

KP's development is only aim of government: CM

PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Mahmood Khan has said that uniform development of the whole province is the priority of the government.

He expressed these views while talking to a representative delegation of Dir Maidan at CM House here on Friday. He said that due to the backwardness of district Dir, more developmental schemes have been allocated in the current Annual Development Program than past. The work is underway on providing basic facilities including health and education. All the problems would be resolved with the passage of time, he added.

The delegation informed the Chief Minister regarding the issues and problems of their constituency. The Chief Minister assured the delegation that the development of District Dir is the priority of incumbent government, we are working for the development of all those under privileged areas which were ignored previously. The Chief Minister stated that the provincial government is looking for the sustainable development of entire province.

He said that all the available resources will be utilized to facilitate and provide livelihood to the common man, we are taking concrete steps for the accomplishing of all our promises and announcements made to the people in letter & Spirit. The provincial government is also promoting tourism in District Dir which will not only boost the economy of province but will also provide employment opportunities to the local people of District Dir, he added. —Online

Anti-Polio drive in KP to be launched Monday

PESHAWAR: Anti-Polio drive will formally kick off in all 35 districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) including the merged districts from Monday.

In this connection Chief Secretary Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Dr. Kazim Niaz inaugurated the campaign by administering polio drops to a child here on Friday. During the five day campaign more than 6.75 million children below the age of five years will be vaccinated across the province. To ensure cent percent target achievement of the drive, 22,925 teams have been constituted. The campaign is focused on reaching and vaccinating every child for stopping transmission of virus and outbreak in the region.

Talking to media persons on the occasion, the Chief Secretary said that eradication of polio vaccine from the province is on top of the priority list of the provincial government adding that the government is working with utmost commitment to eradicate polio and thus protect our future generation from life-long disability. —Online

Japan keen to help Pakistan in health sector: Envoy

ISLAMABAD: Yusuke, Charge d'Affaires ad interim of Japan to Pakistan has said that health sector is one of the priority areas where the Government of Japan provides assistance to Pakistan. He stressed upon the need of easy access of marginalized communities to essential health care services as a way of improving community well-being, particularly of women and children.

He was speaking at the inaugural ceremony a project in Jhelum. He congratulated the community members and the representatives of the trust for the successful completion of this important project.

He also expressed his hope that this project would not only help community members to enjoy better health care facilities but would also help further strengthening the existing friendly relations between the people of Japan and Pakistan.

Japan, under its Grant Assistance for GGP Program, had provided financial assistance of \$90,665 for this project. The inauguration ceremony was attended by the NGO and community representatives. It is pertinent to mention here that the Government of Japan had extended finan-



NATHIAGALI: A local man trying to open door of frozen car, during snowfall in the area.

Govt working to preserve history, culture and heritage of Kashmir

Masood thanks Mahatir for support to Kashmiris

ISLAMABAD: The AJK President Sardar Masood Khan has termed as a good omen the call of Malaysian Prime Minister Mahatir Mohammad for a negotiated solution to Kashmir issue in accordance with the UN resolutions.

Talking to Malaysian High Commission Iqram Mohammad Ibrahim here he thanked Prime Minister Mahatir for adopting a principled and categorical stand on Kashmir issue, and said that the people of Pakistan and Kashmir will remain indebted to him for his support to the just Kashmir cause.

The AJK president asserted that the Malaysian leader has highlighted the UN role and the rule of law as the center point for the solution of Kashmir issue. He, however, regretted that instead of paying heed to the advice of this great leader, India had launched a boycott campaign against Malaysia.

The Malaysian high commission said that his country would uphold its principled stand on Kashmir, and side by side with maintaining the best diplomatic ties with Pakistan, it would establish cultural and economic relations with Azad Kashmir also. Earlier, speaking at the inaugural ceremony of the Kashmiri Initiative Society under the auspices of University

of Lahore, the AJK President said that the state government with the cooperation of the OIC and the federal government, was working to preserve the history, culture and heritage of Kashmir.

He said that necessary steps were being gradually taken to turn the liberated territory into a paradise for tourists because of its natural beauty, pleasant weather and traditional hospitality.

'More than 1.5 million tourists visit Azad Kashmir every year, which is an encouraging development,' he added.

He hoped that Kashmir Initiative Society will serve as a center of excellence for the Pakistani students in regard to Kashmir issue. He said that in spite having the option of remaining a sovereign state, more than 500,000 Kashmiri people have so far sacrificed their lives in the quest to incorporate into Pakistan. No power on the earth can compel the Kashmiri people to give up their struggle because to us, Pakistan and Kashmir were incomplete without each other.

Alvi informs French ambassador about Indian HR abuses

The controversial Citizenship (Amendment) Act 2019 is a defacement of the proclaimed Indian secularism and has put minorities, especially Muslims,

at a serious risk, said President Dr. Arif Alvi, while talking to the Ambassador of France to Pakistan Marc Barety, who called on him at Aiwan-e-Sadr, Islamabad on Friday. He emphasized that Kashmir was under complete lockdown, where all civic liberties of the Kashmiri people had been suspended, and they were being subjected to brutal rape, lynching and imprisonment. Taking stock of the bleak plight of Kashmiri people, he hoped that France would play its rightful role in alleviating the suffering of the Kashmiri people by urging India to stop human rights violations in Kashmir.

The President said that Pakistan attached great importance to its relations with France and endeavoured to further enhance its relations with France both at the bilateral level as well as in context of the EU, he added. He expressed his satisfaction that there existed contacts at the highest-level between the leadership of the two countries, including Parliamentary friendship groups, which played an important role in strengthening bilateral relations.

He further said that Pakistan wished to enhance economic cooperation with France and there was ample scope of in-

vestment in Pakistan, because of its investment-friendly policies.

The President highlighted that 100,000 strong Pakistani Diaspora in France was a bridge to promote people-to-people contacts. He also said that Pakistan had a huge tourism potential as it had rich cultural artifacts and this potential must be tapped by the French people.

The President also highlighted that climate change was a global threat and Pakistan was one of the most vulnerable countries in this regard, despite having a small carbon-footprint; therefore, international collaboration must be strengthened to mitigate its serious consequences. While referring to the Kashmir issue, the Ambassador said that France had a clear policy that human rights must be protected at all costs.

He also said that climate change was a serious global issue and in this regard, France was offering special scholarships.

He also emphasized the need for academic collaboration between Pakistani and French academicians and said that the training of the trainers was also very important in this context. He further said that Pakistan was rich in natural beauty, especially its Northern Areas, and has

Adequate funds for mountain conservation, uplift stressed

ISLAMABAD: Speakers at a multi-disciplinary daylong conference urged the government and international development partners to allocate sufficient funds for mountain areas of Pakistan to ensure adaptation of climate change. Being far flung from the urban centres, the mountain communities are subject to neglect that has increased their vulnerability to the impact of climate change. They envisaged the backbone role of local educated and dynamic youth in advocacy and awareness-raising on combating the challenges confronting the mountain communities.

Devcom-Pakistan (Development Communications Network) organised the conference on "Youth Matters for Mountains" to mark the International

Mountains Day (IMD) in connection with the 9th edition of Pakistan Mountain Festival at the Comsats University Islamabad campus in collaboration with Food and Agricultural Organisation of the United Nations (FAO), WaterAid, Centre for Climate Research and Development (CCRD) and Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund (PPAF).

The inaugural session, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction, was chaired by the chairman of Federal Floods Commission (FFC) Ahmad Kamal. The other speakers of the session were Idrees Mahsud, Director General National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Dr. Anjum Rasheed, Assistant Professor, Centre for Climate Research & Development (CCRD),

Naem Ashraf Raja, Director (Biodiversity), Ministry of Climate Change, Dr Imran Saqib Khallid, Research Fellow, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI).

FFC chairman Ahmad Kamal said the National Flood Protection Plan-IV is being implemented with the active participation of sun-national authorities on innovative and integrated approach incorporating structural and non-structural measures for reducing floods, reducing susceptibility to flood damages and mitigating the flood impacts keeping in view constraints, gaps and lapses in the previous Flood Protection Plans, technical shortcomings and lessons learnt from past major flood events.

Nadeem Ahmed, WaterAid Head of

Policy and Advocacy, Mahboob Elahi, Former Director General Ministry of Environment, Dr. Ejaz Ahmed Khan, Associate Professor, Health Services Academy, and Dr. Sofia Khalid, Assistant Professor, Department of Environmental Sciences, Fatima Jinnah Women University (FJWU), were the main speakers of the second session on the 'Right to Water and Sanitation'.

Nadeem Ahmad said: Extreme efforts and huge funds required to ensure every citizen right to have water, sanitation and hygiene in Pakistan. This right is extremely neglected to make Pakistan 7th on the global vulnerability index in the access to WASH needs as almost 42 per cent of the population remains without access to basic sanita-

SC admits petition against reinstatement of PPO employee

ISLAMABAD: The Supreme Court (SC) has admitted for hearing petition filed against reinstatement of low grade employee Muhammad Bhutta of Pakistan Post who was sacked on the charges of embezzlement. A two members bench of SC presided over by Justice Gulzar Ahmad took up the case for hearing Friday. During the course of hearing of the case Deputy Attorney General (DAG) told the court Muhammad Bhutta who was a grade-9 employee was charged with embezzling the fund of post department in 2007. Muhammad Bhutta was sacked after holding inquiry in 2007. Federal Service Tribunal (FST) had reinstated Muhammad Bhutta and his accomplice employee Ghulam Murtaza in 2010 due to non determination of embezzled funds money. Ghulam Murtaza committed embezzlement in utility bills soon after his reinstatement in 2010. Therefore, he was compulsorily retired from service. Justice Gulzar Ahmad "allegation of embezzlement has been leveled but you will have to prove it now. —APP

Two Afghans escape from Landi Kotal jail

KHYBER: Two Afghan prisoners have escaped from Landi Kotal jail. Islamabad police had arrested two accused and Torkham borders and handed over them to Landi Kotal police. The authorities said the accused were wanted by Islamabad Police in different cases. Police said the prisoners had escaped from jail over night. Efforts are underway to arrest them. —Online

Khosa addresses farewell party of SC staff, officers

ISLAMABAD: A farewell party was arranged by the officers and staff of the Supreme Court of Pakistan on Friday in honour of outgoing Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Asif Saeed Khan Khosa to bid him farewell, who is going to lay robes of his office on December 20, 2019. Addressing the officers and staff of the Court, Chief Justice of Pakistan said that the importance of staff and officers could not be ruled out for smooth functioning of any organisation. In judicial system, the staff was backbone of Courts without their tedious task of dispensation of justice could not be fulfilled. He added that he was personally monitoring performance of each staff member and found that each member of the staff worked diligently and wholeheartedly with full commitment to contribute for better performance of the Court and it was on account of good performance of the staff that institution delivered best results. He further said that he was sanguine that the staff would be working with the same pace to maintain the highest standard of public service delivery. He also extended his compliments to Arbab Muhammad Arif, Registrar, Supreme Court of Pakistan for his successful administration during his tenure, who was due to retire soon. —Online

A study of culture, health, society of Bhatti Goraya-III

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There is very poor antenatal and postnatal care. Females don't go to the hospital for a regular checkup during pregnancy. They are unable to maintain a proper diet which is necessary during pregnancy. Mostly delivery conducted by (Dai) which increases the chances of morbidity and mortality rate of maternal and child.

There is no infection control precaution and a big source of communicable diseases. They are not aware of immunization and vaccine which is very important for children. Maternal morbidity and mortality is still a major public health challenge. Lack of proper birth plan and delay in the identification of pregnancy complications is one of the major causes of maternal morbidities and deaths, especially in rural areas.

Maternal death is defined by the World Health Organization (WHO) as the death of a woman while pregnant or within 6 weeks of termination of pregnancy, regardless of the duration and site of the pregnancy, from any cause related to or aggravated by the pregnancy or its management but not from accidental or incidental causes. Globally, approximately 800 women die every day from avertible causes re-

lated to pregnancy and childbirth. Most of the maternal deaths (99%) occur in developing countries with a high prevalence among rural areas and poor communities. (Gopalakrishnan, S., Eashwar, V. A., & Muthulakshmi, M. 2019)

We should change the policy stopping traditional birth attendants from conducting deliveries at home and encouraging all women to give birth at the clinic under skilled care, many women still give birth at home and traditional birth attendants are essential providers of obstetric care in rural area. Our findings show that women's lack of decision-making autonomy regarding childbirth, dependence on the husband and other family members for the final decision, and various physical and socioeconomic barriers including long distances, lack of money for transport and other requirement for daily living, etc., prevented them from delivering at a clinic

There is no proper sanitation program for waste material. All the waste material collected in an open field in the shape of Pounds near the village that's a big source of water-borne diseases. There is also a drinking water problem. People drink contaminated water because they don't have awareness regarding safe water and no water filtration plant there. Nowadays open water is the causative environment for dengue mosquito and they are on

the risk of dengue fever.

This is the association between stored drinking water quality and sanitation on diarrhea incidence among under-five children. Using primary household survey data and microbiological water quality testing for E.coli, our results show that uncontaminated stored drinking water and safe child stool disposal are associated with decreased child diarrhea incidences of 18 and 20 percentage points, respectively.

In contrast, neighborhood concentration of pit latrine shows an increased incidence of child diarrhea of 16 percentage points. To protect rural children from the risk of contracting diarrhea, improving household drinking water quality and changing people's behavior towards safe sanitation practices is needed. (Usman, M. A., Gerber, N., & von Braun, J. 2019).

Globally, 2.3 billion people still do not have basic sanitary facilities such as toilets or latrines. Of these 892 million still defecate in the open, in street gutters, behind bushes, or into open water bodies. Poor sanitation is linked to the transmission of diseases such as cholera, diarrhea, dysentery, hepatitis A, typhoid and poliomyelitis. Reiterated that inadequate sanitation is estimated to cause 280 000 diarrhoeal deaths annually and is a major factor in several neglected tropical diseases in-

cluding intestinal worms, schistosomiasis, and trachoma. (UNICEF & WHO, 2017).Safou, Adu, G., & Hanson, R. (2019).

Application of the Andersen Newman model of health care utilization to understand antenatal care: The factors that are amenable to modification in the context of Ethiopia for further government and stakeholders' interventions to increase ANC uptake are illustrated below. Predisposing factors that can be targeted by the government to mitigate poor utilization of ANC include women's education, previous use of ANC and best friend's use of maternal care. Enabling factors such as a husband's attitude towards ANC can also be targeted to increase ANC attendance.

Lastly, increasing HEW home visits, increasing women knowledge on the importance of ANC attendance, and promoting awareness of obstetric complications could be potential areas of intervention to further improve ANC utilization in Ethiopia.

Literature Review of Strategies for Newborn Care and Child Survival: Achieving the goals for decreasing morbidity and mortality from maternal, newborn, and childhood conditions requires communication inputs to raise awareness, encourage positive attitudes and healthy practices about maternal, newborn and

child illness prevention and control, increase knowledge, and to motivate individuals, families, communities, social systems to adopt the interventions and promote the healthy maternal and child survival. Current evidence-based communication strategies used to promote positive individual, family, community, and social system practices to prevent maternal, newborn, and child morbidity and mortality.

Evidence-Based Strategies to Prevent Maternal, Newborn, and Child Mortality and Morbidity: Conclusion: This is the culture of a Bhatti Goraya which is situated in Narowal Dist. People of this area have so many cultural practices such as they celebrate Eid, Basant, and traditional mella programme. That can be positive or negative. There are also some positive and negative Health practices such as healthy food, Early morning walk, poor antenatal and postnatal care, Contaminated water supply, drug addiction, etc. Health practices can improve after applying this model "Andersen-Newman model of health care utilisation to understand antenatal care" with different strategies can improve the unhealthy practices. ■

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