

## Court seeks report on interim bail plea of accused

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: A sessions court on Thursday sought a report from Mozang police till April 16 on an interim bail application, filed by an accused involved in religious scholar Nasir Madni torture case.

Additional District and Sessions Judge Rafaqat Ali Qamar heard the application, filed by the accused, Rizwan Gujjar. A counsel for the accused argued that all allegations leveled against his client were baseless. He pleaded with the court for grant of an interim bail. The Mozang police had registered a case over kidnapping and torture of religious scholar Nasir Madni under sections 365 (kidnapping or abducting with intent secretly and wrongfully to confine person) and 392 (robbery) of the Pakistan Penal Code, read with Section 18 of the Motion Pictures Ordinance.

## BPP announces seven-point agenda on coronavirus

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Barabari Party Pakistan (BPP) announced its seven-point agenda at All Parties Conference on Corona virus and its political implications; Key leaders of all political parties attended the conference on social media.

Jawad Ahmed said that there is an emergency situation in the country at present and we have to work together with national spirit.

Imran Khan's Corona Tigers project should be terminated or withdrawn immediately and Prime Minister Imran Khan should make a donation of a huge amount (At least 10% of his total wealth) in the fund which he has announced to be set up so that he can set an example first and then ask the public to donate. The federal and provincial ministers, MNAs and MPAs should also follow suit. Health professionals and staff in the health department should be provided with safety gear and their services should be appreciated.

## Dry weather expected in City

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Mainly dry weather is expected in most parts of the Punjab including provincial capital during the next 24 hours.

Maximum and minimum temperature was recorded as 29 and 17 Celsius, respectively on Thursday. According to Meteorological Department office, dry weather is expected in all districts of the province on Thursday and Friday.

During the past 24 hours, rain occurred in most part of the province including Islamabad (Golra 13mm, ZP 11mm, Bokra 09mm, Saidpur 08mm, AP 03mm), Murree 09mm, Attock 03mm, Rawalpindi (Chaklala, Shamsabad 02mm) and Multan 01mm. According to the synoptic situation, continental air is prevailing over most parts of the country.



LAHORE: Laborers sit in front of closed shops waiting for customers on the GT Road Baghbanpura. —Online

# 10 more corona telemedicine helpline centres in Punjab: Governor

—Visits various parts of Lahore without having any protocol

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab Governor Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar has announced to set up ten more corona telemedicine helpline centers all over Punjab. Punjab Governor also visited various parts of Lahore without having any protocol and paid rich tribute to jawans of Pakistan Army and Police performing duties at various cordoning and checkpoints for playing an active role in the war against corona.

According to details, Punjab Governor Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar also inaugurated corona telemedicine helpline centre at Sialkot through video link at Governor House Lahore on Thursday. Talking to media and addressing a ceremony held in this connection, Punjab Governor Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar said that Alhamdulillah, today number of corona telemedicine centers in Punjab has reached up to 23.



"Today, I am also announcing to establish ten more corona telemedicine centers to guide the people about prevention from corona at their homes, and if needed, more such centers will also be established," he said and added that people not only from Punjab but also from entire Pakistan and abroad can contact the doctors by calling at 0304-1112101 round the clock and they will be treated properly and given advisory/guidelines regarding anti-corona measures.

Governor Punjab said that 50,000 people have so far taken guidance from these telemedicine centers. "We will not leave the masses in this difficult time and we are with them. Pakistan Army's role in fighting corona is also exemplary." He said those coming out their homes frequently and unnecessarily are not posing a corona threat for themselves and for the others as well, therefore people should take corona situation as serious and do not come out of their homes.

# CM inspects Model Project of Water Sector

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar on Thursday visited Hydraulic Research Station Nandi Pur Gujranwala and inspected that Model Project of Water Sector. The Chief Minister also inspected that Model Study Project of River Ravi regarding Southern Loop Project of Lahore Ring Road. He also reviewed the Hydraulic Model of Western Loop of Multan Road and Ring Road. Usman Buzdar reviewed the practical demonstration of model project set up at Langervall bridge.

He said a model project has been prepared in Nandi Pur for the Lahore Ring Road Southern Loop Project. Chief Minister directed to complete the water sector model projects immediately. The Chief Minister was briefed about the performance and efficiency of Hydraulic Research Station Nandi Pur. He was informed that more than

2000 researches have so far been conducted regarding hydro project in c. Nandi Pur Research Station has been provided technical assistance to some friend countries. The Chief Minister was further informed that work is being carried out on the Model Projects Of Water Sector in Hydraulic Research Station Nandi Pur. He was briefed that the research is being conducted in Hydraulic Research Station Nandi Pur for the expansion project of Terbela Dam. Secretary Irrigation briefed the Chief Minister about the flow, embankments and capacity of water. Provincial Ministers Dr Yasmeen Rashid, Mian Mahmood-ur-Rashid, ACS (Urbanization and Infrastructure) and other were also present on this occasion.

**Precautionary steps continue to save CPO staff from coronavirus**  
As per directions of Inspector General of Police Punjab Shoaib Dastgir preferential precautionary

steps are being taken in order to save police force and employees from Corona virus. In this regard, under comprehensive strategies not only precautionary measures are strictly ensured throughout the province in all police formations but also all buildings of branches of Central police office have been disinfected with chlorine water spray so that disease causing dangerous germs might be eliminated and officials should be provided with neat and clean and hygienic environment.

AIG Admin Anwar Khaitran while discussing about it told that every possible precautionary measures are being ensured in order to save the Cental police office staff from Corona virus. All employees have been provided with face masks, hand sanitizers and other protective equipments on regularly basis and mobile units have been established at different spots for hand washing of the employees. Likewise, with the help of district ad-

ministration team, IG office, CPO complex and Turkish block with all branches have been disinfected with germs disinfectant water spray by which arrangements of cleanliness will be more improved.

**Police to ensure implementation of lockdown**  
DIG Operations Lahore Rai Babar Saeed has directed all superintendents of police (SPs), Operations Wing, to strictly implement the government directions regarding closure of shops and other businesses till 5pm daily.

Presiding over a video link conference with the SPs here on Thursday, he reviewed the overall performance of divisions and sections of Lahore Police regarding implementation of partial lockdown in the wake of impending spread of coronavirus in the city.

The DIG also directed the police officers to take indiscriminate and strict action against those involved in pillion riding in the city.

# TECNO's CamonShow strikes 63.4m views



LAHORE: A very prestigious smartphone brand TECNO's #CamonShow challenge is creating buzz all over the media.

This amazing challenge was first introduced by the TECNO's Brand Ambassador Mehwish Hayat, the challenge has now hit 63.4 million views since the day of launch.

The tiktokers and TECNO's fans are eminently enjoying the challenge and are making more acts and duets on the "CamonShow" challenge.

Also any participants who perform this act get a chance to win a new phone from Camon series.

Some of the most noticeable tiktokers are seen performing the challenge such as Minahil Malik, Atiya Khan, Khadijah, and the most top trending on the chart are Areeka Heq and Romaisa Khan.

Moreover, it's observed that the #CamonShow challenge has won many hearts till now also seems to be a big success. —PR

# PU decides policy for online classes

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab University has finalised a policy regarding online classes of the students in the prevailing situation.

In this regard, an online meeting of deans and heads of departments was presided over by PU Vice Chancellor Prof Niaz Ahmad here on Thursday.

According to PU spokesman Khuram Shahzad, as per HEC guidelines and on the recommendations made by deans of faculties and heads of departments, the PU administration has made several decisions to minimize the time loss of the students.

In a press statement, the PU spokesman said that the online classes were mandatory and would continue as per time-table issued by the relevant college/institute/center/department. He said as per decision, the students would be provided with the syllabi of the subjects and relevant online books on top priority basis. He said that course materials and recorded lectures would be

mailed/mailed/uploaded through the relevant software to maximize the learning outcome of the students. He said that the decision about assessment/examination (Mid/Final or Comprehensive exam) of theoretical subjects would be decided at an appropriate time when the situation was normalized.

However, he said, the assignments with maximum 30% weightage could be given to the students during online classes. He clarified that lab work/practical sessions with relevant module along with its exam would also be conducted when the situation was normalized. He said that genuine issues of those students who are unable to attend online classes, at all, would be offered on campus compensatory classes/summer camp or additional credits during the regular semester, when the situation was normalized and PU would not charge any tuition fee for this.

He said that all teachers including visiting faculty would keep record of attendance of the students. He said that the

Deans/HoDs would ensure the regularity of the online classes. He said that summer vacations will be announced as per university schedule.

**PU organises online kitchen gardening for people at home**

PU Institute of Agricultural Sciences (IAGS) has organized an online kitchen gardening training program in order to promote healthy activities for the people at home in the prevailing situation. In this regard, IAGS Director Prof Dr Saleem Haider, faculty members including Moazzam Anis, Dr Mubeen Sarwar, Dr Shafiq and M Phil scholar Mr Arsalan gave hands on training for growing organic food at home to a large number of participants who were connected through social networking software.

On this occasion, PU Vice Chancellor Prof Niaz Ahmad said that it was necessary to engage people at home during lockdown in positive activities so that they could keep themselves mentally and physically healthy. He said that kitchen gardening was a good hobby as well as a

good source of obtaining vegetables which were free of chemicals and other pollutants.

He said that organic vegetables strengthened and enhanced the immune system in our body which was also necessary to fight corona virus. He said that kitchen gardening could provide a business opportunity to many people at small scale. Prof Dr Saleem Haider said that people could grow summer vegetables with very low cost and limited resources at home and it was the right time.

He said that people could grow summer vegetables at the balcony, rooftop, lawn, courtyard etc where sunlight was available. He said that due to lack of awareness, people did not focus on kitchen gardening however in the prevailing situation, it was one of the best activities to utilize time at home and get benefit from nature. Dr Mubeen Sarwar, Dr Shafiq, Moazzam Anees and Arsalan trained the people how to grow bottle gourd, bitter gourd, sponge gourd, okra, tomato, green chili, sweet pepper, mint,

tinda gourd, cucumber and brinjal at home. They also guided the people how to get and make necessary items. The recorded programs of kitchen gardening training sessions would be available on PU's official social media channels from Saturday so that people could take advantage of it anytime, anywhere.

**Rizwan assures CM to control dengue**

The provincial minister EPD M Rizwan has alerted Anti Dengue Squad of the department to control Dengue as season has come; in this regard CM Punjab has been taken into confidence by the provincial minister.

According to details before two months EPD already participated in International Dengue Conference 2020 in which all the relevant departments discussed 10-year Anti-Dengue Strategy with the help of leading global experts to develop action plan to control dengue in the wake of a global pandemic that has hit countries from Far East Asia to South Asia. The minister has said that Dengue

cases have seen a dramatic rise in many countries like Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Philippines, Sri Lanka Bangladesh and others over the past three years. He said that Punjab Environment Protection Department also set up a stall in the international conference, which had various pamphlets and banners for the prevention of environmental pollution especially for the prevention of dengue. The minister said that it was very important to stop the dengue larvae growing and people should take precautionary measures to keep the environment clean and dry.

He also appealed to the public that the doors and windows should be kept open during mosquito spray by cleaning houses, offices so that the effects can reach the house, dispose of old tires and used bags, old empty tires, properly dispose of used shopper bags, empty plastic bottles, etc., drain the water from fountains and swimming pools in the homes. Public has to fully cooperate with the Government of the Punjab as cooperated