speed Gun, Latest Bowling Machine, Gym and Stadium Seats will be provided in due course of time. "State Bank of Pakistan is mindful of its Corporate Social Responsibilities and that's why it is supporting sports activities at lower tier as well," he added. He extolled the role of commercial banks for standing by SBP in holding country-wide tournaments. The Governor named the facility as 'SBP Sports Complex.'

Talking to media Mr. Najam Sethi appreciated the beauty and structural design of the new pavilion and said PCB may hold matches at this facility in future.

Earlier, Managing Director Banking Services Corporation Mr. Qasim Nawaz in his welcoming address said as a responsible federal organization State Bank of Pakistan have been encouraging the holding of different sports event, albeit more in case of cricket--- a game that we as a nation follow and love to play and watch, as a part of our Corporate Social Responsibilities. He said SBP is planning to hold new edition of regional tournaments at Islamabad in near future. "These matches provide an opportunity to young cricketers, having not played first class cricket during preceding five years, every year to show their talent", he added.

The final of 7<sup>th</sup> SBP-BSC Inter Department Tape Ball Tournament and 6<sup>th</sup> festival Cricket Match between Governor's XI and Bankers' XI were also played at the lush green venue in which SBP-BSC Leopards trounced SBP Tigers by 8 runs while Governor's XI won the match by 4 runs. The Governor distributed prizes to the winning and runners up teams and shield and memento to Zaheer Abbas and Najam Sethi.