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OPC organises farewell for outgoing director

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: On the transfer of Director Police Matters, Overseas Pakistanis Commission (OPC) Imran Mehmood, a graceful farewell ceremony was held in OPC office.

Director General Usman Anwar and entire staff attended the ceremony. DG Usman Anwar while paying rich tribute to the services of Imran Mehmood for solving the problems of expatriates said that he performed with diligence, commitment and passion.

Mehmood said that he is departing with sweet memories and his stay in OPC was one of the memorable part of his career. He thanked the staff members for their good gesture and said that OPC officers and officials are working like a team.

Highway Patrol arrest 22,596 culprits in 2018

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The Punjab Highway Patrol (PHP) have arrested 22,596 culprits during the year 2018 by registering 25,012 cases.

According to a PHP spokesman, as many as 2,529 proclaimed offenders and 454 court absconders were arrested. PHP team recovered 91 kalashnikovs, 315 rifles, 267 guns/carbine, 1,560 pistols/revolvers, 626 magazines, 16,350 cartridges and bullets after registering 2528 cases, in drive against illegal arms and narcotics.

As many as 154,956 road travellers were rescued, whereas 47,445 encroachments were removed. The PHP officials recovered 510 lost children and reunited them with their parents.

The team impounded 915,621 motorcycles lacking documents or registration numbers. During 2018, 149,659 tickets were issued and Rs 67,641,599 fine was imposed on traffic violators. PHP arranged 10 courses in 2018 in which 10,942 officials participated. Under Green Highway drive, 779,338 saplings were planted all over Punjab, and 338,821 plants survived, the spokesman added.

Dr Farouq donates Rs 1m to GCU

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Dr Farouq Ahmed, a medical practitioner from the United States, has donated rupees one million to the Government College University Endowment Fund Trust (GCU-EFT) for the scholarships of financially-challenged students. According to GCU-EFT Executive Committee Secretary Prof Dr Khalid Manzoor Butt, "Dr Farouq Ahmed and Shahnaz Ahmed Golden Scholarship" would be initiated from the donation and it would be given to a deserving student every year on merit.

Prof Butt said that costs of education were rising every year and collective efforts were required to help the bright students of the society who could not afford their academic expenses.

Glass-coated string claims life

LAHORE: Glass-coated kite string has claimed the life of a young boy in Lahore on Tuesday. Police sources said that glass-coated string entangled in the electric pole of street which caused the tragic incident in the area of Misri Shah.

The sources said as the child held the string to pull it down and caught the electric shock, consequently died on the spot. The deceased was identified as Suhail who had learnt the Quran by heart, local said.

Locals demanded that government should impose a ban on the manufacturing and selling of glass-coated string as it had claimed many lives in past.—APP



LAHORE: Girls take keen interest in exhibition of artwork made by students of Lahore College for Women University.—Online

Aleem urges opposition to work with govt for betterment

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Senior Minister Punjab Abdul Aleem Khan has said that issue of Standing Committees in Punjab Assembly would be resolved within days and it is high time that we all should sit together and work for the mandate given to us by the masses.

He said that opposition has very important role in any democratic system and we must accept each others' importance and give space to work for the issues of common man.

Senior Minister said that people have great aspirations from Imran Khan and time has come that we honor good proposals from even opposition benches and show practical performance.

Talking to media outside Punjab Assembly, Aleem Khan said that there should be deadline fixed for completion of enquiries against any one. He added

that since 2015 investigation is underway against him and media trial is going on. Abdul Aleem Khan said that he remained Punjab Minister for Information Technology for four years and his comparison with those who remained in power for forty years is not fair.

The Senior Minister said that there is not a single audit paragraph against his Ministry time but enquiries are still lingering. He said that similar case of use of helicopter by Prime Minister Imran Khan in KPK also needs early decision by the concerned authority.

He claimed that investigations only to balance the things with nawaz league have no logic and this practice should be stopped. Replying a question, he said that past "emperors" left their "salvages" under the heavy debts for which the coming generation will have to pay the price.

He claimed that on only one project

use of 300 billion rupees was wastage of public exchequer while the project is still incomplete. He said that after the functioning of Orange Line Train around one thousand rupees will cost subsidy for each passenger which no government can afford in long run.

Aleem said that he has taken a number of steps to minimize the cost and the running losses for which commercialization of stations is underway. Senior Minister indicated that this project of Orange Line Train would be completing by June or July this year and present government has given directions to start work in this regard.

In response to another question, Senior Minister said that unfortunately there was no planning for solid waste collection in Punjab and especially 80 per cent area of villages was badly ignored where there is no system of garbage collection. He claimed that now with the collabora-

tion of foreign companies recycling plants are being established to process garbage for production of gases, fertilizers and electricity.

He added that these plants would alternate present dumping sites in Punjab and provide healthy environment to the masses. Senior Minister also regretted over the Minister Information's incident happened with media persons and said that he believes in best working relations of government with the press. Talking with regard to 'basant', he said that there is no such decision in this regard however Chief Minister Punjab will announce the official version about it.

Aleem said that Imran Khan is last ray of hope for the masses and general public has great expectation from him. He said that we have to come up to the aspirations of our voters and now it is time that performance should be given in the Assemblies as well.

Crackdown against adulterators continues: PFA

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The Punjab Food Authority (PFA) on Wednesday shut down five grinding units while carrying out an operation against food adulterators and loose spices in Lahore and Kasur districts.

Enforcement teams of PFA also confiscated 10,000 kilograms tainted red chili, turmeric powder and other spices. A special drive was held on the directions of PFA Director General Captain (ret'd) Muhammad Usman.

He informed that PFA sealed Al-Taqwa, Rafiq, Zahoor, Javed and Yahya grinding units on account of proved adulteration in spices and for violating the rules of provincial food law. Red Chilli powder was being prepared by adding powder of substandard pepper in it.

He further said that PFA has taken strict action against them over non-compliance with authority instructions and for using textile colours. He said that PFA is vigilantly monitoring the suspicious activities of food business operators especially adulteration mafia besides ensuring the implantation of the sale of spices in packing foam. Food adulterators could not hide from the eye of PFA. The DG further said that the crackdown on adulteration mafia will continue indiscriminately till elimination of food adulteration.

CM condoles death of Najammal Hussain Naqvi

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Sardar Usman Buzdar has condoled the death of Syed Najammal Hussain Naqvi, brother of Syed Afzal Hussain Naqvi Chairman City News Network. In a condolence message, Chief Minister has extended sympathies to the bereaved family and prayed to Almighty Allah to rest the departed soul in eternal peace.

Three int'l-standard varsities in Punjab: Buzdar

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Bringing necessary improvements in the education sector is the priority agenda of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) government. Government has sufficiently enhanced the educational budget to achieve this target and in the current fiscal year, as much as Rs.373 billion have been allocated for the education sector. On the other side, only lip-service was done for educational betterment in the previous tenures.

This was stated by the Punjab Chief Minister Sardar Usman Buzdar while talking to different delegations at his office here on Wednesday. Keeping in view the distinctive importance of education sector for national development and prosperity, the government has given particular attention to de-

veloping it on modern lines. In fact, education sector is the basis of national development and developed countries of the world have brought laurels home by developing their education sector according to their distinctive needs. Knowledge is a wealth, which is not the property of any single person, but everybody has equal right over it. Our government will provide this right to the children of low-income families, he added.

Speaking further about the importance of education, he said that education is the best mean of dealing with issues like poverty, unemployment and ignorance. That is why a comprehensive strategy has been devised to synchronize the education sector with the needs and requirements of the present age. He said that world-class universities play

an important role in the national development.

PTI government has, therefore, decided to establish three international-standard universities in the province. These universities would be established in northern, southern and central parts of the province. Feasibility studies are being conducted for the establishment of these universities, he informed.

Usman Buzdar said that particular attention will also be given to the aspect of research and development in the higher education sector and it will be made compatible with the emerging challenges by best utilizing latest technology. We will achieve targets set for the education sector and as a result, the educational scenario will be totally transformed in the province, the Chief Minister concluded.



LAHORE: A vendor packs charcoal as demand increases during winter season.—Online

IGP calls on Chief Constable of Bedfordshire Police

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Inspector General of Punjab Police (IGP) Amjad Javed Saleemi, who is currently visiting UK for CTD Course, met with Chief Constable John Boucher of Bedfordshire Police at Bedfordshire Police Headquarters on Wednesday.

It was decided in a meeting to extend mutual cooperation with each other for curbing crime and terrorism. The meeting also discussed to exchange programs of officers with each others to get the expertise of both forces. The Chief Constable John Boucher, briefed the IGP Punjab Amjad Javed Saleemi regarding the crime dimensions in Bedfordshire, Luton and its jurisdiction. He told that various communities are inhabitant of these countries where multifarious crimes are being committed. He said that modern investigation techniques are being employed by the force to tackle serious crimes.

He said that their reliance is on use of technology instead of man power. Amjad Javed Saleemi also shared the operational strategy of the Punjab Police and told the process of recording of crimes through FIRs and investigations besides, its solutions. In the end John Boucher presented souvenir to IGP.



Sufi University to promote sufism education soon: Minister

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab Minister for Auqaf Sahibzada Saeed ul Hassan Shah has announced that Punjab government would establish Sufi University at Lahore to promote the education of Sufism and Sufi Research Council would also be constituted pertaining to the PhD Scholars to translate the teachings of Sufia Karam into different languages.

He was talking to the newsmen here at local Auqaf office on Wednesday during his visit. Provincial Minister for Social Welfare & Baitul Maal Ch. Ajmal Cheema was also accompanied with him and Zonal Administrative Auqaf Ayyaz Mehmud Lashari, Zonal Khateeb Qari Fateh Muhammad was also present on the occasion. The Minister Auqaf said that the Islamic saints taught the people teachings of Quran and Sunnah in their simple and understandable language. He said that special steps were being taken

to look after the shrines of saints to provide the better facilities to their followers and visitors came to seek the spiritual peace. He said that the shrines of saints were the source of promoting love, fraternity, brotherhood and peace.

He informed that the shrine of Hazrat Baba Fareed ud Din Ganj Shakar would be made model by the Punjab govt. while Baba Fareed Tower would also be established there for the facility of foreign visitors and world class accommodation would be provided to them.

He said that the shrines of saints were the shelters in real sense for the deserving peoples and Prime Minister of Pakistan Imran Khan has announced to establish the shelter homes at different places to provide the shelter to the homeless peoples and passengers.

The Minister said that the illegal occupation on auqaf land was a story of the past and now all the properties of Auqaf were being protected and no one allowed

to grab the auqaf land. He said that the auqaf properties would be utilized as per real objectives.

He said that the Khateeb of Auqaf were being mobilized to promote the religious harmony among the peoples besides providing the guidance towards the right path. He said there is no room of terrorism and sectarianism in this country. Punjab Minister for Social Welfare Ajmal Cheema also spoke on the occasion and said that the Social Welfare Department would look after the shelter homes for the betterment and rehabilitation of the inmates under the vision of Prime Minister Imran Khan. Earlier, Minister for Auqaf Sahibzada Saeed ul Hassan Shah visited

the shrine of Hazrat Baba Noor Shah Wali and laid floral wreath on the grave of great spiritual leader of this area. He also offered fataha and advised shrine committee to make best arrangements for the followers and visitors.