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Session on career counselling held at UO

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OKARA: The Public Relations Department of the University of Okara organised an interactive session on career counselling for the students of the Departments of Communication Studies, Psychology, International Relations and Political Science. The professional journalists and media anchors including Assad Ullah Khan, Tariq Hafeez Bazmi, Salman Khan, Hussain Jutt, Umar Nazir Khan and Rana Bilal Tabbasum interacted with the students and answered their questions regarding the challenges and opportunities in the media industry.

The UO's Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Muhammad ZakriaZakar also addressed to the students and stressed the need of regular interaction and liaison between the university and industry.

Assad Ullah Khan urged the students to resort to citizen journalism and tap the potential of the digital media for their career growth. Tariq Hafeez asked for building care skills in the relevant fields so that the students could suit well to the industry needs after passing out.

The In-charge Communication Studies Dr. Zahid Bilal, In-charge Psychology Zoya Yaqub, In-charge International Relations Fakhra Shahid, In-charge Political Science Usman Shamim, Lecturer Sociology Dr. Shehzad Farid and Resident Officer Dr. Shahzad Ahmed were also present in the seminar.

SNGPL observes health, safety, environment week

Atif Ishaq

SAHIWAL: The Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) Sahiwal Region on Thursday asked the Health, Safety and Environment (HSE) consumers to use energy efficient gas appliances, which would not only help curtail their monthly utility bills but also avoid the commodity wastage.

While addressing the occasion Health, Safety & Environment (HSE), Regional Manager Ahmad Saeed Asghar, Chief Engineer, SNGPL Sahiwal underlined the need for installing good quality appliances to ensure the commodity conservation and prevent gas leakage incidents. That would also drop down their monthly bill.

Mudassar said that SNGPL was playing a key role in providing international standard services to the gas consumers, for which the company spent massive funds on capacity building of the staff. Consumer will get also lot of benefits by using authorised product and that would help to continue supply of gas to home user in winter.

Mudassar said that the safety measures introduced by the company have placed its distribution network in the list of international standard companies, enjoying good repute in this field due to excellent command and control system. He said, the staff of both technical and non-technical fields was ensuring strict compliance of health safety and environment rules.

With the best strategy and tireless efforts, the Mudassar said, the company had not only acquainted its staff with global-level health, safety and environment rules, but also rejuvenated the spirit of consumers about appropriate usage of energy and its conservation through extensive awareness.

He said the SNGPL took a number of measures like arranging health safety week and different awareness sessions that helped bring positive behavioural changes in its staff, especially with regard to improve their skills under a conducive environment.

'Pindi to have Cantt Garrison University soon'

RAWALPINDI: Rawalpindi will soon have a Cantt Garrison University. The announcement was made by Brig Dr. Hameed, Director FGEI C&W, while addressing the annual prize distribution of the Federal Government Degree College for Women Abid Majeed Road Rawalpindi Cantt held here on Friday.

The ceremony was held to recognize the achievements of talented students and to encourage the spirit of healthy competition in curric-



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Education and Professional Training Shafqat Mahmood addresses to the participants during a programme titled Scale up Girls Education Programme Siyani Sahelian.

Govt utilising all resources for welfare of masses: MNA

HAFIZABAD: MNA Ch. Shoukat Bhatti and Provincial Parliamentary Secretary for Tourism, Punjab, Mamoon Tarar has said that present government of PTI is utilising all available resources for the welfare of masses and spending billion of rupees to execute development schemes throughout the province for provisions of basic needs of life to the people at their doorsteps.

While addressing inaugural ceremony of Mobile Health Unit (Karwan-e-Sehhat) at Hafizabad, they said that the on the special directions of the Chief Minister of the Punjab, provincial government had provided mobile health unit with the cost of Rs.80 million to district Hafizabad for ensuring provision of healthcare facilities to people at their doorsteps in far flung areas of the district.

Ch. Shoukat Bhatti and Mamoon Tarar further said that it is an ideal health facility equipped with latest laboratory, X-ray machine, ultrasound, and necessary medicines while doctors, lady doctors and other experienced staff was appointed to provide district headquarter hospital level healthcare facilities to the people of rural areas of the district.

They said that present government was fulfilling all electoral promises gradually and provision of state of the art mobile health unit was a step towards completion of promises of the Chief Minister of the Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar and added that present government would ensure provision of all facilities of life to the people during its five year tenure.

They said that government was upgrading hospitals in the province and new hos-

pitals were also being setup across the province including district Hafizabad. They said that a new hospital consisting

of 400 beds would be established at Hafizabad to improve healthcare facilities at local level. —DNA

KP Govt to extend maximum facilities to investors: Karim

PESHAWAR: Special Assistant to KP CM on Industries and Commerce, Abdul Karim Khan has said that SME sector of the province would be uplifted under the new Industrial Policy 2020-30 to provide maximum facilities to investors and generate employment opportunities, said a press release issued here Friday.

He was addressing a seminar regarding revitalization of the economy and business activities in the newly merged districts of the province in a local hotel here the other day. The seminar was jointly organized under the auspices of Small and Medium Enterprises Development Authority (SMEDA) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) with the financial assistance of the USAID.

Beside, Special Assistant to KP CM on Excise and Taxation, Ghazi Ghazan Jamal, General Manager (GM) SMEDA, Javed Iqbal Khattak, Economic Growth Advisor (USAID), Mujahid Saleem Farooqui and local representative of the UNDP Artaza Ignacio, a large number of investors and traders from the newly merged districts attended at large. The General Manager (GM) SMEDA gave detailed presentation on the draft recommendations for the economic uplift of the newly merged districts.

Abdul Karim Khan said "The provincial government is making special plans for promotion of trading activities in the newly merged districts wherein beside, the provision of 3G and 4G facilities, urgent steps would be taken the revival of the sick units and promotion of economic activities."

He said that merged districts have huge mineral resources and now time had arrived to utilize modern scientific technology for the uplift of the local residents. He urged upon the investors to make investment in the water, power and gas resources of the tribal districts. He said that trade with Central Asia through the newly merged districts would usher socio-economic uplift in the region. He said that for the industrial uplift and promotion of business activities, the provincial government would soon organized district level seminars. The Special Assistant said that the people of the erstwhile FATA have rendered huge sacrifices and they have suffered displacement from their houses for the sake of the country. He said that both federal and provincial govts are acknowledging their sacrifices and they would soon launch a programme for their revival. —APP

Physical remand of builder Javed approved

RAWALPINDI: Court on Friday has approved one-day physical remand of builder Javed and his accomplice Mohammad Younas in Karachi building collapse case.

According to details, both the accused were produced before the court.

Earlier, prime suspect in Rizvia building collapse incident, Javed was shifted to Karachi after the security personnel arrested him and his facilitator Mohammad Younas from Punjab.

Javed was repairing building's pillar with Younas at the time of the mishap. The builder sustained injuries and was admitted to the hospital from where he escaped.

The police officers told that Javed is blind due to which he always keeps Younas by his side. Both the suspects will be presented before the court, they said.

It is to be mentioned here that 26 people have lost their lives as four-storey residential building caved in when the builder was constructing fifth floor.

The government has declared over 1500 buildings as dangerous in Karachi.

In December 2019, a six-storey dilapidated building located at the Old Haji Camp Timber Market in Karachi collapsed.

In February 2019, a three-storey residential building collapsed in Karachi's Jafar-e-Tayyar and three persons including a woman lost their lives in the incident.

At least three people, including two children and a woman, were killed as a three-storey residential building on July 18, 2017 collapsed at Liaqatabad No. 9 in



RAWALPINDI: Traditional drummers along with their drums sitting on a roadside at Murree Road while waiting for clients to be hired.

Hutchison Ports wins 'Port Terminal of the Year Award'

KARACHI: Hutchison Ports Pakistan, the country's leading container terminal operator, has been acknowledged as the 'Port/Container Terminal of the Year – South Asia 2020' Award. The ceremony was held in Dubai as part of the Global Port Forum Award 2020. The platform aims to recognise some of the most notable contributions across various sectors of the ports and shipping industry made by organisations around the world.

Mr. Sharaf, Assistant Foreign Minister for Economics and Trade of UAE, presented the award to Eric NG, Business Director – Middle East and Africa, Hutchison Ports. Senior professionals from the ports, trade and other relevant industries across the globe attended the event.

The Global Ports Forum is an organisation that collaborates with port authorities across the globe to bring various stakeholders together with a vision to create robust shipping practices and streamline international trade.

Hutchison Ports Pakistan has had the honour of receiving this award for the first time through its demonstration of continuous innovation and introduction of efficient cargo-handling mechanisms at the South Asia Ports Terminal, Karachi.

Commenting on the development, Capt. Rashid Jamil, General Manager & Head of Business Unit, Hutchison Ports Pakistan, highlighted that the organisation is committed to revolutionising the way trade is handled at Pakistan's shipping terminals.

"Karachi is an important shipping port connecting many landlocked states with the world through sea. Streamlining operations at this terminal is imperative because it makes up a significant chunk of the contribution to global transit of goods.

This accolade is an acknowledgment of the innovative steps being undertaken by Hutchison Ports Pakistan including the introduction of state-of-the-art machinery, tools and techniques to create a hassle-free supply

chain."

Hutchison Ports Pakistan recently became the first terminal in the country to acquire electrical remote-controlled semi-automatic rubber-tyred gantry cranes to facilitate loading and unloading of cargo at its phase 2 extension. The company has made some significant contributions to increase efficiency at the trading ports in Karachi.

Minister confirms 21 cases of Coronavirus in Karachi

Sindh Minister for Information, Local Government, Housing and Town Planning, Religious Affairs, Forest and Wildlife Syed Nasir Hussain Shah has offered reward for the development of antidote to coronavirus that has been confirmed as pandemic by the World Health Organization (WHO).

According to a statement on Friday, he said that any research institute or research student would develop an antidote to the coronavirus and which proved to be a complete cure against the it would not only be rewarded but also

Afghanistan again slipping towards turbulence

Malik Muhammad Aslam Awan



US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo after having a shuttle talks with the US, Afghanistan and Taliban representatives succeeded in achieving an agreement with Taliban and US President Trump, who heaved a sigh of relief that he have fulfilled his promise with the Americans that they will no longer continue entangle themselves in the decades-old Afghan issue. In his promise to the Americans, he announced that they will no longer see dead bodies of American soldiers. President Trump orchestrated

his efforts to evacuate the troubled territory-Afghanistan hardly the ink of the draft dried up that Afghan President Ashraf Ghani refused to release Taliban, arrested during fights with Afghan forces. Taliban being annoyed at the breach of the newly-enacted reconciliation made attacks on Afghan forces and resultantly the Afghan forces had to accrue heavy human loss, aggravating the situation once again. This aggravated situation is mainly due to the fact that Ashraf Ghani has no resolve to minimise the turbulence, his wording and reaction to newly brewed transition talks added fuel to the fire. Taliban leadership refused to once again engage them with Afghan President, on the plea that they had ample discussion with the US Sec-

retary of State Mike Pompeo and he frequently engaged himself with Ashraf Ghani to take him into confidence about the terms and conditions of the agreement. How is it possible that President Trump finalised the talks without the consent of President Ashraf Ghani.

It is strange that President Ghani had not expressed dissenting gesture but after the agreement is finalised felt headache and nodded its efficacy by pressing note that he will not release the Taliban captives, which infuriated the Taliban, who smacked that Indian Prime Minister Modi is behind the conspiracy to sabotage the Doha parleys between Taliban and Americans. It is, without even an iota of doubt that Modi wants to fish out of troubled waters.

India has nefarious designs to achieve its own scores out of the perennial turbulence between the Taliban and Afghan leadership. If the situation between Taliban and Afghan forces regains hot and turbulent momentum, it would be a matter of mental solace to Modi.

Indian mockery and derogatory narrative of Ahmad Shah Abdali have exasperated millions vibrant astute minds, being painted Abdali a looter and plunderer to devastate India. Ahmad Shah Abdali is in reality founder of independent Afghanistan. Ashraf Ghani took no notice of the campaign of Indian media. It revealed that Ashraf Ghani has least knowledge of history and political annals or he has no politi-

cal wisdom to defend the Afghan warlord- Ahmad Shah Abdali. Modi is shrewd enough to multiply the interests and ego of Indian chronicle. It is evident that Ashraf Ghani has no wisdom to defend national hero-Ahmad Shah Abdali, rather he is playing a puppet role in the hands of Modi. America has expressed itself in the narrative of President Trump that the US has no interest in furtherance of war-mongering at the cost of its defence budget and lives of its defense personnel. Trump finds himself uneasy at useless expeditions in Afghanistan so much so that he is not a perennial guarantor to the parleys and neighbouring countries have been emphasised to play the role of guarantors. India can never be a guarantor, as it will

never play the role of peacemaker but that of aggravating tension. It is fact for India that it has no option because China and Iran are beyond its access to utter hallucination of India. Ashraf Ghani is unaware of the glaring fact that if Afghanistan once again slipped in beligerency with Taliban, there will be no savior to come to its rescue and this war-torn country will be so feeble and decrepit that peacefulness and amelioration will be far from its destiny. Ashraf Ghani's untenable stance may prove an exclusive prelude of incessant turbulence for already war ravaged Afghan territory, never to see prosperity and its hungry masses do not have a habitat but a graveyard of live humanity.