

Secretary Planning directs to publish all research reports on web

From Our Staff Correspondent

ISLAMABAD: Secretary Planning, Mathar Niaz Rana on Sunday chaired a meeting of senior officers of the ministry to discuss possible ways for improvement of working conditions of the ministry.

The secretary desired that all research reports prepared by the ministry must be available on its website for the benefit of researchers, students and policy makers and appointed a senior officer to supervise the assigned task. The officers of Economist group and other sections of the ministry apprised the secretary about functioning of the economic planning, policy development, initiatives, project designing and implementation methodology, and sectorial challenges concerns and way forward. During the meeting, the participants discussed the structure of the Working Plan, considered the proposals on its development and determined the priority missions for future. The secretary planning said the purpose of this meeting was to improve the coherence of the departments within sections. The secretary also gave go-ahead to fill empty posts of the ministry, and instructed them to implement it in accordance with the rules and regulations.

'New domicile law in Kashmir to be disastrous for peace in region'

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf Central Punjab Deputy Secretary Information Rana Akhtar Hussain has called Modi modern equivalent of Adolf Hitler and termed his Hindutva as "Hindu Reich" of 21st Century.

He has also questioned silence of international community on on-going atrocities in Kashmir Valley. He said that new domicile law in Kashmir has opened way for demographic changes which will be disastrous for peace in region. He also lambasted Indian parliamentarians, especially Congress party, for acquiescence on Modi atrocities in Kashmir Valley.

He was talking to party delegations at her home in Lahore on Sunday. While commenting on China-India Ladakh Valley spat, He said, Modi has lost several kilometres territory at hands of Chinese forces. Modi is biggest hypocrite of modern Indian history. Self-proclaimed "strong man" is silent on Chinese advance in Galwan valley who always threatens Pakistan. He welcomed Joe Biden policy statement on Kashmir. He said that for the first time in 72 years, Kashmir has become integral policy issue of American Presidential Cam-



LAHORE: Federal Minister Science and Technology Chaudhry Fawad Hussain in a meeting with Governor Punjab Chaudhry Muhammad Sarwar.

Coronavirus to spread through cattle markets, warns Governor

-Applauds role of Ministry of Science and Technology in war against corona

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Federal Minister Science and Technology Chaudhry Fawad Hussain met Governor Punjab Chaudhry Muhammad Sarwar here on Sunday at the Governor House.

Governance, political and governmental affairs were discussed. Governor Punjab Muhammad Sarwar applauded role of Ministry of Science and Technology in war against Corona.

According to details, On Sunday, Fawad Hussain, met Governor Punjab at Governor House Lahore. According to details, Federal Minister for Science and Technology Fawad Hussain Chaudhry met Governor Punjab Chaudhry Muhammad Sarwar at Governor House Lahore on Sunday and briefed him about the steps taken by the Ministry of Science and Technology

against Corona. Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar said that the steps taken by the government under the leadership of Prime Minister Imran Khan against Corona are showing positive results but there is still a danger of Corona spreading through cattle markets on the occasion of Eid.

Strict implementation of SOPs must be ensured as the spread of Corona could once again destabilize the situation, while the Governor Punjab strongly condemned the Indian atrocities in Kashmir and said that the annexation of Kashmir on July 19, 1947 still stands on the principled stand of Pakistan. And Pakistan also stands with its Kashmiri brothers and sisters. The Delhi Minorities Commission on the riots in New Delhi, the capital of India, has termed the riots against the New Delhi Muslims as a well-organized

plan. Modi has been exposed and now there is no doubt that Narendra Modi is the enemy of humanity and his agenda is to target minorities. The Delhi Minority Commission should not be a silent spectator and United Nations and other international bodies must take action. It is said that by taking immediate notice, Narendra Modi should not only be stopped from such atrocities but also strict action should be taken against him so that such incidents do not happen in future. Federal Minister Fawad Chaudhry said that government agencies worked together against Corona. Due to which other measures including preparation of ventilators have been ensured in Pakistan. There are still dangers of corona and if people do not ensure implementation of SOPs to prevent corona on Eid, it is a great danger to the country and nation.

'Promoting Healthy Lives' drive launched at 'Panahgahs'

From Our Staff Correspondent

ISLAMABAD: The shelter homes management has launched a comprehensive campaign to transform 'Panahgahs' of twin cities of Rawalpindi and Islamabad into healthy and eco-friendly places through active mobilization of human and financial resources.

"Panahgahs in twin cities of Rawalpindi and Islamabad are buzzing with positive activity and already bear a neat and clean look with successful launching of 'Promoting Healthy Lives' drive," Prime Minister's Focal Person on Shelter Homes Naseem ur Rehman told the media here at a Panahgah of Sector G-9. The drive was launched in collaboration with the Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) administration, he added. "Under the drive, the focal person said the management would observe four special weeks at 'Panahgahs' to shine a light on the importance of best practices to avoid health risk, mainly at crowded places.

He said almost 30 service providers of all the 'Panahgahs' of twin cities had been given training on four key themes of the drive including cleanliness, clean drinking water, recommended public health screening for crowded places and eradication of tobacco and other harmful substance. Naseem said the service providers, civil society and officials of ICT admin would inculcate health messages among the 'Panahgahs' dwellers and its beneficiaries in the first week of drive.

The focal person said teams comprising four persons had been formed for each 'Panahgah' for the purpose. He said the awareness sessions would focus on multiple themes including healthy food, hand-hygiene, and tobacco-free places. 40 hand-washing booths had been installed at various shelter homes to promote hand-hygiene among the dwellers, he noted. Naseem ur Rehman said environment-friendly steps would be taken in the second week to ensure clean and green environment at 'Panahgahs'. Cleanliness of all the 'Panahgahs' would be done in that week, besides taking beautification measures.

In the third week, he said recommended screening would be carried out at all the facilities with active participation of the medical professionals to provide healthcare facilities to the residents apart from the food and shelter.

He said politicians and representatives of civil society and private sector would be invited in the last week to develop partnership with them for the betterment of 'Panahgahs' and their residents. The focal person also highlighted the management's initiative for protecting its residents from the coronavirus pandemic. "Not a single case of the coronavirus has been reported at Panahgahs due to the proactive approach of the management," he remarked.

Slow growing chickens knocking on the door of Pakistan

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Poultry farming has been one of the most successful sectors in Pakistan agriculture.



In a little over 30 years, Pakistan broiler industry has evolved from fragmented, locally oriented business into a highly efficient, vertically integrated, progressive successive story increasingly supplying meat to the whole country.

Environmental House production technique since the year 2000, has enabled the farmers to get broiler of two kilograms in just 35 days. But, the consumers not only from Pakistan but at global level are concerned about the rapid growth of broilers. Today's modern poultry is on recession and free range broilers are getting more attention among the public. Some free range broiler strains have been introduced in Pakistan. Indigenous poultry is also kept in a form of Free Range chickens. However, free poultry production in the Pakistan is under-developed compared with conventional one.

Free Range Broiler is a slow growing chicken which is great for pastured poultry or free range broiler poultry farms. These are a delicacy for the local folk and it's no wonder why venturing into the free range chicken farming business in Pakistan is increasing. Indigenous chickens have a distinctive taste which makes them highly sought-after plus they are very nutritious. Though most people keep indigenous chickens at their homesteads, mainly in the countryside,

you can raise free range poultry for commercial purposes. Indigenous chickens are quite versatile in that they can be reared for their meat, their eggs or both. However, the potential of free range farming in Pakistan is still not clear. For this, a comprehensive research was conducted to provide an assessment of the potential for free range broiler production in Pakistan, particularly in Lahore.

This research focused likely on the technical and financial aspects on the development of free range chicken meat production enterprises. The experimental population was consisted of fast and slow growing broilers (Cobb-500 and Cobb Sasso respectively) and indigenous chickens, 240 birds of each genotype. After 21 days of age, half of the birds were given access to outdoor while others remained indoor control house until 56 days of age.

The findings of the research were outstanding. Slow growing free range chicken has proved themselves a blessing for consumers as the CobbSasso were more nutritious than fast growing broilers and more economical than golden chickens.

This research was conducted under supervision of HEC recognised Assistant Professor Dr Jibril Hussain. He is working on various indigenous poultry projects at campus. His remarks were "These newly introduced birds are the natural choice for consumers because of better taste and flavour of meat".

The scientific reasons behind the better performance of CobbSasso than commercial fast growing are numerous. In-fact, the activity level and body weight are the major reasons that keeps the birds warm and

healthy. A healthy bird presents proper body conditioning and no welfare issues. Additionally, free range provides an opportunity to eat grass, leaves, seeds that is variety in food for the free range birds. These vegetation has numerous antioxidants and flavonoids that become the part of free range chickens and makes the meat tasty and flavour. Although the CobbSasso chickens were more nutritious than conventional white colored fast growing broilers but lesser in taste and flavour than indigenous Golden chicken.

However, we recommend the farming business of CobbSasso because this genotype was economical and profit generating than other two chickens.

Before you start a free range poultry farming business in Pakistan, there are some important decisions which you have to make. You have to decide on the size of your indigenous chicken farming business i.e. how many free range chickens you will have at your poultry farm. There are many different free range chickens breeds, so you have to select which breed you will use, location of your business, and your target market.

The size of your free range poultry farming business will depend on the amount of capital you have, the size of the land, and your target market. It's important that you get a good free range chicken farming business plan before you start the indigenous chicken farming business in Pakistan.

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COVID-19 claims 19 lives, infects 889 others in Sindh: CM Sindh

From Our Staff Correspondent

KARACHI: As many as 889 new cases of coronavirus on Sunday emerged when 7,977 samples were tested raising the tally to 113,007 cases while 19 more patients lost their lives lifting the death toll to 1,993 in the province.

This was stated by Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah in a statement issued here. He said that 7,977 new samples were tested against which 889 new cases were diagnosed that constituted 11 percent detection rate. So far 642,848 samples had been tested which detected 113,007 cases all over Sindh, of them 92,037 patients had recovered, including 654 recovered overnight, he said.

He added that the recovery rate came to 81 percent. The chief minister said that 19 patients lost their lives while struggling against the virus.

He said said that at present 18,977 patients were under treatment, of them 18,169 in home isolation, 65 at isolation centers and 743 at different hospitals. He added that the condition of 525 patients was stated to be critical, including 74 patients shifted to ventilators. According to the chief minister out of 889 new cases, 395 had been detected from Karachi. They include 121 from East, 93 South, 65 Central, 46 Malir, 41 Korangi and 29 West. He said that Hyderabad had 59 cases, Ghotki 42, Mirpurkhas 32, Khairpur 25, Shaheed Benazirabad 22, Shikarpur 21, Sanghar and Larkana 19 each, Jamshoro 16, Dadu 15, Jacobabad 14, Sukkur 13, Kashmore 12, Thatta, Kambar and Naushehroferoze 11 each, Matiari 10, Tando Allahyar and Tando Mohammad Khan eight each, Sujawal five and Umerkot four. The chief minister urged people of the province to stay safe by observing Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs).

'Multan civil secretariat to offer 30,000 jobs to youth'

MULTAN: Parliamentary secretary on information and culture Punjab Nadeem Qureshi on Sunday said that Multan civil secretariat would offer jobs to 30,000 youngsters. While talking to media persons, he said that the provision of job to youngsters would surely help to improve living standard of local people. Previous government deliberately kept south Punjab as backward region. The local people were deprived of their due rights, he maintained. Nadeem said that establishment of civil secretariat would resolve people's problems locally. He stated that the incumbent government believed in practical service of masses. The civil secretariat was one a step towards south Punjab province. —APP

Govt committed to provide modern health facilities in merged tribal districts: Jhagra

From Our Staff Correspondent

PESHAWAR: The Khyber Pakhtunkwa Minister for Finance and Health Taimur Khan Jhagra on Sunday said provision of modern health facilities in merged tribal districts was top priority of the government on which substantial amount was being spent.

The provincial minister expressed these views during a visit to the District Headquarters Hospital Khar.

Talking to local administration and health department officials, he said the provincial government was aware of the unavailability of basic and modern health facilities in the tribal districts and steps were being taken to provide modern health facilities in all the tribal districts under a comprehensive program.

Timur Khan Jhagra said the past governments took no significant step for the development of the health sector like all other key sectors of the tribal districts, but the current government was committed to providing modern health facilities in the tribal districts as per the vision and direction of Prime Minister Imran Khan.

He said more hospitals and basic health centers were being set up in the tribal districts in the coming years while the existing hospitals and primary health centers would be equipped with all kinds of modern facilities and equipments. The health minister also visited

District Headquarters Hospital Khar along with Deputy Commissioner, Muhammad Fayyaz Khan Sherpao visited and Medical Superintendent, District Headquarters Hospital, Dr. Aziz -ur- Rehman. The provincial minister was informed that District Headquarters Hospital Khar Bajaur was the largest hospital of all the tribal districts where hundreds of patients were being treated on daily basis but the existing funds of the hospital were very meager.

The provincial minister was also informed about problems like shortage of doctors, nursing and paramedical staff besides shortage of electricity.

The provincial minister was also informed that 400 corona virus infected people were treated in the District Headquarters Hospital Khar.

On the occasion, MNA Bajur, Gul Dad Khan, Member provincial assembly and Head of District Development Program, Engineer Ajmal Khan, MPA Nawabzada Anwar Zabib Khan, Dr. Hameed-ur-Rehman, Secretary, Good Governance and other senior leaders and activists of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf Bajaur were also present.

The elected representatives apprised the provincial minister about the important issue of District Headquarters Hospital Khar.

The provincial minister appreciated the suggestions given made by the MPs and assured that all health related issues



LAHORE: Maulana Mohammad Asim Makhdoom, Chairman Kul Masalik Ulema Board addresses to session of Ulema Board held at Jamia Masjid Kubra New Samanabad —Online

14 gamblers arrested

From Our Staff Correspondent

SARGODHA: The police here on Sunday rounded up fourteen gamblers and recovered bet money amounting to Rs 49,000 from their possession.

The police, on a tip off, raided various areas and arrested fourteen man playing cards with stake money. The were identified as Muhammad Amjad, Iftikhar Ahmed, Muhammad Irfan, Zia-ul-Rehman, Qamar Ahmed, Ghulam Muhammad, Liaquat Ali, Muhammad Umer, Muhammad Faheem, Muhammad Waseem, Muhammad Asghar, Nasir, Waseem and Faheem. The police registered separate cases against them under gambling Act.