

## NCHD opens over 19,000 literacy centres

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ISLAMABAD, Nov 7: The National Commission for Human Development (NCHD) has set up 19,397 adult literacy centres in the country in one year where 460,109 learners have been enrolled.

These are in addition to the 120,263 centres that had been established during 2002-07, says a press release issued here on Sunday.

A total of 2.68 million adults - 90 per cent of them women - have already got literate from these centres.

The government has declared 2010-11 as the National Literacy Year and NCHD is acting as the secretariat to conduct various activities to celebrate the event.

In June, the commission launched a logo competition involving general public to create awareness and developing a sense of ownership and involvement of the creative people for the cause of literacy.

A jury headed by Hunerkada chairman Jamal Shah finalised the winners.

The winners were awarded prizes at a ceremony held recently at the Pakistan National Council of the Arts. Sajjad Hussain from Multan won the first prize while Mohammad Ali and Atiqur Rehman from Islamabad got the second and third prizes, respectively.

Speaking at the ceremony, NCHD chairperson Nafisa Shah said the commission was working with the provincial governments in supporting education.