

Customers show tremendous response on Infinix 12 x12 grand sale

LAHORE: Infinix, the country's leading smartphone manufacturer brand has launched its most exciting grand sale of the year started on the 12th of December and will continue till 16th December. In the Live launching session with Bilal Munir of Video Wali SarkarInfinix bestowed its users with surprising gift hampers as the winning reward. The response of the live session and the first-day sale is mind-blowing. The live session further garnered the excitement of Infinix users. Not only this, but the company also bestowed their live session viewers another promo deal "Infinix 12+12" for the extra Rs 500 discount on the hot deals of this campaign during live session.

To avail of this opportunity, all you have to do is, follow the Infinix Pakistan official Facebook page. For shopping, you can visit Xpark Pakistan on Facebook. In this exhilarating sale campaign, you can still win exciting gifts and special discounts on a wide range of Infinix products i.e. Infinix Smart 4, Hot 8(32GB), Smartwatch, and X band 04 the list goes on. Infinix has more to offer to its consumers with the purchase of every S5 (128GB), S5 Lite and X band 05 you can get sensational gifts.

While commenting on this Joe Hu, Country Manager of Infinix Pakistan said "We at Infinix are overwhelmed with the response of our valued customers and encouraged to bring more exciting offers to our customers in the future. We endeavor to deliver beyond the expectations of our customers to improve their life technologically and meet their expectations".

Infinix is rapidly emerging as an innovative technology brand, aiming to deliver exceptional services to the rapidly expanding segment of smartphone users in Pakistan at very competitive prices.—PR

Nestlé, CEJ - IBA hold workshop for journalists

LAHORE: Nestlé Pakistan in collaboration with the Centre for Excellence in Journalism (CEJ) organised a one-day workshop for nutrition and health reporters on "Basics of Nutrition and Health Reporting: Nutrition as a source of News". The training was attended by more than 20 print, broadcast and digital journalists from various media organisations.

The workshop was led by CEJ Director Kamal Siddiqi with a host of guest speakers including nutritionists, policy experts as well as senior journalists. The course targeted entry and mid-level journalists covering health and business beats.

The training elaborated on the nutrition profile of Pakistan and highlighted the reasons which make nutrition such a crucial issue. There were sessions on Pakistan's health system and policies, its particular issues with, a special focus on nutrition as a source of news in a country where malnutrition is widespread. According to the Nutrition Survey of Pakistan 2019, stunting is a major problem in Pakistan, with 12 million children having low height for age with severe micronutrient deficiencies including iron deficiency which is the major cause of anemia. More than half (53.7 percent) of Pakistani children are anemic and 5.7 percent are severely anemic.

Speaking on the occasion, Kamal Siddiqi, Director CEJ, said: "Nutrition and health are very important areas but are generally neglected when it comes to reporting. That is why we need to work with journalists so that they can work on them and do better reporting."

Participants examined the existing health and nutrition-related news in media, and discussed the gaps in reporting and ways to fill these gaps.—PR



LAHORE: Chairman Board of Directors, Al-Hamra Arts Council Munezza Hasmi and Executive Director Athar Ali Khan discuss various affairs



LAHORE: Vendors prepare fish during the cold weather at Ghari Shahu area as its demand increased in winter season.—Online

Govt works out 10-year project for setting up varsity in every district

Combined Online Admission System will be launched next year, says Sarwar

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Governor Punjab Ch Mohammad Sarwar has said that Combined Online Admission System will be launched by next year for admissions in all the universities and our government has worked out a 10-year project for establishment of a university in every district of the province. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Imran Khan, government has saved the country from bankruptcy through well-conceived

economic policies. He was talking to Provincial Energy Minister Dr Akhtar Malik, Allama Iqbal Open University (AIU) Vice Chancellor Zia Ullah Qayyum, Government College University (GCU) Faisalabad Vice Chancellor Dr. Shahid Kamal and other delegations here at Governor House on Friday.

Talking to Vice-Chancellors, Governor Punjab Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar said that government has prepared a 10-year road map under which a university in

every district of Punjab and an international standard university at divisional level will be established.

In the first year of this project, work is in progress on eight universities. First time in history of Punjab, all the appointments in universities ranging from Vice-Chancellor to low level are being made on 100 per cent merit and it is also responsibility of the Vice-Chancellors to ensure merit and transparency in the universities, and no leniency in this regard will be

tolerated.

Talking to Provincial Energy Minister Dr. Akhtar Malik, Governor Punjab Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar said that Pakistan is getting on its feet economically following the effective measures taken by the government for economic revival. International economic institutions are also supporting Pakistan and Insha Allah Pakistan will be pulled out of economic and other crises, and all the promises with people will be fulfilled.

Agri Dept launches PMIS for transparent management of procurement: Langrial

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Malik Nauman Ahmad Langrial, Minister for Agriculture while addressing to launching ceremony of Procurement Management Information System (PMIS) Phase II as Chief Guest at PC Hotel, Lahore has said that his department has launched, first of its kind, Procurement Management Information System (PMIS) for transparent and efficient management of public procurement, leading to good governance and delivering value for taxpayer's money.

Provincial Ministers Sardar Husnain Dare-shah and Ajmal Cheema also participated the event along with Mr. Ubaid Ullah Khokhar Additional Secretary Agriculture (Planning), Mr. Shahid Qadir Chief Advisor Media to Minister for Agriculture Punjab, Muhammad Rafiq Akhtar Director Agriculture Information, Punjab and many other high rank officers of Agriculture Department. On this occasion, Malik Nauman Ahmad Langrial Minister for Agriculture Punjab said that This ICT led system will offer to top management in improving procurement and financial planning. It will also provide real time monitoring and progress report of all procurement operations.

This new system will reduce procurement cycle time and associated administrative costs. Through this system, easy generation of reports required by development partners and P & D Department. PMIS will also strengthen internal control and reduces risks. PMIS will improve performance, fairness, transparency, efficient economy, accountability and better service delivery in public procurement. This system will offer to top management in improving procurement and financial planning. It will also provide real time monitoring and progress report of all procurement operations. This new system will reduce procurement cycle time and associated administrative costs.

PBF organises moot on 'Way to a prosperous Pakistan'

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The speakers at a business conference have called for providing relief to the private sector to boost economic growth besides generating employment through improvement in ease of doing-business and industry-friendly policies in the country.

The conference was organised by the All Pakistan Business Forum on the theme of 'Way to a Prosperous Pakistan' at a local hotel here. Besides APBF Chairman Ibrahim Qureshi, President Syed Maaz Mahmood and general secretary Khuram Niaz, the key speakers included Federal Minister Shafiqat Mahmood, Federal Minister Fawad Chaudry, Chairperson Commonwealth for Women Ms. Shandana Gulzar, World Bank Country Director Illangovan Potchamotho, EU ambassador Androula Kamirana, Ambassador of Italy to Pakistan Stefano Pontecorvo, Ambassador of Denmark Rolf Michael Hay Pereira Holmboe and NUST GTTN Amer Hashmi etc.

The speakers appreciated Pakistan's better ranking on the World Bank's Ease of Doing Business Index but stressed the need for paying more attention to that area. They also suggested that business-friendly loans at low interest rate are critical to improve the ease of doing-business policy.

The APBF moot on 'Way to a Prosperous Pakistan--Sectors that require Focus & Implementation' had arranged four major sessions for in-depth panel discussions, including "Economy & Ease of Doing Business in Pakistan"; "Technical Education and Skills Development"; "Entrepreneurship & Women Development and Role of women in Economy" and "Climate Change, Water Resources and Renewable Energy". The panelists discussed the challenges in terms of doing business in Pakistan and pondered as to how to build confidence of the local investors and attract more FDI in the country. The speakers said that this conference has enclosed the opportunities and challenges faced by both local and foreign businessmen with respect to Ease of Doing Business in Pakistan.

Environmental terrorism

Furqan Nadeem Khan

While living in a capital city like Lahore, it is not so easy to avoid dust and smell the wastage spilled on the service roads in the world of Trump and Modi, be like Greta Thunberg. Unfortunately, being the citizens of Lahore, it is indelible truth that we are the enemies of environment. We are responsible for the polluted city where there are ponds of waste material, hubs of plastics and burning of scrap. These illegal activities are now so common that people don't feel even guilty while throwing garbage in their self-selected disposal places that are not actually meant to dispose of the garbage.

Municipal waste management trucks and other transports service is limited to main roads only and its access to streets is just like a drop in an ocean. As far as the current scenario is concerned, dengue virus is active once again. Hospitals are again filled with the dengue patients and the same trend has started regarding the treatment on the net beds. Environmental terror-

ism is not only damaging the environment in such a drastic way but also producing serious consequences for our future generations.

Mankind is no more protected and safe in this world where economy comes first and environment after. Poor souls and rich souls are equally affected with this terrorism of environment but the difference between them is only one that former cannot get facilities of well-equipped hospitals while latter have easy access to them. In many posh areas of the country, having well-disciplined environment and the conditions of their roads and streets are as neat as pin. However, the question arises that why these areas are surrounded by the poor population, where dust, smog and dirty water wastage materials are gathered to make these areas more polluted.

For what is the use of this line that is usually painted on the empty plots' walls, "It is a sin to burn wastage", when in the same plot, burning of waste material is being done. Unfortunately, people of our country either literate or illiterate, rich or poor, either young or old, all kinds of people from middle class

to elite class, are in one way or the other putting their weight behind environmental terrorism. When they are not stopped while throwing the waste material out of their cars, when they are not arrested while burning the waste material openly, when they are not stopped while throwing the garbage on the open roads, when they are not asked to avoid spilling the waste in the canals or ponds, then how they will come to know about the difference between lawful and unlawful.

We are not living in the 19th or 20th century when laws and technology were not so updated and advanced, we are living in the era of 21st century where everything is so advanced and updated but in Pakistan, we are still lagging behind in all the fields of life.

We are working on health policies under the Ministry of Health but we are not actually doing research on the consequences of the reasons behind its causes or actions. We have environmentalists in huge numbers, but they are not being allowed to come at front to present and implement their planning in order to overcome the envi-

ronmental terrorism. Every passing day brings some bad news for Pakistanis either in the form of some earthquake or some kinds of disease in the shape of dengue.

We need full participation from mutual to collective, active to passive and government to non-governmental level for bringing back our environment to its original form. We need to pay heed to silent birds, dry leaves and static trees as they are the indicators of these angry species who are worried about their survival where their only enemy is human being.

If we can't think of ourselves, we can't think about these language-less species. If not now, when we would be ready to bring an actual change? If we really want to live in the peaceful environment free from toxicity, we need to ensure our presence and cooperate with the government in its war against environmental terrorism because change demands change in our behaviour. Are you ready for actual change or not? Ask yourself.

The writer is a student of Mechatronics & Control Engineering, UET, Lahore.

Lawyers, doctors' rivals or is it a conspiracy?



Muhammad Waqar Aslam

Everyone would love to get education for his children, however nobody would love to speculate on their son or daughter to organise them to be a part of any party or lobby that might storm into medical facility and take lives of patients. Being a doctor and professional person is so a matter of honour, however this is not the case in Pakistan wherever individuals tend to those noble professions but are misused for exerting political and social influence on different teams, particularly on citizenry

That is not anymore oblique and most evident from the footage that clearly shows how mayhem lawyers attacked and vandalised the complete building of one of the leading medical facility of Punjab which is the biggest hospital for cardiac treatments.

Before this, doctors and paramedics workers invaded small group of lawyers on their visit to Punjab Institute of Cardiology (PIC) beaten them 21 days ago brutally upon just asking for free medicine dispensary counter as their prerogative. That was the beginning of the clash that happened on December 11, 2019

Amid clash between doctors and lawyers' the loss was borne by the poor patients. Nine dead declared; the attack cost 70 million rupees to national assets as the building machinery was torn and devastated again to be bear by the public. Whatsoever calamity it may cause but who cares in Pakistan? No one because everyone has his own vested interests.

Young lawyers fully rage asked from their seniors to support them in emanation their rage out on doctors and paramedics workers. Their leaders fearing of not being elected, as bar elections were within the air as the elections are to be held on January 19, 2020 - They supported them. Young lawyers vowed to support leaders who would facilitate them take revenge. Then what followed, ruthless, attack that took many lives cause turbulence in the treatment of many patients they had to run from hospital to save their lives from the place where they came to protect their lives.

Indeed nobody lost or won; each teams were charged particularly the lawyers who attacked on patients and their social group and kin that ultimately caused death of nine individuals. These square measure plenty that lost. Black sheep that caused the commotion should be strictly dealt in order that a lesson might be learnt by anyone who dares to stage such attack. Even throughout extreme state of affairs like wars, hospitals were spared from all bombardments and even abroad there are sign boards that don't press horn there is a hospital in the radius of one km that tells the protocol of patients getting treated and what our doctors do they inhumanely treat patients and don't bother to examine them they show arrogance in diagnosing them maltreat them but however what lawyers did by attacking hospital in broad daylight in Islamic Republic of Pakistan is pity for us.

Media is being held responsible by them that it portrays their negative image but actually what these big guns doctors and lawyers did is condemnable and raises question on their upbringing and nurturing that they evolved in to fight to such plethora that they left moral ethics, compassion far aside.

Their arbitration starts when parties mutually

decide to use an arbitrator, generally a discretely retained individual is selected who gives decision in place of judge and the negotiation made them settled with the reconciliation they called each other brother but some external forces pumped them and made this dispute uprooting to be redundant again.

Now 250 lawyers are been accused in 7 ATA the same clause in which they wanted doctors to be involved that was also the loophole present in justice system that no adequate inquiry was formed and PIC management didn't cared to go against their goons who tortured unarmed lawyers 21 days ago by locking doors beating them with metal rods.

This situation could be evaded if justice was served and young lawyers innocence wasn't radicalised as CCPO Lahore knew about the protest in front of PIC, then why there were not security measures properly executed If Inspector General himself is fearing then where is the writ of state when minister was beaten, then we needed rangers to safeguard our buildings then this is pertinent to mention here that it is no conspiracy it's the societal dismay its our lapse our crises which we have to edify ourselves instead of moving back to Stone Age.

The writer is a columnist based in Lahore.