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Kashmir issue to be raised at every forum: HR Minister

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The Provincial Minister HR&MA Aijaz Alam Augustine in a statement has said that Government of the PTI will be raised Kashmir Issue at every forum for the quick solution of issue.

He said that India has to stop killing of innocent people in occupied Kashmir and being a Pakistani, we all have to move forward like a nation. The Minister said that Army of India continuously busy in violation of Human Rights in occupied Kashmir and UN and OIC has to perform their proactive role for the restoration of peace in Kashmir. The Minister said that all Pakistani's are still with their Kashmiri brothers and we will be there hands and ammunition if they need.

121 kids recovered in action against child labour

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: As many as 121 Children have been recovered in action against Child Labour in 926 places on secret information.

The Labour Teams on the directions of Secretary Labour Punjab Sara Aslam took action and registered 98 cases against such elements in different police stations.

The Secretary Labour has said on this occasion that all labour inspectors have been directed to take stern action against such mafia involved in child labour. Labour Department has launched grand operation against child labour across the province. We are also taking initiatives to protect the basic rights of employees in commercial institutions.

Train-school van collision

CM for best medical facilities to injured children

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Sardar Usman Buzdar has sought a report from the administration about the incident of collision between train and school van in Narowal. He has also directed to provide best medical facilities to the injured children.



Buzdar inaugurates launch of vehicle registration smart card system

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Sardar Usman Buzdar inaugurated the motor vehicle registration smart card system by pushing the button at the office of DG Excise & Taxation Shadman here on Tuesday.

After the inauguration, he visited the central control room and inspected the issuance of smart cards to the general public. He was also given a briefing about the program.

Talking to the media afterwards, Chief Minister said that process of motor vehicles registration has entered into a new phase today. Now, the vehicle owners will be issued smart cards instead of registration books and this would eliminate the chances of forgery and theft of vehicles.

People will also get rid of registration book as detailed data of the vehicle as well as the owner will be stored in NFC chip of the smart card which will be provided to the people in a short span of time. He informed that Excise & Taxation Department has the capacity to issue 20 thousand to 30 thousand smart registration cards everyday while 7000 to 8000 registration cards are being issued

now-a-days. The smart card scheme has been started to facilitate the general public and a mechanism has also been designed for its timely dispatch to the concerned citizens.

Card will be issued within 48 hours after the payment of required fee of new registration or the card in any district of the province, he added. This card would be sent to the owner of the vehicle through a courier service.

Chief Minister said that registration card is issued in Islamabad within one month against a sum of Rs. 1500 while Rs. 695 is received in Sindh province for this purpose. An improved card having multifarious features will be issued in Punjab through the courier service in just Rs. 520 and this system will also be extended to every district, he said.

Replying to a question of the media, Chief Minister said that inquiry would be held about an audio-tape with regard to a hospital of Rawalpindi district and assured that nothing illegal would be done. Everything would be done in accordance with the law and impartial investigation would be held, he added. To another question, he said that postings

and transfers are being done within the ambit of law. Punjab is a large province which requires posting and transfer for running the administrative matters. But, nothing illegal would be done nor the same would be allowed by us, he assured. To another question, Usman Buzdar said that he has taken notice of increase in prices of LPG in Punjab and its artificial shortage and also issued instructions

to the Chief Secretary in this regard. To a question, Chief Minister said that a ceremony with regard to 100 day plan will be held on December 22 this year and necessary arrangements are being made in this regard.

Provincial Excise Minister Hafiz Mumtaz Ahmad, Chief Secretary, Secretary Excise, Spokesman to CM Dr Shahbaz Gill and others were also present on the occasion.

CM fully committed to facilitate expatriates: OPC

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Vice Chairperson Overseas Pakistanis Commission (OPC) Punjab Waseem Akhtar has said that the way Chief Minister Punjab Usman Buzdar has laid the foundation of prosperity and development of the province, in the similar manner he is also fully committed to facilitate the overseas Pakistanis in resolution of their problems. In a statement he said that under the guidance of Chief Minister, OPC Act is also being amended and positive reforms are being introduced to further streamline the functions of the organization and to better facilitate the Overseas Pakistanis. VC OPC said that on the special instructions of Chief Minister, OPC is being transformed on modern lines to settle the issues of expatriates in minimum possible time. Chief Minister has ensured the supremacy of merit and rule of law in the province and journey of prosperity will continue under his leadership. Waseem said that Usman Buzdar is a successful Chief Minister and a competent administrator, who has won the hearts of the people by his hard work and nobility.

PHC proposes maximum cost of treatment in private hospitals

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The Punjab Healthcare Commission (PHC) has proposed rates of treatment, laboratory tests and consultations, which have been figured out keeping basic cost, reasonable profit margin and grading of the private hospitals in perspective.

As per the proposed costs and prices, the bar has been set at Rs 2,500 for the senior most consultants instead of the present maximum consultation fee of Rs5,000. Similarly, charges of the general ward have been reduced from Rs16,000 to Rs3,200, intensive care unit (ICU) from Rs22,000 to Rs15,500, ultrasound from Rs3,500 to Rs1,300 and rate of the magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) has been proposed at Rs5,500 after bringing it down from Rs20,000.

Moreover, the maximum rent of a room could be Rs4,400 to Rs20,000 at max depending on the services being provided, while grade-A hospitals are also charging Rs69,000 per day. In the same way, costs of other healthcare services, including commonly undertaken procedures, theatre charges, laboratory tests, etc., have been substantially reduced by up to 500 per cent.

The spokesperson said that these rates will be implemented in all private hospitals after the SC orders in this regard, and a report on costing and pricing of services and consultations has been submitted in the apex court.

Nine killed, 990 hurt in accidents

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: At least nine people were killed and 990 others sustained injuries in 893 road accidents in Punjab during the last 24 hours.

As many as 552 seriously injured were shifted to different hospitals while 438 with minor injuries were treated on-the-spot, according to Rescue 1122. The analysis showed that 431 drivers, 20 juvenile drivers.

Prophets' teachings promote love, peace: PU VC

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab University (PU) Vice Chancellor Prof Niaz Ahmad has said that all the prophets have preached to promote love and peace in the world and we must follow their teachings for inter-faith harmony. He was addressing the cake-cutting ceremony organized by PU's Christian community at Al Razi Hall here on Tuesday. Resident Officer II Malik Muhammad Zaheer, leader of PU Christian community Chaudhry Mushtaq Masih, Senior Paster Anwar Fazal, Christian employees and their families were present on their occasion.

Addressing the ceremony, PU VC Prof Niaz Ahmad said that minorities were enjoying their rights in Pakistan. He said that PU was also providing them equal opportunities at all levels and they were getting employment opportunities on merit. He advised the Christian employees to equip their children with education. He also announced increase in the honorarium of Christian employees on the eve of Christmas. Later, the VC along with others cut the

Christmas cake.

CEMB symposium

Centre of Excellence in Molecular Biology (CEMB) is organizing 3-day third international symposium on 'Advance in Molecular Biology of Plants and health Sciences'. In this regard an inaugural ceremony will be held on Wednesday (today) at 10am at CEMB's Riazuddin Auditorium.

IIS alumni meeting

Punjab University Institute of Islamic Studies (IIS)'s alumni association will organize its annual meeting on Wednesday (today) at 10:30am at Sheikh Zayed Islamic Centre Auditorium. B.Com registration date extended Registration Branch has extended the date of online registration for B.Com (private candidates) Part-I annual examination 2019 upto 25-3-19 with double fee. Detailed are also available at PU website www.pu.edu.pk.

Declares results

Punjab University Examinations Department has declared the results of MA History Part-II annual examination 2018. Detailed results are also available at PU website www.pu.edu.pk.



LAHORE: Governor Punjab Ch Sarwar with the position holder students at the convocation of the University of Management and Technology (UMT).

IGP inaugurates TAMIS App prepared by Traffic Police Dept

— App will enable to determine reasons behind accidents



By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: First time in the history of Pakistan, Punjab Police Traffic department has prepared a modern technology based App 'Traffic Accident Management Information System' (TAMIS).

Lateef, Waqar Naem and other senior officers were also present on this occasion.

While briefing the IGP on this occasion, SSP Khuram Shakoor told that around 16000 people died during 5 years because of traffic accident and with the help of

this system the causes of accidents will be identified and negligence of other departments could also be surfaced. In the light of this App the coordination among departments could be made possible and new strategies will be carved out in order to save precious lives.

IGP was told that before this App, there was a manual system by which traffic sergeant used to fill a form and sent it to traffic headquarters wasting time and causing hurdles for injured or dead persons during accidents.

Through this system traffic department can have record of accident occurred in any district of Punjab, its time, location, geography, Police Station, name of PHP post, Road, number of colliding vehicles, response timing of district police and traffic police, cause of accident, weather situation, casualties, injured, loss of property and ambulance response time on a single dash board, besides, all details of drivers, injured persons, eye witnesses and informants could also be identified shown through TAMIS. With the help of this system investigation and prosecution process could be completed in time and provision of justice to the people could be ensured.

IGP was further told that all details of the accident regarding the lodging of FIR, detail of the injured and died persons could also be ascertained through this system. In the end, SSP Traffic Khuram Shakoor presented souvenir to IGP Punjab.

Strengthening 'referral system' of public hospitals reviewed

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: A top level meeting of both wings of Health Department has discussed various options for strengthening of "referral system" of public sector hospitals.

Secretary Specialized Healthcare and Medical Education (SH&ME) Saqib Zaffer and Secretary Primary and Secondary Healthcare (P&SH) Zahid Akhtar Zaman co-chaired the meeting.

It was suggested that to reduce pressure on tertiary hospitals senior professors and consultants should visit in rotation to nearby districts. Vice Chancellor University of Health Sciences Professor Javed Akram briefed the meeting about improvement in referral system. Secretary SH&ME expressed his concern on growing trend of referring patients to tertiary hospitals without solid reasons. "Referral system of district and tehsil hospitals must be improved.

Tertiary hospitals always deal with cases in emergency department but referral of outdoor patients should be filtered properly" he said. Secretary P&SH agreed that without concrete reasons no patient should be referred to teaching hospitals. "Coordinated strategy for strengthening of primary and secondary health facilities being adopted to prevent patients to visit tertiary hospitals" said Secretary P&SH. "We are fully aware of work pressure on teaching hospitals.

There must be proper filtration at primary and secondary hospitals" said Zahid Akhtar Zaman. "Confidence of public on government health centers increased manifold prompting pressure on health centers. Also growing population was another factor" he noted. During the meeting a special committee was also constituted which would prepare recommendation for improvement in referral system.