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Feb 12 last deadline for private schools to decrease fees: Murad

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Provincial Minister for Schools Education Murad Raas has said that he daily receives complaints regarding fee issue of private schools and added that private schools are given deadline of February 12 regarding decrease in fee.

After this deadline, the registration of private institutions will be cancelled that will fail to comply by the court orders.

He stated this while talking to media men at Punjab Assembly here on Thursday.

He said that as much as 7,500 teachers are required to move forward the agenda of education promotion in schools education department.

The excess fee amount will be returned back to the parents according to the court orders.

He said that in case of any issue, the grieved parents should contact the SED at 0336-7251214 if excess fee amount is not returned to them by the schools.

He said that private schools should follow the decision maximum by February 12 otherwise legal action will be initiated.

He said that draft of a regulatory authority is under-consideration in law department.

This regulatory authority will deal with the issues of private schools in the province.

This draft will be presented before the assembly for approval in its next session, he added. He disclosed that a state-of-the-art software programme has been designed to bring all the relevant departmental information at one place and the required data will be available at one click. This will also help in policy formulation, decision making and posting/transfer. Similarly, other issues will also be properly dealt with by the department by utilizing this IT intervention, he said.

Philip Morris to obtain equal salary certification

LAHORE: Philip Morris (Pakistan) Limited (PMPKL), an affiliate of Philip Morris International (PMI), on Thursday announced that it has successfully obtained the Equal Salary certification from Equal-Salary Foundation, an independent, non-profit organization.

As PMI transforms to become a smoke-free technology leader in this rapidly-changing 21st century, it recognizes that diverse teams and an inclusive culture are needed to drive innovation and be successful.

PMI and its affiliates worldwide are focused on this aspect of the transformation and committed to tackling their gender gap first, emphasizing the role this plays as an enabler for PMI's vision of a smoke-free world.—PR

Samsung unveils next generation refrigerator

LAHORE: Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. on Thursday unveiled the next generation of its award-winning Family Hub refrigerator, continuing to innovate and redefine the refrigerator category. Family Hub continues to set a new standard for connected living, bringing the family together in the kitchen while freeing users up to focus on what's important to them.

As the new generation of homeowners look to technology to define both who they are and how they want to live their lives, there is no better place to do this than in a connected kitchen.

And with the Family Hub, which offers the simplified connectivity they've grown accustomed to, families can spend more time focusing on the things that matter most to them.

In 2019, with the new Family Board, a communal screen that family members can interact with in a personalized way, Family Hub helps foster true family connection, food management, and



LAHORE: Chinese Ambassador Yao Jing calls on Acting Governor Punjab Ch Parvez Elahi at the Governor's House.

Pak-China friendship symbol of peace in the region

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Chinese Ambassador Mr Yao Jing called on Acting Governor Punjab Ch Parvez Elahi at the Governor's House here on Thursday.

While exchanging views on matters of mutual interest, Ch Parvez Elahi describing Pak-China friendship immortal said that this embodies durable peace in the region, in every difficult time whether it is war or natural calamities China has always stood with Pakistan.

He said that CPEC is backbone of development in both the countries, as such it should be completed at the earliest, because of CPEC Pakistan has gained more importance not only at the regional level but also at international level, China opens supports principle stance of Pakistan on Kashmir and other matters at diplomatic level, for peace, security and development.

He said that Prime Minister Imran Khan is playing his role quite appreciably and today both the countries are standing shoulder-to-shoulder for durable regional and world peace.

Welcoming the ideas and sentiments of Ch Parvez Elahi, Chinese Ambassador Yao Jing said that Pakistan is like our second home, because of this we wish to set up garments plant in the Sunder Industrial Estate which you as the Chief Minister had established.

He said that as the Chief Minister you had established Lahore Sunder Industrial Estate, Garments City and other important projects and the role you had played in the progress of Punjab it is still being looked appreciably even today. Talking about his meeting with Ch Shujat Hussain, Mr. Yao Jing said that his sentiments and thoughts about China are very important and appreciable for us; he regards China as his second home.

CM orders to arrest all POs involved in heinous crimes

— Chairs important meeting to review law and order situation

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Sardar Usman Buzdar presided over a high-level meeting at his office here on Thursday in which law and order situation as well as steps regarding curbing the crimes in the province was reviewed in detail.

Addressing the meeting, Chief Minister said that practical steps should be done for curbing the crime instead of any lip-service. Result-oriented strategy should be adopted for overcoming dacoities, robbery and other incidents of crime because nothing is important than the protection of life and property of the people.

While issuing directions to launch a vigorous province-wide campaign for arresting the Proclaimed Offenders (POs) involved in heinous crimes, the Chief Minister said that a weekly report should be submitted to him about the arrest of such criminals.

The meeting decided that immediate steps should be taken to timely dispose of the pending cases.

Chief Minister made it clear that concerned police officers will be held accountable in case of increase in crime-rate adding that officers showing negligence in protecting the life and property of the citizens will have to be answerable.

Without going into the juggling of figures, practical steps should be taken to eradicate crime in the society and meetings regarding law and order situation should be regularly held to review the field situation. I shall also regularly monitor the law and order situation because eradication of crime and protection of life and property of the people are the most important for government, he added. Chief Minister said that police should perform its duties without succumbing to any political pressure. The best performing officers will be encouraged. The supremacy of merit should be ensured and no unlawful pressure or interference should be tolerated, he added. The police should also leave no stone unturned to serve the masses and I shall provide fullest support to the police force. He said that morale of the police force will be boosted and it will be given organizational confidence as well. He asked the police officers to hold open-courts in every division and district of the province to solve the problems of the complainants at their doorsteps.

The police should treat the people coming for the solution of their problems gently, he said.

He directed that refresher courses should be conducted to train the police on modern lines and police force should also celebrate politeness week. The officers should keep their doors open to solve the problems of the

people and the visitors should realize a positive change in police stations. The police will have to work in a solid manner to protect the life and property of the people.

He said that police should shun its archaic methods and case investigations should be conducted in a scientific manner. I shall hold meeting about law and order after every 15 days, he said and also sought a report about the law and order situation in districts from the police officials. AIG (Home), acting IG police, principal secretary to CM and high officials attended the meeting.

Aleem, Basharat call on CM

Senior Minister Local Bodies Abdul Aleem Khan and Law Minister Muhammad Basharat Raja called on Punjab Chief Minister Sardar Usman Buzdar at his office here on Thursday. Talking on the occasion, Chief Minister said that a comprehensive roadmap has been chalked out for public welfare.

Implementation of the program aiming at durable development of the province and public welfare will yield positive results. Usman Buzdar said that his every moment is meant for public welfare adding that serving the masses is the prime agenda of the government. He said that public welfare programs will be completed within the time-frame and concerned departments have also been issued necessary directions in this regard.

Chohan urges DGPR officers to exploit latest technology

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Hailing the performance of the Directorate General Public Relations (DGPR) Punjab, the Provincial Minister for Information and Culture Fayyazul-Hassan Chohan urged the officials to eke out the department's progress by exploiting latest public relations trends, and technology.

Addressing a review meeting with the DGPR officials at Al-Hamra on Tuesday, Chohan noted that the department's energetic team has the potential to further enhance its performance by the sinews of hard work and dedication.

The DGPR, Amjad Hussain Bhatti and other senior officials also attended the meeting. He said the government is

providing all possible resources including manpower and equipment to enhance the DGPR's working capacity in the fields of print, electronic and social media.

A separate cell should be set up at the DGPR to work to use the social media as a communication tool on the government level, he said adding that the proposed cell must not act as a tool for the PTI or any other political party, instead, it should act effectively and professionally no matter which party rules the country.

Underlining the need for a close coordination among different DGPR departments, the minister urged the information officers to effectively use print, electronic and social media to improve the

provincial government and the province's image.

He said the PTI government believes in merit and supremacy of law. The information officers, he added, should play an active role to highlight and convey the PTI government's vision to the grass-root level.

There will be zero tolerance for corruption and undue expenses, the minister said, therefore, the officers should follow the policy of "less expenses more results" while presenting their proposals, he added.

Briefing the minister on department's performance and functioning, the DGPR, Amjad Hussein Bhatti said the officers and the other staff are putting in their best to fulfill their responsibilities despite limited resources.



LAHORE: A young boy with his trash bag passes by security layer unnoticed in front of the Punjab Assembly.—Online

Oath-taking ceremony of Employees Welfare Association

Latest tech being used to maintain transparency in edu system: Chaiman BISE

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The oath-taking ceremony of newly elected office-bearers of employees welfare association of Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education Lahore was held at board office here on Thursday.

Provincial Minister for Higher Education Raja Yasir Humayun Sarfraz presided over the ceremony which was also attended by Chairman Lahore Board Prof. Ch. Muhammad Ismail, Secretary Dr Rehana Ilyas, Controller (Exam) Prof Muhammad Nasir Jamil and a large number of employees.

Addressing the ceremony, provincial minister announced to grant one-time honorarium to employees, sending four employees, instead of two, to perform Hajj every year on the expense of the board and provision of Rs 5000 as remuneration to Christian employees on the occasion of their festival of Christmas. Similarly, he also announced to constitute a committee under the chair of Chairman Lahore Board to deal with the pro-

cesses. He asked the employees to work hard so that education targets could be achieved according to their schedule. Chairman Lahore Board, in his address, said that all matters are being done in accordance with rules and utmost transparency is maintained in the board affairs. He said that latest technology is being used for maintaining efficiency and transparency in educational system. This board is playing its important role in the educational development of the students, he added. Later, he presented a shield to the Minister. President of Employees Association also spoke on the occasion.

LBs polls: JI calls to transfer powers to peoples' elected representatives

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The central Shoorah of the Jamaat e Islami (JI), has deplored the complete silence of the government regarding the Local Bodies elections and has called for taking all constitutional steps for the transfer of powers to the peoples' elected representatives at the grass root level. A resolution adopted by the Shoorah at its meeting chaired by the Ameer, JI, Senator Sirajul Haq, said that soon after the assumption of power, the PTI government had announced holding Local Bodies elections and also set up a Task Force for reforms in the local bodies system.

However, till now, the new set up of the local bodies had not been announced nor there was any move in that direction.

The Shoorah demanded that the home work for local governments be done and the delimitations of the constituencies be completed at the earliest.

It said that in the provinces and the federal area, where the term of the local government had not ex-

pired, the local bodies should be provided funds immediately.

It said the delimitation of local government constituencies in the former FATA should be completed and the elections should be announced forthwith.

Through another resolution, the JI central body termed the performance of the government during its first 125 days, as totally unsatisfactory and said that the Prime Minister and his cabinet were continuously negating their own statements. It urged the government to review its policies and working in the light of its election manifesto. It noted that the party that had talked of the state of Madina, had not only released Christian woman Aasia Masih charged of blasphemy but had involved the people protesting over the government action in serious cases and sent them to jail. A well known Qadyani Aatif Mian was appointed economic advisor which hurt the sentiments of the millions of the faithful. A ruling party woman MNA argued in favour of Israel's recognition on the floor of the house while a Bill pro-

posing a ban on liquor moved by a Hindu MNA was rejected and even ridiculed by the government and opposition members. The resolution recalled the statement of the Prime Minister Imran Khan that the PTI would not work hand in hand with the MQM nor would it be blackmailed by the latter. However, he said, that practically, the PTI was in power by virtue of the MQM support. It was due to MQM's blackmailing that the evil of "Bhatta" or extortion had not been controlled in Karachi nor the culprits involved in the 12th of May killings, and the Baldia Town factory tragedy Karachi had been traced or punished.

The Shoorah further said that instead of creating ten million jobs, the government had caused an increase in unemployment by its drive against encroachment. It said that Imran Khan had exploited the fact of 26,000 billion loan on the country during election campaign but his government was securing more loans. The steps being taken to stop transfer of capital to other countries were having negative effects.