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## Descon Technical celebrates 20th anniversary

LAHORE: Descon Technical Institute (DTI) celebrated their 20th anniversary by holding a funfair and carnival for the students on their campus.

As part of the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives of Descon, DTI was established in 1998 to provide education and training in vocational and technical skills to the underprivileged and unemployed of Pakistan.

DTI has been providing training in technical skills to the youth of Pakistan. Once training has been completed DTI also helps the trainees find job placements.

A highly successful venture, in over a decade, more than 20,000 workers have received training through DTI in various trades.

Speaking on the occasion, Murtuza Ali, General Manager DTI attributed their success to the hard work and dedication. "DTI has always strived towards helping young men and women earn a sustainable livelihood.

Our success would not have been possible without the dedication and hard work of our staff and the determination of those who come here seeking a better life."

DTI has been in operation since 1998 and has trained more than 20,000 workers in 14 different professional trades.

DTI's curriculums are based on a blend of basic minimum theory and extensive hands-on training.—PR

## ExD to adopt SAP Business One modules

LAHORE: Sky electric (Pvt) Ltd. has joined hands with Excellence Delivered (ExD) to adopt SAP Business One modules to their on-going operation. The kick-off ceremony took place at the Sky electric Head Office in Islamabad.

In undertaking this project, ExD will be implementing the modules for key business processes including Financials, Procurement, Inventory, Production, Sales, CRM, Service, and ExD HRMS.

"The industry in Pakistan is developing at an incredible rate and it is important for businesses to be on the cutting edge of technology to stay competitive. It has always been our aim to ensure that our partners are able to perform at their best and attain sustainable growth. We look forward to continuing our success in such projects with Sky electric," said Mr. Wasil Amjad, COO of ExD.

Among the attendees Mr. Ashar Aziz – Chairman, Mr. Amin Sukhera – CEO, Mr. Wasim Khan and Project Manager SAP, Muhammad Inran were present from Sky electric while Wasil Amjad – COO and HannanJaved – Manager Sales represented ExD.—PR

## MDA demolishes under construction illegal plaza

LAHORE: A team of enforcement unit of Multan Development Authority (MDA) razed an under construction plaza which was being built on residential peace of land at Chungi no 1 on Wednesday.

A spokesperson of MDA said that the plaza was under construction at Odain Wali Basiti near District Jail at plot of two person named Umair and Shaiz without prior permission from the authority on residential plot.

He stated that MDA had issued notice to the owners about the illegitimate construction but they kept building it without pay need to it.

A team of enforcement unit today demolished the plaza, he said adding that demolishing squad with help of heavy machinery and police razed it.—APP

## PHC seals 47 quackery outlets

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The Punjab Healthcare Commission (PHC) has sealed 47 quackery outlets during the last three days.

The PHC enforcement teams, accompanied by officials of the district administration and police had visited 267 treatment centres in different cities, where 47 quacks' businesses were closed down.

These included 15 in Sahiwal, Sargodha 12 and eight in Jhelum, where 73, 74 and 66 centres respectively were visited by the teams.

Also, quackery had been stopped at 94 outlets as per the census of the visited centres.



LAHORE: Labourers busy in cleanliness drive of canal.

### Conference on 'democracy, governance and security at PU

## New turn in Pak-India relations after Indian polls, says Kasuri

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Former Foreign Minister of Pakistan Khurshid Mahmood Kasuri has said that Pak-India relations will not remain frozen and we will have to wait for new turn in relations between the two countries till upcoming general elections in India.

He said that there was need to promote people-to-people contact for improving relations and security situation in the region.

He was addressing international conference on 'Democracy, Governance and Security: Perspectives from South Asia' organised by Punjab University Department of Political Science and Centre for South Asian Studies in collaboration with Lahore Centre for Peace Research at Al Raazi Hall here on Wednesday.

Former Chief Minister Punjab Prof Dr Hassan Askari Rizvi, Former Foreign Secretary Shamsad Ahmad Khan, Dean Faculty of Behavioral and Social Sciences Prof Dr Umbreen Javed, Dean Faculty of Arts Prof Dr Iqbal Chawla, scholars from different countries, faculty members and a large number of stu-

dents were present on the occasion.

Addressing the conference, Kasuri said that India was the biggest country in SAARC region and without his positive role, South Asian nations could not prosper.

He said that the integrity, development and security of the region depended upon Pak-India relations.

He said that Kashmir issue could be resolved through dialogue only and we must seek such solution in which there is win-win situation for Kashmiris, Pakistan and India.

He said that he would soon write another book on Pakistan India relations and role of Army in Urdu language so that people of Pakistan could clearly understand what the real picture was.

He said that there was a wave of hatred among youth in Indian Held Kashmir against India and it would prove a game changer.

He said that international community did not speak on issues unless it had its own interest.

Prof Dr Hasan Askari Rizvi said that technology had got much importance in governance sector in the 21st Century.

He said that there was need to make SAARC functional for development of the region.

He said that roads, railways and pipelines had much importance in development of the region.

He said that it was the time of promoting partnership in international relations. Highlighting the diversified nature of the South Asian region, he emphasized the need to work on enhancing smart power regardless of the sizes of country.

In his speech, Shamsad Ahmad Khan mentioned the need to realize the nexus between democracy, government and security and how each was linked with and ensured by effective leadership.

He said that quality of leadership was the only way to create positive image of a country. He also emphasized the role of masses in bringing change within a state. Talking to media, Prof Niaz Ahmed said that such conferences would provide a direction to resolve regional disputes.

He said that the leadership of Pakistan and India should sit together and resolve all the disputes.

Prof Dr Umbreen Javed said that such conferences, seminars and lectures were the regular features of Department of Political Science and Centre for South Asian Studies. She emphasized that the objective behind such academic events was to trigger intellectual debate on the issues which concern Pakistan and the region as a whole.

### Ambassador seeks intellectual support for Chinese projects' success

Chinese Ambassador in Pakistan Mr Yao Jing has said that there is need of intellectual support for success of Chinese projects in Pakistan and called upon PU administration and faculty members to play their role in this regard. He expressed these views during a meeting with PU Vice-Chancellor Prof Niaz Ahmed at his office here on Wednesday.

Chinese Consulate General Mr Long Dingbing along with his Chinese colleagues, PU Registrar Dr Muhammad Khalid Khan, Director External Linkages Prof Dr Kanwal Ameen, deans of faculties and principals were present on this occasion.

## Two killed, 856 injured in road accidents

LAHORE: Two persons were killed while 856 sustained injuries in different accidents across the province during the last 24 hours.

The Punjab Emergency Service (Rescue 1122) responded to 764 Road Traffic Crashes (RTCs) in all 36 districts of Punjab.

Out of the injured 489 were seriously injured requiring shifting to different hospitals. Whereas, 367 minor injured victims were treated at the incident site by Rescue Medical Teams thus reducing the burden of Hospitals.

Further analysis showed that 382 drivers, 17 underage drivers, 116 pedestrians and 360 passengers were among the victims of these road traffic crashes. The statistics show that 183 RTCs were reported in Lahore which affected 186 persons placing the Provincial Capital at top of the list followed by 59 in Multan with 61 victims and Gujranwala at third with 59 RTCs and 58 victims.

According to the data, 602 motorbikes, 119 auto rickshaws, 85 motorcars, 44 vans, 08 passenger buses, 29 trucks and 94 other types of auto vehicles and slow moving carts were involved in aforesaid road traffic accidents.—APP

## Frost not good for crops

LAHORE: Farmers have been advised to take necessary steps keeping in view the weather conditions and to protect crops from the effects of frost.

A spokesman of the agriculture department said on Wednesday that plants should be covered with plastic sheets and slight irrigation should be carried out to save crops from adverse effects of cold weather.

Vegetables grown in tunnels could also get affected from the negative impact of cold weather so at night the tunnel mouth should be closed so that inside temperature of the tunnel remain suitable for the growth of the vegetables, he added.

He said, "Suitable time to close tunnel mouth is 4:00 pm and it must be opened at 10:00 am.—APP

## Steps being taken for welfare of common, poor man: Pervez

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: During meeting between Acting Governor Punjab Ch Parvez Elahi and Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar at the Governor's House here on Wednesday viewed were exchanged at length about various matters relating to the Punjab Assembly and provincial matters as well.

Ch Parvez Elahi appreciated Chief Minister Usman Buzdar for making headway in all sectors in accordance with the vision and directions of Prime Minister Imran Khan.

He said that the steps being taken for welfare and well-being of common and the poor man and solution of the problems faced by the people are quite laudable.

He said that under the leadership of Sardar Usman Buzdar Punjab government is paying special attention and preference to health, education and law and order and its positive will come to the fore soon Insha-Allah to the great disappointment of the professional critics.

He said the project for establishing the Shelter Homes in every district of the province to provide shelter and food to the people who are forced to sleep on roadsides even in this cold weather.

He said that reaching out the worried and helpless segments of the society and facilitating them is very commendable step whereas positive and effective results are also surfacing of the Chief Minister's regularly monitoring performance of all departments and institutions and every segment will benefit from improvement and enhancing of their performance.

## Talent hunt programme voice of Punjab from Feb 15, says Chohan

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab Minister for Information and Culture Fayyaz-ul-Hassan Chohan has said that the department is going to launch talent hunt program Voice of Punjab, across the province since 16th February, 2019. "This program is being launched from Multan under which singing aspirants may send their voices through whatsapp or telephone numbers of the department for their auditions. Twenty singing aspirant from four regions would be trained by renowned experts before holding grand finale. For this purpose, 4-member committee would be constituted to be headed by Directors of Regional Arts Council", he added.

The Information and Culture Minister was addressing the meeting held in connection with talent hunt program Voice of Punjab at Alhamra Arts Council today. The Minister

said that singers would be selected on the basis of performance in a transparent manner and no discrimination in this regard would be made. Moreover, financial affairs of this project would also be monitored strictly. The Minister disclosed that first three winners of this contest would be distributed with cash awards of Rs. 5, 3 and 1.5 lakh respectively whereas 20 selected candidates would also be distributed with cash awards. Moreover, 5 candidates from each region would be selected for final competition.

Fayyaz-ul-Hassan Chohan said that this talent hunt program would be conducted every year. The names of judges would be finalized after the approval by the committee, he added. The Minister directed the Culture Department to launch awareness campaign after fulfilling the cedar formalities and announce phone numbers of the program.

## Special Task Force on anti-narcotics approved

LAHORE: Punjab Health Minister, Dr. Yasmin Rashid Wednesday approved in principle the constitution of a Special Task Force on anti-narcotics to counter the drug addiction in the society.

The approval to this effect was accorded in a meeting held here, while Punjab Health Minister Dr Yasmin Rashid in the chair.

The meeting also reviewed the recommendation prepared by special committee on narcotics control. Rehabilitation of drug addicted persons is as necessary as eradication of narcotics, the meeting told.

She said that growing trend of drug addiction became a cancer of the society,



adding that so many government departments were working to eliminate drugs however, consolidated efforts were not being made so far. "Coordinated mechanism to root out narcotics and rehabilitation of addicted persons is the need of hour, use of drug in educational institutions would not be tolerated, I would personally talk with ministers of Social Wel-

fare, Excise & Anti-Narcotics, School Education and Higher Education to devise a effective policy to eradicate the menace of narcotics," she said.

The Minister will summon a meeting again on January 16.

She directed all concerned departments to brief the ministers about their respective strategies and eradication of drugs. "As far as Health Department is concerned we are going to arrange special beds for the treatment of drug addicted," she added.

The minister said the government would provide all possible human resources to meet the challenge of drug use.—APP

## Result-oriented reforms need of the hour, says DIG Ops

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: DIG Operations Lahore Muhammad Waqas Nazir has said that result oriented reforms and latest technology are the need of the hour to improve response mechanism of Lahore Police. Complete data of Proclaimed Offenders and criminals with past record has been preserved through Hotel Eye Software.

This software immediately informs Police regarding the check in of criminals in any hotel of the city due to information fed in this system. Consequently helping in identification and arrest of the accused involved in any past criminal activity.

According to the details as many as 112 Proclaimed offenders and criminals were identified and arrested with the help of Hotel Eye software in the year 2018.

Lahore Police also launched online Tenant Registration System for recording complete data of tenants and employees through this latest technology at their control room.

As many as 110 Proclaimed Offenders and criminals were identified and arrested through this system. Moreover the record of all the Police Stations have been digitalized and made online through Police Record and Complaint Management Systems. As many as 461294 complaints were received in the Online Data Control office of DIG Operations Lahore Office last year and action on 459360 was taken accordingly.

Lahore Police has also established state of the art online Kidhmat Centers in different areas of the city which issued a total number of 37210 Character and verification Certificates to the citizens. Moreover Khidmat Counters have also been established in three big hospitals of the city which are providing medico legal certificates to the citizens in these hospitals.

The scope of these Khidmat Counters will be expended to other big hospitals of the city to facilitate maximum number of citizens.

### LWMC making sincere efforts to ensure cleanliness in city

All zonal officers of Lahore Waste Manage-

ment Company (LWMC) should ensure visit in their respective areas besides solving problems of people. LWMC Managing Director Farrukh Qayyum Butt said in a meeting which was presided over by him and LWMC General Manager Operations Sohail Anwer Malik here on Wednesday. LWMC all zonal officers and operational staff were present in the meeting.

He said that all machinery of Turk contractors besides manpower should be ensured in the field for proper working.

Farrukh Qayyum Butt said that same cleanliness standards would be maintained in posh and backward areas. All managers, assistant managers, zonal officers should have complete knowledge about workers, waste bins and other data of their areas. GM Operations said that negligence towards cleanliness would not be tolerated and officers who would not discharge their duties would face strict action. On this occasion, LWMC operations department also carried out zero waste operation on Davis Road and on its adjoining streets and roads.