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Railways Spring Festival from 14th

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The Pakistan Railways is organising a three-day Spring Festival at the Railway Park, Lahore Cantt, opposite Fortress Stadium, from Feb 14 to 16. The PR sources said on Sunday, special musical programmes, games and food points would be arranged for the visitors. Visitors can enjoy the festival in a nominal fee of Rs 50 for an adult and Rs 20 for kids between 5 to 10 years whereas children below 5 are free.

Book fair continues

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: A five-day the 34th International Book Fair is successfully going on at the Lahore Expo Centre and a large number of people visited during the last four days.

On Sunday, a good number of book lovers purchased books while special activities for children were arranged at the fair to promote book reading among kids, according to the fair organizers.

When this scribe questioned a visitor, Arizanan Sajjad, about the fair, he said the fair had provided an opportunity to buy books of great writers, Ashfaq Ahmad, A Hameed, Saadat Hassan Manto, Qurratul Ain Haider, Ahmad Nadeem Qasmi and others.

MCL confiscates encroachment materials

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The Metropolitan Corporation Lahore (MCL) Anti-Encroachment squads confiscated seven truckloads of encroachers' belongings and imposed Rs 23,000 fine in drive against encroachments in various localities of the provincial capital on Sunday.

Under the Clean and Green Pakistan Programme, Metropolitan Officer (Regulation) Zubair Ahmed Wattoo supervised the operations. The MCL also took into custody the encroachment goods in Jinnah colony, Islampura, Anarkali, Dharampura, Baghbanpura, Bagrian, Green town, Ferozpur road, Sabzi Mandi, Thokar Niaz Baig.



LAHORE: People taking interest in books during 34th International Book Fair at Expo Center.

PTI govt taking measures to control inflation: CM

—Says, govt focusing its attention on provision of relief to masses

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar has said that after stabilizing the economy, PTI government will now focus its attention on providing relief to the people.

PTI government is undertaking all possible administrative measures in order to overcome price-hike problem and the government under the vibrant leadership of Prime Minister Imran Khan besides further improving the economy is also taking up positive initiatives for resolving problems of the masses, he added.

PTI government has taken practical steps in order to bring prosperity and comfort in the lives of the masses which has no precedent in past, he lauded.

The previous rulers focused their attention on filling up their personal coffers instead of ensuring progress and prosperity of the country and the whole nation is paying a very heavy price for their misdeeds today, he lamented.

Usman Buzdar in his statement issued here on Sunday said that PTI government under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Imran Khan not only put the country out of the quag-



mire of economic and other crisis but also set it in the right direction, he stated.

By the grace of Allah Almighty every coming day will prove to be better than the previous one. Relations with the allies are exemplary and opposition will have to face humiliation for spreading despair, he maintained.

The attempt on the part of opposition to create cracks among the ranks of coalition partners

will be foiled as opposition is playing the politics of anarchy and is itself facing chaos and disorder, he stressed.

Prime Minister Imran Khan is a visionary leader of the present era and will not bent upon making any undue compromise but rather will stick to principles. PTI government will fulfill all its promises being made with the masses according to its manifesto, he concluded.

Winners of Polo Cup 2020 get prizes

Buzdar distributed prizes among the players for winning Chief Minister's Polo Cup 2020 final match held at Polo Ground here on Sunday. President Polo Club Malik Atif Yar Tiwana, Senior Member Polo Club Ishaq Khaqani, Col (ret) Mudassar, Commissioner Lahore Division and officers concerned were present on the occasion.

Punjab Chief Minister while expressing his views on the occasion said that despite passage of 800 years polo was still a popular sport today and historical Polo Club of Lahore had become a proud identity and symbol of Pakistan for polo spectators all over the world.

Kabadi World Cup restores popularity of traditional game: Augustine

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The Provincial Minister HR&MA Ijaz Alam Augustine has welcomed all the Kabaddi teams in Pakistan including Indian team.

He said that Kabaddi World Cup in Punjab could be a turning point for restoring the lost popularity of the traditional Pakistani game. He said that participation of 10 different country's teams in the mega event will highlight the positive image of Pakistan regarding peaceful and game-loving country. The minister said that unfortunately due to lack of interest and terrorism in the country, playground became a desert but in the tenure

of PTI all possible resources being utilized to restore peaceful activities. He also paid tribute to institutions of security forces especially the Pak Army to eliminate terrorism in the country. He said that due to sacrifices of the martyred, people are enjoying in the tribal area also where fear existed. The minister said that guest teams expressed their desire to come back again in Pakistan, which is a good omen for Pakistan to the restoration of the traditional game. It is the best time for us to show Pakistan's soft image to the international community and prove that Pakistan is a peaceful country, he concluded.



LAHORE: Women in buy second hand bags at the Sunday Shadman Bazaar. —Online

'Country can face drought, flooding if vegetation cover not increased'

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Environmental experts on Sunday said that Pakistan could face worst drought and flooding, if maximum area would not be brought under the vegetation cover.

Talking to mediemen, noted environmentalist Kashif Mehmood Salik said that recent years, the largest city of the country, Karachi, was had been facing worst heat wave impact, due to which more than 60 people had died.

"Following the heat wave, many people had died or affected due to heat related illnesses across the country," he added.

According to the Global Climate Risk-Index report released by the public policy group German Watch, revealed that Pakistan was the most vulnerable to climate change and among the top 10 countries in the world.

To a query, he said that in Middle East and South Asian countries, due to its geographic location, Pakistan was witnessing increase in temperature at a alarming level.

Pakistan Meteorological Department sources confirmed that due to massive tree cutting, climate change pattern were affecting the demography of the country, adding in Southern city, Tur-

bat witnessed a sizzling level during summer 2017, when the temperature hit a record 53.5 Celsius.

Another expert Mehmood Khalid Qamar said that deforestation and ecodegradation were occurring at a fast pace, and glacial melt, riverine and flash floods were occurring with irregular patterns. Qamar said the most of climate change related disasters were affecting the natural water resources, agriculture, irrigation, health and other sectors. According to Punjab Forest Department official data, the current rate of deforestation in the country is 27,000 hectares per year, while the total area under forest cover was 4.4

Govt believes in making equal progress of all areas: Aslam

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Provincial Industries & Trade Minister Mian Aslam Iqbal said that PTI government believes in making equal progress of all areas of the country and development works are being expeditiously completed across the province.

PML-N government hoodwinked the masses in the name of progress and the so-called Khadim-e-Aala squandered away resources on his personal publicity.

The people of Pakistan are facing the problems of price-hike, poverty and unemployment. These problems are being

created by the previous rulers, he lamented. PTI government is cleaning up the mess of previous 40 years. We have come into power in order to bring betterment in the lives of poor and the downtrodden and will fulfill all its promises, he stressed.

The journey of progress will not halt under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Imran Khan and will also take our war being waged against corruption to its logical end. He expressed these views after inaugurating various development projects in the provincial constituency 151 and while talking with public congregations and media representatives. He inaugurated LOS Road,

near Hammo Shah Janazgah and New Mozang Chowk Road and also laid foundation stone for initiating various development projects at Hassan Market.

PTI government is advancing forward with its ideology of making one rather two Pakistan and will not allow culprits to go abroad, he maintained.

In reply to a question, he said that crackdown is ongoing against illegal profiteers and they have been fined more than Rs50 crore up till now.

Cases have also been registered against thousands of illegal profiteers and great numbers of them have also been put behind the bars.

PTI government will not let those

Three-day Pak Pharma & Healthcare Expo begins tomorrow

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The Pak Pharma and Healthcare Expo 2020 Exhibition and Conference will be held tomorrow (Tuesday) at Expo Centre Lahore without Chinese exhibitors as they have declined to visit Pakistan due to prevailing situation of Corona.

This three-day exhibition and conference is being organised by Prime Event Management and is supported by Pakistan Pharmaceuticals Manufacturing Association (PPMA). Asif Rauf, Chief Executive Officer, Drug Regulatory Authority Pakistan (DRAP) will inaugurate this exhibition. Other guests at inaugural ceremony are Mohammad Zaka Ur Rehman – Chairman PPMA, Dr. Uzair Nagra – Chairman PPMA North and Irfan Iqbal Sheikh – President Lahore Chamber of Commerce. Other speakers

of inaugural ceremony will include Sultan Ghani – Advisor to State Minister of Health Ministry of National Health Services, Dr Obaidullah – Director DRAP, Syed Khalid Saeed Bukhari – Chief of Party USP, Hamid Raza – CEO Neutro Pharma Pvt. Ltd. and Dr. Zeba Ahmed Shuja – Director Technical Schazoo Zaka Pvt. Ltd. Director Prime Event Kamran Abbasi told that as many as 65 companies from different cities of Pakistan and abroad including Japan, Turkey, Malaysia, Taiwan, Korea. "Some 15 exhibitors earlier confirmed their stalls and they were expected to arrive but due to complex situation of Corona virus in China, they have cancelled this visit," he confirmed.

He said that this event will be an important milestone in promotion of pharma and healthcare industry of Punjab. It will bring together all the stakeholders of

pharmaceutical industry under one roof during these three days of event, he told. The exhibition will provide an excellent opportunity of one to one contact for all those who are interested in to promote their products and service to pharmaceutical industry in Pakistan. Meetings and discussion on the sideline of the exhibition will help participants in shaping and formulating future strategies and business plans. This exhibition will provide a rare opportunity to both local and international manufacturers and suppliers of equipment and service to have in direct contact with the pharmaceutical manufacturers in Pakistan, he told. The business environment is highly promising with the liberal government policies, the industry has plan for expansion. Consistent economic policies have increased the investors' confidence and various new projects, and expansion plans being undertaken, he