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**National
Literary Award
to be announced today**

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The Chairman Pakistan Academy of Letters (PAL) Dr Yousuf Khushk will announce the highest National Literary Award "Life Time Achievement Award 2018" of the Pakistan today (Monday), at 11:30 am in the office of Pakistan Academy of Letters.

This award will be decided by a panel of the eminent and respectful intellectuals of the country. Dr Yusuf will do so after the decision of the committee consisting of senior writers from all over the country.

Writers from other cities will be joining the meeting online. "Life Time Achievement Award" and "National Literary Awards" are considered as the most important literary awards of the country. "Life Time Achievement Award" is conferred upon for the life long literary services. On this occasion, the "National Literary Awards" of 2018 will also be announced on the best books published in the year 2018.

**PTI Punjab
parliamentary
party meets today**

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: A meeting of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Parliamentary Party Punjab will be held today (Monday) to devise a strategy regarding the budget session of the Punjab Assembly. Punjab Chief Minister Sardar Usman Buzdar will chair the meeting. The Punjab government is due to present the budget for the fiscal year 2020-21 during the Punjab Assembly session on June 15.

CM warns strict action against violators of corona SOPs

Says under dynamic leadership of PM Imran Khan, a comprehensive strategy being adopted to cope with coronavirus

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Sardar Usman Buzdar said on Sunday that under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Imran Khan, a comprehensive strategy was being adopted to cope with coronavirus.

In a statement, he said the government had taken collective decisions with mutual consultations without any waste of time.

He outlined that the nation would have to strictly follow precautionary measures to impede the spread of coronavirus and vowed to take up essential measures in order to protect lives of the masses.

The CM warned that stringent legal action would be taken against those failing to implement corona SOPs. Usman

Buzdar underscored that the government had to safeguard the masses not only from the economic constraints but also from corona pandemic. He lamented that those elements criticizing effective strategy of the government were blind to the ground realities. He regretfully remarked that those making vague statements had forgotten the masses in their difficult time and such elements by playing politics on the lives of the masses were ruining their worldly lives and their lives hereafter. Usman Buzdar urged the masses to wear masks and avoid going out of their houses without genuine need or reason. He exhorted the shopkeepers to strictly adhere to the corona SOPs as public cooperation was imperative to curb the spread of coronavirus.

Condole demise of Sabiha Khanum:

Usman Buzdar has expressed his deep sense of grief and sorrow over the death of famous actress Sabiha Khanum. The CM, in his condolences message on Sunday, expressed his heartfelt sympathies and grief with the bereaved family. He prayed that may Allah Almighty rest the departed soul in eternal peace and grant fortitude to the family members. The CM said that the late actress left indelible imprints of her versatile acting on the art scene of Pakistan and her followers could not erase her memorable movies from their memories. The CM remarked that with the sad demise of Sabiha Khanum, an illustrious chapter of golden era of films had closed. He complimented that the services of the late actress in the field of acting would be remembered for a long period of time to come.



**Yasir presents
cheque worth
Rs 8 lakh in CM
Fund for Corona**

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Provincial Higher Education Minister Yasir Humayun called on Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar at CM Office and presented him a cheque on behalf of Queen Mary College Lahore worth Rs 8 lakh in the CM Fund for Corona Control.

This cheque was donated in the CM Fund on behalf of the teachers and staff members of Queen Mary College. CM thanked the teachers and staff members of the college for donating this amount in the CM Fund.

Usman Buzdar remarked that he is trustee of the amount being donated in the CM Fund for Corona Control and added that the said amount of CM Fund will be justly disbursed to the deserving persons. He lauded that Pakistani people have always generously helped their affected brothers and sisters in times of trials and tribulations. He commended that Pakistani nation has audaciously combated every challenge. He maintained that economic and social changes are taking effect owing to corona pandemic and urged the masses to modify their lifestyles collectively according to the changing environment. CM emphasized that in order to safeguard the lives of the masses, it is need of the hour to implement government instructions so as to ensure their protection. He asserted that implementation on corona SOPs will be strictly complied with in Punjab and strict legal action will be taken against the violators. He stressed that the masses will have to implement safety measures issued by the government in totality to impede the spread of corona pandemic. CM warned that the masses failing to abide by the SOPs can not only endanger their own lives but also lives of their dear ones. He asserted that the government would not tolerate violation of SOPs in the bazaars and markets along with restriction to wear masks will also be strictly enforced. He exhorted that everyone will have to display caution and responsibility to combat corona pandemic. Usman Buzdar reiterated that implementation on the SOPs is highly essential in order to curtail the spread of corona pandemic. CM appealed to the masses to adhere to the government instructions in entirety. CM underscored that safety and protection of the masses lies in implementing the policy of maintaining social distance.



LAHORE: A woman buys plastic swimming pool stuffs due to hot weather in the city.

SOPs' effective implementation only cure to COVID-19: Basharat

LAHORE: Punjab Law and Social Welfare Minister Muhammad Basharat Raja has said that an effective implementation of the government specified standard operating procedures (SOPs) is the only cure to COVID-19 pandemic.

Talking to the media here on Sunday, he said that Prime Minister Imran Khan was the biggest advocate of the poor man in such difficult times. He lamented that citizens did not abide by the rules for easing of lockdown before Eid. The main reason for the current large-scale spread of coronavirus was that people did not take care of the SOPs, the minister said.

Raja Basharat said, "It is a responsibility of every citizen to take care of the safety norms, laid down under the SOPs."

He warned that if people would not take care of the SOPs, smart lockdown would be imposed in their localities. He appealed to people to work with the government in enhancing awareness for prevention of coronavirus.

Raja Basharat re-elected unopposed President of PKA: Basharat Sunday was re-elected unopposed as President of the Punjab Kabaddi Association (PKA) for a four-year term during the PKA meeting at the Punjab



Sports Board (PSB) here. Tahir Waheed Jutt has been elected as General Secretary of the association while Hassan Raza Khawaja chosen Finance Secretary through a majority vote.

The Punjab Kabaddi Association (KBA), during its meeting also restored divisional system for the Kabaddi in the province besides forming an Advisory Committee to review affairs of the sport at district and divisional level.

Talking to the media men after his re-election as President for another term, the newly

elected President Raja Basharat thanked all the district and divisional members of the Punjab Kabaddi Association who had reposed their confidence, reiterating the zeal to work with the same zeal as he had done in his previous stint as President of Punjab Kabaddi.

He said Kabaddi was the national sport of 80 percent rural population of the province, adding that he would work day and night for the uplift of the most popular sport. Newly-elected President said the players

across the province will be patronised through talent-hunt, adding that all efforts would be made so that sport of Kabaddi could regain its lost glory. "Pakistan Kabaddi is the reigning world champion and the need to groom such talent which could help defend the world title next year", he responded. Raja Basharat said Punjab Kabaddi Association would work in close collaboration with Pakistan Kabaddi Federation (PKF) for the promotion of the sport.



LAHORE: A view of delivery truck fallen aside near at Shahdara.

No one to be allowed to increase prices of essential items: Aleem

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab Senior Minister Abdul Aleem Khan has said that decision regarding price of sugar on Rs 70 per kg will be fully implemented.

According to official sources here on Sunday, he said that administration had been issued instructions across the province in this regard.

He said that no one would be allowed to increase the prices of daily use items. Senior minister said that clear cut decrease in the price of sugar after petrol was very good sign.

Abdul Aleem Khan said that those making illegal profit in the name of sugar would be dealt strictly. He said, "Prime Minister Imran Khan is committed for the welfare of common



man." He further said that opposition should also appreciate reduction in sugar price. Efforts would be made to stabilize the prices of flour like that of sugar, he added. Senior minister said that administration would take strict action upon violation in this regard.

200 fair price shops to provide

sugar at Rs 70 per kg: The district administration has set up around 200 fair price shops in the provincial capital to provide sugar to consumers at Rs 70 per kg. Spokesperson of district administration said on Sunday that Lahore Deputy Commissioner Danish Afzal had been monitoring the sugar distribution process and there was no sugar crisis in the district. He said that banners and flexes inscribed with sugar price and availability signs were also displayed on the fair price shops. While, the city administration's price control magistrates imposed fine over Rs 125,500 on several shopkeepers for selling sugar at higher rates. They inspected 349 points, found 66 violations and arrested 19 shopkeepers for profiteering and overcharging.