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Sunset 06:09pm
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FAJAR	04:56 AM
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Quick Read

Consumers show renewed interest in HUAWEI Y7p as it goes on sale

LAHORE: After a successful pre-order phase, Huawei has launched the HUAWEI Y7p in Pakistan. The smartphone went on pre-orders last week to much public aplomb as people wanted to try out the HUAWEI AppGallery – the default app marketplace on the HUAWEI Y7p. It offers remarkable features for a price of PKR 28,999/- and is quite a steal with its 48MP Triple AI Camera, 6.39" FHD+ Punch FullView Display, 4GB RAM and 64GB Memory among many other features.

Touted as a smartphone for the New Age, this game changing mid-ranger comes with HUAWEI AppGallery which is available in more than 170 countries and attracts more than 400 million monthly active users across the world. Building on its popularity, the phone is also a photography marvel in its price point. The 48MP Triple AI Camera that includes an 8MP Ultra Wide Camera and a 2MP Depth Assist Camera promises one of the best photographic experiences – with true 48MP photography, 120-degree wide angle photos and videos and spectacular Bokeh imagery.

When it comes to design, the HUAWEI Y7p is breathtakingly beautiful. Be it Aurora Blue or Midnight Black – the eye-catching aesthetics are surely a class apart. The display is yet another winning aspect of the device with a 6.39" FHD+ Punch FullView Display. The 8MP AI Front Camera is embedded in the screen as a punch hole, taking stunning HDR quality selfies. —PR

Basharat adjourns Lawyers Convention

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Provincial Minister for Law, Parliamentary Affairs and Social Welfare Raja Basharat adjourned the Lawyers Convention to be held in Lahore on March 16. He said the decision was made in view of the protective measures against Corona Virus hazards. Raja Basharat further said that the re-holding of the convention will be announced later, while the work on the government's steps for the welfare of the bar associations and lawyers throughout the province would continue routinely.

Lahore police conduct search operations in City

LAHORE: Lahore police conducted search operations in the city on Friday. Heavy contingent of Dolphin Squad, Police Response Unit (PRU), Elite force, security agencies and Lahore police participated in the search operations. The police checked all suspicious persons in various parts of the city with the help of biometric and the latest android devices.

The ongoing search operations were aimed at creating a sense of security among citizens and maintain law and order situation in the provincial capital, according to DIG Operations Lahore Rai Babar Saeed. He also issued directions to all divisional SPs, DSPs and SHOs to ensure foolproof security arrangements in the city especially at worship and religious places.

Farewell ceremony held at LGH

LAHORE: Principal Postgraduate Medical Institute Prof Dr Muhammad Al-freid Zafar and Executive Director of PINS Prof Dr Khalid Mahmood appreciated steps taken by Prof Agha Shabbir Ali to treat cancer-stricken children.

In a statement issued here on Friday, they were speaking in a farewell ceremony given in honour of Prof Sahbir Ali on his retirement at the LGH.

They said that services of establishment of superior clinical and managerial abilities of the professor would be remembered. The principal said that academic council approved the resolution of Prof Agha Shabbir Ali as Professor of Emeritus.

He declared Prof Shabbir Ali proud of the PGMI, AMC and LGH, saying that during his career he served humanity by promoting medical education and modern ways of treating children with integrity, duty recognition and understanding of national duty. Executive Director PINS Prof Dr Khalid Mahmood, Dean of Children's Hospital, Prof Masood Sadiq, professors, doctors, nurses and a large number of students of Amir Uddin Medical College were also present. Prof Masood Sadiq, Professor Ghiya al-Nabi Tayyab, Prof Muhammad Moin, Prof Farooq Afzal, Prof Muhammad Shahid, Prof Muhammad Nazir, MS Dr Mahmood Salah Uddin, Dr. Faryad Hussain and others also addressed. —APP



LAHORE: Visa holders stand in queue for waiting their turn outside the Saudia Airlines, as the government of Saudia Arabia has issued order to leave the country within 72 hours due to coronavirus. —Online

No compromise on accountability: Sarwar

—Sarwar asks Opp not to waste its energies, relax till 2023

LAHORE: Three dissident MPs of PML-N, including Nishat Dahan, Faisal Niazi and Azhar Abbas called on Punjab Governor Chaudhry Sarwar on Thursday.

Besides, Provincial Forests Minister Sibtain Khan, Senior PTI Member Sardar Asif Ahmed Ali and others also called on him here at Governor's House. Punjab Governor Muhammad Sarwar on the occasion said everyone from Opposition who wished to serve the masses would be welcomed by the government. He said it was due to the successful and public-friendly policies of the government that people were expressing confidence in the leadership of Prime Minister Imran Khan. He assured the PML-N dissidents that the government would extend complete cooperation to them in the interests of people of the province. Moreover, the governor said that government's decision to establish Southern Punjab province was not being absorbed by the opposition. He stated this while talking to Provincial Forests Minister Sibtain Khan, senior PTI member Sardar Asif Ahmed Ali and others.

The politics of those, who are opposing creation of Southern Punjab

province, will die down. The opposition is making lame excuses just to escape accountability but there will be no compromise on accountability matter. Our government saved the country from bankruptcy and is making the country strong economically, he added. The governor said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Imran Khan, the government is sincerely moving in the right direction. The government will also fulfill the promise of reducing the power and gas tariffs. Reduction in gas and electricity prices will benefit the economy and the industry.

He said that as per promise of Prime Minister Imran Khan, southern Punjab will be made a separate province, asserting that the opposition parties, including N-League and PPP instead of doing politics on southern Punjab province must vote in favour of new province's bill in the parliament. Whosoever opposes the making southern Punjab as separate province, will not only get exposed to the people but his politics will also die down. He said that 220 million people of Pakistan pinned high hopes with Prime Minister Imran Khan; that is why, the opposition parties

MPAs are also reposing confidence in his leadership. We have firm resolve to make the country progressing and prospering, and there will be no compromise on it. Transparent and indiscriminate accountability process will continue until accountability of the last corrupt person, he concluded.

Another report adds: Punjab Governor Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar has advised the opposition not to waste its energies and relax till year 2023. The opposition parties are not adhering to public but their personal agenda. We will not budge even an inch from the principled stand of accountability. Past rulers had been watching their own interests instead of the poor and common man. Prime Minister Imran Khan is the most popular political leader of Pakistan. There is no need to be worried about corona virus as this virus can be avoided by following precautionary/safety measures. He expressed these views in his meeting with Provincial Ministers Mian Mahmood-ur-Rasheed and Dr. Akhtar Malik, and Overseas Pakistanis Commission Punjab's Vice Chairman Waseem Ramey at Governor House Lahore as well as in his twitter

message regarding corona virus. Punjab Governor Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar said that government has no danger from opposition's moves as people of Pakistan are stood by the government and PTI has mandate to govern for five years. Prime Minister is removing all bottlenecks in the process of provision of relief to the people. We will ensure protection to people's health and provide them all basic facilities. Country is moving in the right direction due to successful economic policies of the government.

The government's economic and social policies are centric towards public welfare.

In his video message regarding corona virus, Punjab Governor Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar said that corona virus has become a big threat and challenge for the entire world, however, people are not need to be worried and follow precautionary and safety measures to avoid corona virus. In order to protect from corona virus, shaking hands and embracing should be avoided; cleanliness must be ensured; wash hands frequently; and avoid public and crowded places.

Pak-Turk friendship to deepen further: Counselor

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Turkey's cultural representative in Pakistan Ulas Ertaş has said that Pakistan and Turkey enjoy deep friendly relations spanning over decades and both the countries are enhancing their relations culture, trade and other fields further.

He was addressing a meeting at Punjab University Department of Urdu regarding Chairperson Prof Dr Zahid Munir Amir's new book "Diyar-e-Mashq". He said that the book brought people from both the countries together and it would be translated in Turkish language as well.

Ankara University's Professor Dr Asman Belan Ozjan, Turkish thinker Dr Khaleel Toor also lauded Prof Dr Amir for his creation and said that this was an

emblem of Pak-Turk friendship. **PU Library organizes introductory talk**

Punjab University Library Book Club has organized introductory talks on the books "The Power of Now: A Guide to Spiritual Enlightenment" by Eckhart Tolle and "Nazriya aur Amal (Muntakheh Mazameen)" translated by Dr. Aurang Zeb Naizi were presented.

The programme was attended by a large number of faculty members and students. Dr. Tayyab Ali Khan Assistant Professor, Institute of Administrative Sciences, PU, talked about the magical power of human mind and soul while discussing the theme of the Eckhart Tolle's book. Dr. Nasir Abbas Nayyar, Associate Professor, Oriental College, PU described the eccentric role and principles of literary criticism in literature

with context to the second book of the programme. He stated that in Europe the eco-criticism helped in revealing the very important role of the literature in environment conservation. He urged that there was a strong need to use this form of literature in Pakistan to promote ecology. While expressing thanks to speakers and audience, Chief Librarian Dr. Muhammad Haroon Usmani said that it was PU Library's mission to endorse reading habits among the academia.

PU admission date extended
Punjab University Examinations Department has extended the last date for receipt admission forms and fee for private and late college candidates of Associate Degree Commerce Part-I, PU and MA/MSc Part-I & II annual examination 2020.

According to details, now the last date of submission of admission forms for Associate Degree in Commerce Part-I annual examination is 31-3-2020 with single fee while forms can be submitted with double fee till 10-4-2020.

The last date of submission of admission forms for B.Com Part-I & II annual examination 2020 for late college and private candidates having compartment in B.Com Part-I and Part-II now is 31-3-2020 with single fee while the forms can be submitted with double fee till 10-4-2020. The last date of submission of admission forms for late college and private candidates of MA/MSc Part-I & II annual examination 2020 now is 31-3-2020 with single fee while the forms can be submitted with double till 10-4-2020. Details are also available at PU website www.pu.edu.pk.

"Punjab Culture Day 2020" will be celebrated today

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: "Punjab Culture Day 2020" will be celebrated across the province today (Saturday) with traditional enthusiasm. The main event of Punjab Culture Day will be held at Al-hamra Arts Council. The purpose of celebrating this day is to highlight our great traditions at the global level, to promote tourism and the new generation has to be aware of its civilisation. Punjab Culture Day will present cultural colours all over the province which will boost up feeling of love.

A tribute will be given to top performers in the arts which will encourage the art and artists.

The province Of Punjab holds a unique place in the world in its tradition of civilization and literary heritage.

Punjab's land has provided rich traditions all over the world. Bhangra, Drum performances, poetry, film festivals, cultural performances will be showcased on the occasion of Punjab Culture Day.

'How long Maryam will keep on misguiding nation'

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab Minister for Labour and Human Resource Ansar Majeed Khan has said that for how long Maryam Nawaz will carry on telling lie and keep on misguide the nation. He said that after "Abba Bachao" Maryam Nawaz's "Tabber Bachao" campaign has been failed. He said that genuine leaders face the crisis instead of running abroad for medical check-up.

The Minister further maintained that dynastical politics and personal interests have always been damaged Pakistan. PTI government has come into power to remove the economic crisis from the country forever. The minister said that Sharif brothers should return to the country. The journey of real change has been started in new Pakistan, he concluded.

PILAC to organise cultural show tomorrow

LAHORE: The Punjab Institute of Language, Art & Culture (PILAC) will organize a cultural show in connection with celebrations of the Punjab Culture Day, at Alhamra Hall here on Saturday.

Famous folk singers, including Atta Ullah Esa Khelvi, Fazal Abbas Jutt and Tehsin Sakina will perform.

Talking to the media, PILAC Director General Suman Rai said the PILAC was always taking steps for promotion of language and culture, adding that the day would be celebrated every year with traditional zeal. —APP

PFA seals 12 food points

LAHORE: The PFA has sealed 12 eateries, penalized dozens of food business operators besides discarding a huge quantity of unwholesome food across Punjab.

According to details, the PFA Gujranwala team closed down Shahbaz Spices Packing unit over poor storage system, worst condition of hygiene and for failing to produce medical certificates. Apart from that, the authority has recovered a huge quantity of tainted red chilli. The dairy safety teams also disposed of 3500-liter adulterated milk while checking at screening pickets in Gujranwala division.

In South Punjab, dairy safety teams under the supervision of Director Operations South Shahzad Maggi conducted an operation against milk adulterators and sealed Malik Collection Center in Jhala Mor after discarding chemically contaminated milk. —APP

Jubilee Life, HabibMetro Bank collaborate for Bancatakaful products

LAHORE: Habib Metropolitan Bank Limited and Jubilee Life Insurance Company Limited have recently entered into a distribution alliance for Jubilee Life's Window Takaful products to bring ease of access to innovative products as part of delivering an unparalleled level of customer service.

Javed Ahmed, MD & CEO, Jubilee Life Insurance, Mohsin Ali Nathani, President and CEO, HabibMetro Bank along with other senior representatives of the company attended the signing ceremony.

This strategic alliance among the leaders of the financial arena is expected to play a vital role in developing a very strong mutually beneficial business relationship

between HabibMetro Bank and Jubilee Life Insurance. As a result, the end benefit will trickle down to the consumers who have placed their trust and faith in these organisations.

Speaking at the occasion, Javed Ahmed, MD & CEO, Jubilee Life Insurance said, "Bancatakaful is the commencement of a new chapter in the Shariah compliant market and a means of strategically penetrating through the industry which has witnessed prodigious growth in Pakistan; penetration is the foremost benefit that the insurance carriers gain out of a Bancassurance alliance. We appreciate the success of our current Bancassurance relationship with HabibMetro Bank and this Bancatakaful

partnership will reinforce the alliance and provide us with an additional opportunity to expand our product portfolio. Through this partnership, we intend to offer banking clients our custom designed Bancatakaful solutions without compromising on their religious values."

Taking the opportunity, President and CEO of HabibMetro Bank Mr. Mohsin Nathani emphasised the importance of Takaful (shariah compliant alternate to insurance) in the growth of the Islamic finance industry.

He said, "Joining hands with one of the leading life insurance companies in Pakistan is another step towards the expansion of our product portfolio, which also aims

to cater the broader financial needs of the HMB customers. With the continued support of our business partners, we hope to add maximum value to our customers' wealth management solutions and extend our Shariah-compliant product base for our Islamic segment." HabibMetro Bank commenced commercial banking operations in October 1992 and currently operates with an expanding nationwide network of over 370 branches in more than 120 cities across Pakistan.

HabibMetro Bank's resolution and commitment is to maintain the highest standards of Shariah compliance with innovative financial offerings and unparalleled customer service. Jubilee Insurance is

a global brand of Aga Khan Fund for Economic Development (AKFED) that offers diverse insurance solutions (life, health and general) in the Asian and East African markets. Jubilee Life is the largest private insurance company in Pakistan in Life & Health insurance and in Window Takaful Operations. Jubilee Life offers uniquely designed range of life and health insurance plans, catering to various customer segments and needs.

These include retirement, child education, marriage, saving & protection, wealth accumulation, life insurance plans for women, rural insurance plans and life and health insurance solutions for the less privileged of our country. —PR