

## PAS honours Prof Dr Masroor Ellahi for outstanding performance



By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** The Pakistan Academy of Sciences (PAS) president Prof Dr Qasim Jan awarded to Prof Dr Masroor Ellahi Babar (Tamgha-e-Imtiaz) with gold medal over his outstanding achievements in the field of research in a ceremony held at PAS Office Islamabad.

According to press release issued on Monday, Prof Dr Ellahi Babar is currently serving as Dean Faculty of Science and Technology at Virtual University of Pakistan. He is also the Group Leader of Food Security under Prime Minister's Task Force on Knowledge Economy. He had served as Chairman, Department of Livestock Production, the University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Lahore. He has also been honoured with several awards in addition to medal for outstanding achievements in the field of research. He had awarded 'Excellence Award' by Prime Minister of Pakistan in 2009. He also won the Best University Teacher Award in 2010 from Higher Education Commission Government of Pakistan and got Tamgha-e-Imtiaz by the Government of Pakistan, on 23rd March 2013.

## Condolence reference for two Professors held at LGH

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Society of Surgeons Lahore Chapter held a condolence reference for two deceased professors here at auditorium of Services Institute of Medical Sciences Lahore where services of former dean late Prof. Muhammad Iqbal Khan and Prof. Shabbir Ahmed Noro were paid tributes by the speakers.

President of Society of Surgeons Prof. Farooq Afzal, Prof. Khalid Masood Gondal, Prof. Mahmood Ayaz, Prof. Majeed Ch. Prof. Amir Zaman, Prof. Javed Ather, Prof. Haroon Javed, Dr. Amina Iqbal and Dr. Bilquees Shabbir in their address said the great services rendered by both professors would be remembered for a long time as their professional capability was beyond doubt. Prof. Farooq Afzal said that Society of Surgeons has taken right step for holding such condolence reference and such sitting should continue to acknowledge the work done in the medical field by seniors which could also be followed by the juniors as well. He said that this world is timely place to perform and leave good memories for the followers and both professors Muhammad Iqbal Khan and Shabbir Ahmed Noro were experts of their field who earned good name in career and their professional life is torch bearer for others.

Other speakers at this platform of Society of Surgeons threw light on the different aspects of the lives of Prof. Muhammad Iqbal Khan and Prof. Shabbir Ahmed Noro and their long standing professional services in the medical field. They said that their hard work, dedication and devotion rendered by late professors would be remembered in good words.

## Journalism fourth pillar of society: Basharat

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Provincial Minister for Law, Parliamentary Affairs and Social Welfare Raja Basharat congratulated the newly elected office bearers of the Lahore Press Club, saying that the choice of newly elected President Arshad Ansari, Senior Vice President Rai Hassanin Tahir, Secretary Babar Dogar, Secretary Finance Zahid Sherwani and other officials is a testament to their professionalism. He said that journalism is the fourth pillar of society while pleasant relations between government and journalists is essential for the stability of democracy. Raja Basharat added that the PTI government, led by Chief Minister Sardar Usman Bazar, has solved the long-standing problems of the journalist community in Punjab. He expressed the hope that next year, the government and the journalism community would have an ideal relationship to solve the problems of the masses.



LAHORE: Senate Chairman Sadiq Sanjrani, National Assembly Deputy Speaker Qasim Khan Suri and others with Punjab Governor Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar after a meeting at the Governor House.

# All institutions united for country's security, says Governor

—Senate Chairman Sanjrani, NA Deputy Speaker Qasim Suri call on Sarwar

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Punjab Governor Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar has said that democracy and parliament are getting strength and all the institutions are united for country's security.

Under the leadership of Prime Minister Imran Khan, the government has taken such steps for institutional reforms which have no example in the past. Opposition is not doing politics of national interests but of personal and political gains.

He was talking to Senate Chairman Sadiq Sanjrani and National Assembly Deputy Speaker Qasim Khan Suri during a meeting here at Governor House.

## Governor lauds services of Rescue volunteers

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** A prize distribution ceremony of 3rd National Community Emergency Response Team (CERTs) challenge was held at Governor House here on Monday to appreciate, encourage and acknowledge the services of rescue volunteers, wherein Governor Punjab Chaudhry Muhammad Sarwar was the chief guest. The Punjab Emergency Service (Rescue 1122) organized the ceremony in collaboration with Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO) Pakistan which was attended by Mrs Parveen Sarwar President Girl Guides Association, Founder Emergency Services Academy and Rescue Services in Pakistan, Dr Rizwan Naseer, Country Director VSO Pakistan Mr Hashim Bilal, senior officers from Rescue Punjab, Emergency Services

Academy, Districts, VSO Pakistan and a large number of volunteers.

While addressing the ceremony, Ch Sarwar congratulated the wing teams and appreciated the services of volunteers for saving lives and promoting safety. He also acknowledged the management of rescue service for establishing the CERTs in all union councils of Punjab and praised for providing first aid awareness training over one million volunteers in the province. He also took Rescue Mohafiz oath from all 39 teams members. Governor Punjab also gave away the certificates, cash prizes, trophies among top three teams who bagged top positions in 3rd CERTs Rescue Challenge which was held at Emergency Services Academy from 2nd to 4th December in which district Vehari secured first, Layyah second and Sheikhpura got third.

They also discussed political matters, government affairs and other issues. Punjab Governor Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar said that Pakistan is faced with numerous challenges on economic front, but I am sure that the measures taken by economic team of government under the leadership of Prime Imran Khan will pull the country out of economic crisis by year 2020. Pakistan will advance successfully in the economic field that will ensure development, prosperity and create employment opportunities.

Instead of talking on facts, the opposition is criticizing mindlessly the government steps just for political mileage however it will not succeed in its mission.

## Drug addiction becomes serious threat to people in 2019



By Our Special Reporter

**LAHORE:** Drug addiction – a serious threat to people of Lahore in 2019 and trend of new drugs is being changed and increased including Crystal Ice, Naswar, E-Cigarette, Cigarette, Charas and Alcohol among youth in the city of Lahore during 2019 but still Crystal Ice is one of them, which is the form of drugs methamphetamine.

This is most dangerous drug which destroy physical and mental health of the addicts swiftly. When Crystal Ice is used either orally, snorting or through needle it provide false senses of happiness and wellbeing – a rush strong felling of confidence. 100 plus areas of Lahore are the hub of drug addiction in which Roshani Gate, Taxali Gate, Msati

Gate, Data Darbar Areas, Ali Park, Royal Park, Sabza Zar, Tokhar Niaz Baig, Lal pul, Mughalpur, Dharmapura, Kot Lakhpat, Badami Bagh, Data Nagar, Shadra, Imamia Colony, Wahdat Road, Lakshmi Chowk, Nisbat Road, Railway Station, General Bus Stand Areas, Ghari Shahu, Davis Road Queen's Road & Ganga Ram Chowk, Regal Chowk, Mall Chauburji Lahore and Yateem Khan Chowk etc.... Syed Zulfiqar Hussain, Consultant, Anti Drugs/Narcotics Campaign was talking on Monday to media on the occasion of disseminating the Annual Report-2019 Drug Addiction – A Serious Threat to People of Lahore at Drug Advisory Training Hub (DATH) in collaboration with DAP Colombo Plan and ISSUP Pakistan Chapter. Director Coordination Adeel Rashid, Mohsin

Zulfiqar and Psychologist Ms. Saima Shahzad were also present on the occasion. The annual report 2019 prepared by Drug Advisory Training Hub (DATH) a project of (YOCFAN).

Syed Zulfiqar Hussain said that Lahore is a capital city and cultural hub of Punjab; about 11 million people are living in this city according to new censuses 2017. Population wise Lahore is second biggest city of Pakistan after Karachi, where the use of drugs/narcotics and selling is easy. There are 100 plus different most affected areas in the city of Lahore where injection drug users using and injecting drugs without any.

He further said that government also taken different step like Health Profile of students, Health profile of Prisoners, Rehab program for drug addicts with the direction of Lahore High Court.

He further said that there are some important areas below the metro tracks are hot spots for drug addiction in the city of Lahore during 2019. Most of the drug addicts used drugs under the metro tracks and these tracks commonly used for drug addiction for the last so many years. Substance Use Disorder (SUD) not only using but they are also living under the metro track. Syed Zulfiqar said that under bridge areas of Orange Train is also will be paradise of addiction of different kind of drug addicts particularly for the Injection Drug Users (IDU).

## Fatima Group signs MoU with Telenor Microfinance Bank



**LAHORE:** Fatima Group signed a strategic MoU with Telenor Microfinance Bank, Umer Shahbaz Khan.

The main purpose of this partnership is to improve the lives of farmers by helping them gain efficiency through enhancing crop yields. Speaking at the occasion, Ali Mukhtar, Director at Fatima Group and Khurram Malik, Head of Easy-paisa at Telenor Microfinance Bank during a special ceremony held at Fatima Group's head office in Lahore.

The signing ceremony was attended by top officials from both companies including Director of Marketing & Sales at Fatima Group, Khurram Javed Maqbool, Head of Planning, Capability & Business Integration at Fatima Group, Rashid Asad Saeed, AM of Business integration at Fatima Group, Imran Tariq and Head of Part-

nerships and Corporate Products, Telenor Microfinance Bank, Umer Shahbaz Khan.

The partnership is to improve the lives of farmers by helping them gain efficiency through enhancing crop yields. Speaking at the occasion, Ali Mukhtar, Director at Fatima Group said, "Currently Pakistan's agriculture sector is the largest contributor to the nation's GDP and exports. It also employs more than 40% of Pakistan's workforce. By providing access to finance, timely information, and accurate guidance, this partnership has the potential to uplift the standard of living for millions of farmers, while significantly improving the country's agricultural output.

## PFA releases annual performance report

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** The Punjab Food Authority (PFA) has released its Operations and Technical Wings Annual Performance Report 2019 with media for the public interest on Monday.

In the report, the authority has covered the activities of field operations teams and three sections of Technical Wing including Food Lab, Medical Lab and Trading School.

According to the annual report, as many as 5,013 food businesses were closed down and 27,259 food business operators (FBOs) penalized with hefty fines over violations of the provincial food law. Meanwhile, the provincial food regulatory body had examined 8,897 food samples in the fully equipped with modern technology food labs in 2019.

While sharing the statistics of the report, PFA Director General Irfan Memon told only 4901 samples of different food companies had remained successful to meet the food standards while remaining 3,996 (44.9 per cent) food

samples were found failed in laboratory tests. As well as, the PFA Medical Screening Lab had conducted medical screening tests of 58,079 food handlers/workers amongst more than four thousand people found ill during the year. Out of 58,079 people, 2319 were suffering from Typhoid, 836 people Hepatitis C virus (HCV), 690 people suffering from Hepatitis B virus (HBV), 166 people from Tuberculosis (TB) and one person from AIDS disease. The director general said that the Punjab Food Authority would not allow any sick worker to do directly participate in the preparation of food. He further said that the authority had inspected 389,413 food points in a year amongst stopped the production of 3,874 production units and eateries along with served warning notices to 302,023 FBOs. The food safety teams had visited 124,067 food outlets in Lahore Zone, 155,602 in Rawalpindi, 63,240 in Multan and 46,192 food joints in Muzaffargarh Zone of South Punjab, out of 389,413. Further, licenses of 54,121 food points were applied by FBOs with the help of operations teams, the report said.

## Police to provide all support to citizens facing any difficulties, says DIG Ops

By Our Special Correspondent

**LAHORE:** Deputy Inspector General (DIG) of Police Lahore Rai Babar Saeed held an Open Court of Shahdara Circle at Police Station Shahdara here on Monday and listened to the grievances of the citizens.

SP City Division Raza Safdar Kazmi, SDPO Shahdara Circle Muhammad Iftikhar Ahmad, SHOs and a huge number of citizens were present in the Open Court.

The complainants raised various issues on which DIG Operations Lahore Rai Babar Saeed directed the concerned Police officers on the spot for immediate the redressal of their genuine grievances. DIG Operations Lahore said that the sole responsibility of Police force is to provide law full support to the citizens facing any difficulties and every Police officers



and official should serve the humanity with the spirit to render best possible services and ensure safety of life and property of the public.

Rai Babar Saeed said that the genuine problems of the citizens must be solved at Police Station level on priority basis, however doors his office were round the clock open to every

complainant for provision of justice.

Humbleness and politeness should be the face mark of every Police officer and official as Allah has bestowed powers to us only to serve the humanity.

Rai Babar Saeed met with the Police force of Police Station Shahdara and said that dutiful officers are pride

of the department however every inefficient and corrupt officers will have to face the accountability if he misuses his powers.

DIG Operation directed the Police officers to meet him for redressal of their problems including transfer posting and other matters instead of using any mean of favor. He further said that maintenance of law and order and security of life and property of the citizens is the top priority of Lahore Police. All possible resources are being utilized for the elimination of crime in the city.

Separately, DIG Operations Lahore Rai Babar Saeed presided over an important meeting to review the security arrangements on New Year Night. SSP Operations Lahore Muhammad Naveed, SP Security Bilal Zafar, SP Dolphin, SP Headquarters, all divisional SPs and SDPOs attended the meeting.