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Quick Read

PU to help unearth Buddhist civilisation

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: A team of professionals under the supervision of the Punjab University's Department of Archaeology Chairman Dr Muhammad Hameed, has joined the ongoing scientific excavation at Dillu Roy, a rich archaeological site, located in Dera Ghazi Khan.

According to initial inspection of the antiquities/objects collected from the surface and from excavation, it can be suggested that the site could be a centre of Buddhist civilisation in Punjab like in Taxila. Significance of the site in context of Gandhara Civilisation and its extension in southern Punjab would be understood in a better way through the present archaeological excavation.

The excavation project is being headed by Muhammad Hassan, Deputy Director, Southern Circle, Directorate of Archaeology, Punjab. The PU Department of Archaeology is sharing its expertise in the field of archaeological digging, documentation and handling of antiquities, learning survey techniques etc. with the provincial Department of Archaeology in their field project. Dillu Roy, a site spread over an area of 434 kanals of land, is the biggest settlement so far reported, belonging to the Buddhist and pre-Buddhist period not only in southern region of Punjab but also of the entire province.

11 dead, 1,099 injured in 990 road accidents

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: At least 11 persons were killed and 1,099 others sustained injuries in 990 road accidents in Punjab during the last 24 hours, according to the Punjab Emergency Service (Rescue-1122) release.

As many as 662 seriously injured people were shifted to different hospitals while 437 with minor injuries were treated on-the-spot by the Rescue medical teams. The data analysis showed that 431 drivers, 38 underage drivers, 187 pedestrians and 492 passengers were among the victims of the road accidents. The statistics show that 231 road accidents were reported in Lahore, affecting 217 persons, placing the provincial capital at top of the list, followed by 72 in Faisalabad with 85 victims and at third Multan with 68 accidents and 73 victims.

High schools students visit Alhamra museum

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Various groups of different high schools of Lahore city visited Alhamra Art Museum at Alhamra Cultural Complex, Gaddafi Stadium here on Monday.

The students from Govt Darun-Nissa High School, Jail Road, Govt Model Girls High School, Canal View and Govt Girls High School, Walton Road watched precious artworks and praised the huge collection displayed there.



LAHORE: A large number of passengers stand at the Railway Station as trains delayed and passengers face troubles. —Online

CM orders to launch anti-polio drive in Punjab

—Says 2c children will be administered polio-drops

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: On the direction of Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar, anti-polio campaign has been launched across the province.

A special ceremony was being organized with regard to launching anti-polio campaign at CM Office.

Provincial Health Minister Dr. Yasmeen Rashid, Provincial Housing Minister Mian Mehmood-ur-Rasheed, Chief Secretary Maj (retired) Azam Suleman Khan, Principal Secretary to CM, Secretary Primary & Secondary Healthcare and Additional Secretary Health inaugurated anti-polio campaign by administering polio drops to the children.

Sardar Usman Buzdar said that this campaign will continue for five days in Punjab being launched from Monday. Approximately two crore children below the age of five years will

be administered anti-polio drops.

More than ninety thousand health workers and supervisors will participate in this special campaign.

Chief Minister directed Deputy Commissioners to go out in the field in order to supervise anti-polio campaign. Parents should cooperate with anti-polio teams and get their children administered anti-polio drops, he added.

Punjab will be made polio-free province and war against polio is the war for safeguarding future of infants in which triumph is the only option.

We will safeguard our children from this fatal disease, he vowed.

He further directed health department and district administration to ensure 100 percent implementation on the devised anti-polio plan and endeavours being made for the eradication of polio amount to Jihad.

It is our responsibility to apprise the

masses about the benefits of polio vaccine especially to the parents, he maintained. No negligence and inefficiency will be tolerated during anti-polio campaign.

Dr Yasmeen Rashid said that it is our national obligation to safeguard children from polio and every child will be given polio vaccine during current month.

Mian Mehmood-ur-Rasheed said that elimination of polio is our foremost priority and every segment of society has to play its proactive role for ensuring success of anti-polio campaign, he concluded.

CM grieved at loss of lives in Karachi gas leak

Buzdar has expressed sorrow and grief over the loss of precious human lives due to gas leakage in Kemari area of Karachi.

According to a handout issued here on Monday, he extended sympathies

to the bereaved families and prayed for early recovery of the injured.

CM takes notice of torture in Dinga

Buzdar has taken notice of torture of a youth in Dinga area of Gujrat district and sought a report from the district police officer (DPO).

He ordered for taking action against the persons involved in the incident.

Meanwhile, the police registered a case and a team was constituted under DSP Kharian to arrest the accused.

CM calls cabinet meeting on today

Punjab Chief Minister Sardar Usman Buzdar has called 25th meeting of the provincial cabinet at CM Office today (Tuesday) to discuss 22-point agenda. According to a handout issued here on Monday, provincial ministers, advisers, special assistants, provincial chief secretary and secretaries would attend the meeting.

Aslam laments apathy of world over violation of HRs in IOK

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Provincial Industries and Trade Minister Mian Aslam Iqbal has said that indifference and apathy of international community over trampling of worst ever human rights in Occupied Kashmiri and Kashmiris being put under continued military siege is highly lamentable. Continuous curfew being imposed on innocent Kashmiris has made their lives miserable.

The so-called Indian secular face has been fully exposed by the fascist and extremist policies being adopted by the Modi government, he added. Mian Aslam Iqbal in a statement said that India has made a big mistake by revoking Special Status of Occupied Kashmir on 5th August 2019. The Indian state institutions are indulging into massive massacre of Kashmiris rights in order to fulfil extremist designs of Narendra Modi, he deplored.

The Indian people are also protesting against inhuman and oppressive policies being adopted by Modi government against unarmed and innocent Kashmiris. The struggle of Kashmiris will definitely succeed and the sun of Kashmir liberation will rise soon. The determination and courage of Kashmiris is very high and oppression of Indian army cannot kneel them down, he maintained. Pakistan by becoming voice of Kashmiris will fight their war for protection of their rights at every global forum and Prime Minister Imran Khan has effectively raised the voice of Kashmiris before the world community, he lauded. International community should take notice of massacre of Kashmiris and violation of human rights as well as extremist designs of Modi government.

Kashmiris are not alone in their fight for attaining freedom as 22 crore people of Pakistan also stand with them in their struggle, he concluded.

Training session of e-governance held

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: A training session was held at Punjab department of Human Rights & Minorities Affairs (HR&MA) in accordance with Punjab government's vision of paperless departmental environment on Monday.

The training was organised by Punjab Information technology board (PITB) to implement E-Filing & office automation system (E-FOAS) after successful implementation of its first phase.

Secretary HR&MA Dr. Irshad said on the occasion that use of information technology (IT) and launching of the e-filing system as a pilot project at phase one was commendable, adding that a huge amount of money was being spent annually under the head of stationery which could be prevented through e-filing system. Expert of e-governance PITB said that E-FOAS was a secure, easy to use electronic filing & office automation system designed for a variety of purposes including document capture and storage, search and retrieval, file sharing and centralized help desk module for efficient system support and optimized business processing.

GCU convocation today

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The 18th convocation of Government College University (GCU) will be held at Bukhari Auditorium of the GCU today (Tuesday) at 10:00 am.

Punjab Governor Chaudhry Muhammad Sarwar will be chief guest and confer degrees on the graduates. Some 2,044 students would receive medals, rolls of honour and degrees at the convocation. As many as 151 best students would receive academic medals, co-curricular certificate and rolls of honour while 68 scholars will be awarded PhDs.

Sehat Insaf Cards being distributed in all districts of Punjab: Yasmeen

—Meets with UNICEF representatives, exchanges views regarding bringing reforms in health sector

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Provincial Health Minister Dr. Yasmeen Rashid meets with UNICEF representatives at Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department. Secretary Primary and Secondary Healthcare Capt. (retired) Muhammad Usman Younas, Special Secretary Muhammad Ajmal Bhatti, DG Health Services Dr. Haroon Jahangir, Incharge UNICEF Punjab, Deputy UNICEF representative Tajuddin and other officers were also present on this occasion.

Dr. Yasmeen Rashid exchange views with UNICEF representatives regarding bringing reforms in health sector and provision of relief to the masses. UNICEF representatives appreciated the



efforts of Dr. Yasmeen Rashid for providing better health facilities and relief to the people. Dr Yasmeen Rashid while talking with UNICEF representatives said that according to the vision and directions of Prime Minister Imran Khan, Sehat Insaf Cards are being distributed in all districts of Punjab. Patients besides getting treatment in government hospitals through Sehat Insaf Cards can also avail health facilities in more than two hundred private hospitals, she added. According to recent survey, patients have started visiting government hospitals in great numbers due to provision of better health facilities.

Interest free loans are also being given to health professionals through Punjab Health Foundation, she stated.

30 thousand employments are being provided on merit for the first time in the history of Health Department Punjab. State-of-the-art Mother and Child Hospitals are being set up in five big districts of Punjab. Provision of best treatment facilities are being ensured to the people living in far-flung areas at their doorstep through "Referral System". For the first time, Chief Minister Health and Nutrition Screening Programme has been launched and under this programme complete screening record of all government schools children will be formulated. Special Secretary Muhammad Ajmal Bhatti also put forth different recommendations for bringing reforms in health sector to ensure further improvements.



LAHORE: Minister Housing, Urban Development & Public Health Engineering Mian Mahmood-ur-Rasheed administers polio drops to a kid. —Online

Govt to promote tourism in Punjab: CS

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: In order to review the promotion of tourism in Pakistan, a high-level meeting of Chief Secretary, Punjab Maj (retired) Azam Suleman Khan, and Advisor to Prime Minister of Pakistan Zulfi Bukhari was held here on Monday at Civil Secretariat, Lahore.

Chairman P&D Board Punjab, Advisor to CM, Mr. Asif Mehmood, DG Walled City Mr. Kamran Lashari, MD Tourism Development Corporation and other senior officers were also present in this meeting.

While briefing Mr. Zulfi Bukhari, Chief Secretary Punjab told that all required formalities have been completed to establish and independent Tourism Culture & Heritage Authority (TCHA) for the purpose.

Chief Secretary told that as per pro-

posed organ gram the authority will be headed by a Provincial Minister under which Secretary Tourism along with five DGs of various departments will perform their duties. The authority will play its role for the promotion of tourism by providing facilities to the tourists in terms of establishment information centres, management of tour packages provision of re-creational and residential facilities besides arrangements of various events and festivals along with special training in hospitality education, added, the Chief Secretary. Zulfi Bukhari was further told that Punjab Tourism Department had successfully arranged Jeep Rally in Cholistan Desert where Punjab Government have completed first desert resort to facilitate the tourists. He was further told that first-time tourists guide programmes have

been scheduled so that the visiting tourists could be provided detailed information about the area which they were supposed to be visit. The drivers of the private transport companies will also be trained under this tourist guide programme, added by CS.

Chief Secretary Punjab assured Bukhari that Punjab government will extend full support to federal government for further promotion of tourism in Punjab. He was also briefed by CS that Punjab Tourism Department has restored various historic places in its original shape inclusive of Tomb of Musa Pak Shaheed, Uch Sharif, Boali at Jandiala Sher Khan, Sheikhupura, Samadhi of Bhai Wasti Ram, Tomb of Noor Jahan and Tomb of Zaib un Nisa. Later, souvenirs were exchanged between the Chief Secretary and Advisor to PM.